President’s Corner
By Stephen Gillette

Hard to believe that 2017 is already here and moving forward. Colorado Rocky Mountain SWANA wants to be your go to place for up to date information concerning our industry. Each year we try to bring you technical meetings that will help you to be a better informed solid waste professional. Our first technical session will be March 14, 2017 and this session will be FREE to all SWANA members.

This year our annual conference will be held in Steamboat Springs from September 13 to 15, 2017 at The Steamboat Grand hotel. Information on registration, lodging, sponsorship, tours and presenters will be posted when it becomes available on the Chapter’s website at http://coloradoswana.org/annual-conference/.

National SWANA also has some great training opportunities this year. SWANApalooza 2017 in Reno, NAWTEC 2017 in Minneapolis, and WASTECON in Baltimore. This year’s Wastecon will be one to remember, as it will be co-located with ISWA (International Solid Waste Association), have over three thousand solid waste professionals from around the world and an outstanding conference agenda.

If you have questions or have informaiton to share, please contact any member of the Chapter Board of directors.

Odor Control Technical Session – March 14, 2017
By Cathryn Stewart

On Tuesday, March 14, 2017, Colorado SWANA will host a technical session on “Odor Control.” This technical session is shaping up to include morning presentations, lunch, and Q&A. Registration for this session is FREE for Colorado SWANA members and other SWANA members, but attendees still need to register to attend. Non-members can attend at the nonimal fee of $25 per attendee.

Confirmed speakers include Tom Rappolt, SCS Engineers, introducing odor assessment and how to measure it; our own Cathy Hall, Pitkin County Solid Waste Manager, presenting a case study that resolved control of an odor source from a landfill or an adjacent wastewater treatment plant; Bob Yost, Vice President and Chief Technical Officer for A-1 Organics focusing on odor control at organic recycling operations; and Michael Sherry with CDPHE Environmental Agriculture Program, Environmental Health and Sustainability Division, addressing additional odor control...
topics including CAFOs (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations) and how a food manufacturer successfully controlled odor issues.

To register to attend this technical session visit https://coloradoswana.org/event/odor-control-solid-waste-facilities-technical-session/. Any updates to the agenda will be posted at the same link above. SWANA CEU’s will be available for session attendees.

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**Colorado SWANA Now Presenting Monthly Safety Webinars**

*By Cathy Hall*

Safety Wild, Colorado SWANA’s Safety Ambassador Program, is using technology to promote safety awareness. The chapter’s safety ambassadors will be hosting **free monthly webinars** on various solid waste related safety topics.

The first webinar was held on January 18, 2017 and covered two topics, “Creating Site Specific Health and Safety Plans” and “Cold Weather Safety.” The webinars are free to attend, and attendees earn SWANA CEUs. The goal is to host hour long webinars on topics as they relate to safety in the solid waste industry. The topics will be held monthly during the lunch hour time period. This will allow operators and other busy solid waste staff to attend. By providing webinar based safety training, we can reach a wide audience by making it convenient and accessible. It is difficult to get staff off site to trainings and this is an opportunity for people to stay onsite, get the training they need, and earn CEUs for SWANA certifications.

The next *Safety Wild* webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 12:00 PM (MST)**. For information on how join this webinar and future webinars visit [http://coloradoswana.org/news-events/](http://coloradoswana.org/news-events/). The safety ambassador team is looking for safety topics to present as well as presenters. If you have a particular topic you would like to see presented or if you want to be a presenter, contact Cathy Hall at [cathy.hall@pitkincounty.com](mailto:cathy.hall@pitkincounty.com) or Aaron Byrne at [Aaron.Byrne@summitcountyco.gov](mailto:Aaron.Byrne@summitcountyco.gov).

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**MOLO Training Coming Your Way in 2017**

*By Jim Clare*

With the new year off and going, it is time to start thinking about the 2017 training sessions. As most of you know, the state has come out with some new comments and guidelines from their Integrated Solid Waste & Materials Management Plan. So in-state MOLO training provides a great opportunity to train your work force on the guidelines and operational procedures that are associated with the solid waste industry here in Colorado.

Following the success of the MOLO training class held in Alamosa last year, the Chapter is motivated to schedule a MOLO class in Colorado early in 2017. The exact date and location are still being drawn up, but the pristine mountain location of Gunnison will be the likely location for this training. We will be working with Sean McCormick of Gunnison County to set up the location for the training. Not only will you be able to attend a certified MOLO class, but also you will be in one of the best locations of the state to do site seeing and outdoor exploring before or after class of course.
This year the chapter will be working with Jason Chan, Deborah Barton and Aaron Byrne as a combination of instructors. All these instructors do an excellent job of presenting the class material, so a person can get the most out of the class. Mark your calendar for the month of April as we are looking at a week during the middle or towards the end of the month for the training session. We will be sending out more information as it becomes available.

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**Preview of 2nd Qtr. Technical Session – Groundwater Statistics**  
By Jill Parisi

*Save the date:* On May 9th or 10th, 2017, Colorado SWANA will be hosting a technical session on “Groundwater Statistics.” This technical session will include a brief overview of groundwater statistics followed by an in-depth conversation about the practical applications of statistics in routine groundwater monitoring, such as how outliers are handled, and software commonly used to evaluate environmental data. Keep an eye out for additional information, including an informal call request for discussion topics to be addressed in the technical session.

Tentatively scheduled presenters include Dr. Kirk Cameron, a statistical scientist with MacStat Consulting, Ltd, and Louis Bull, director of the groundwater protection and technical programs at Waste Management. Registration information and a program agenda for this session will be announced soon. We expect that SWANA CEUs will be provided.

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**SWANApalooza 2017: Reno, March 27-30**  
By Tom Strickland

SWANApalooza 2017 will offer network opportunities, events, exhibits, symposiums, workshops and training. New this year is the SWANA tech meetup, of interest to software vendors, software customers and anyone interested in improving how to gather and use data in the waste industry. Events this year will include a golf tournament, ski trip and the “2nd Annual 5K Fun Run-Walk.”

For more information on this event and to register to attend visit [https://swana.org/Events/SWANApalooza.aspx](https://swana.org/Events/SWANApalooza.aspx).

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**Exclusive Discounts for Colorado SWANA Members on SWANA Webinars**  
By Tom Strickland

Colorado SWANA Chapter members can take advantage of the huge savings being offered for SWANA Webinars. The webinar cost per session is only $10 (normally $105) and each session can be viewed by multiple members at a single location if desired. Webinars are also a great way to gain CEU’s. To purchase and obtain your discounted access code contact Kathy Andrew at KathyAndrew@elpasoco.com.

Here are some of the upcoming webinars scheduled for this spring include:

- 2/22/17 Food Waste Diversion Programs: What You Need To Know
- 3/8/17 “Blue Approved” Recycling Educations: Do You Approve?
- 3/15/17 Exploring Products Stewardship Programs: U.S. and Beyond
- 4/12/17 Measuring Recycling Success in the Era of the Changing Ton
For a list of all webinars being offered visit [https://swana.org/Events.aspx](https://swana.org/Events.aspx).

Colorado SWANA is able to offer these discounted webinars as part of a bulk purchase the Chapter made, so that savings could be passed along to our members.

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