President’s Corner

By Stephen Gillette

Colorado Rocky Mountain SWANA is looking for ways to get members involved. Aside from our technical sessions (now free to our membership with lunch provided), we also host our Chapter’s Truck and Equipment Road-ee. This year it will be at Denver International Airport on Saturday, June 24th and will be fun for all. We are looking for participants and volunteers alike. Get involved!!

This year annual conference will be held in Steamboat Springs. This event promises to be just what you need to catch up with contacts and to find out what is happening in our state and other places concerning solid waste management.

In addition to being the President of our chapter, I also serve as the International Board member for Colorado SWANA. This year’s Wastecon is going to be bigger than ever as it is being co-hosted with the International Solid Waste Association in Baltimore September 25-27, 2017.

At our mid-year International Board meeting in Minneapolis April 22-23, we adopted our fiscal year 2018 budget. This budget is balanced and there are no dues or meeting cost increases.

Membership is growing both at our chapter level - currently more than 200 chapter members and nationally over 9,000. Your board of directors is looking at some changes. Our current board size limit is an impractical 70 members and there is little chance we would ever want or have a board that large. It is being discussed to take this down to a board maximum of 30 member and to have a general assembly. I support this because if you have ever been involved with a committee that gets to large—nothing gets done.

It’s up to you- get involved!!

Stephen Gillette
Colorado SWANA Offers Online Safety Training

By Cathy Hall

Colorado SWANA is venturing into the digital age with online safety training. Topics to date have included asbestos recognition, waste screening, and cold weather safety. Participants can earn SWANA CEUs for their certifications as well as certificates of training completion.

The online training is sporadic at the moment, but we hope to make it a monthly or semi-monthly offering. We are seeking volunteer presenters to spend an hour of their time presenting from their computer. It is an easy set up through webinar software, which Pitkin County hosts. And the pressure of presenting in front of an audience is minimized through the comfort of doing it from a desk.

“THIS IS A NEW VENTURE FOR COLORADO SWANA AND WE ARE EXCITED TO GIVE MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS ALIKE A CHANCE TO LEARN FROM THEIR WORK LOCATION,” SAID CATHY HALL, COLORADO SWANA SAFETY AMBASSADOR, “IT IS HARD FOR PEOPLE IN OUR INDUSTRY TO GET AWAY FOR TRAINING.”

For more information on the webinar training series, or if you have an interest in presenting, contact Cathy Hall at 970-429-2882 or by email at cathy.hall@pitkincounty.com.

2017 Annual Conference in Steamboat Springs, Sept. 13-15

By Tom Strickland

The excitement is already building around the Chapter’s 2017 Annual Conference to be held this fall in Steamboat Springs from September 13 to 15. Conference activities and sessions will take place at the prestigious and picturesque Steamboat Grant hotel. This year’s conference will include a tour of Xcel’s Energy’s Hayden Station Power Plant and Ash Landfill on Thursday afternoon.

Your Chapter board members are diligently working to put together a stimulating list of presenters and educational sessions. A bare-boned agenda is currently posted on the Chapter’s website; however as soon as it becomes available, a more detailed agenda will be posted online at http://coloradoswana.org/annual-conference/.

Book your room early! Colorado SWANA has negotiated a reduced rate of $106 per night for guestrooms (taxes, resort fees and parking fees not included). This discounted guestroom price and availability is only guaranteed for reservations made prior to August 11, 2017 and a one night deposit is required at the time the reservation is made. When making
your room reservation at The Steamboat Grand be sure to reference the “Colorado SWANA” group to receive the discount guestroom rate. For room reservations call 1-877-269-2628 or visit online.

Amenities available at The Steamboat Grand includes a year-round heated outdoor pool, two large hot tubs, a fitness center, The Grand Spa, complimentary wi-fi in guest and meeting rooms, and complimentary shuttle service to downtown shops and restaurants. #TheBoat2017

2017 Elections for Chapter Officers and Directors

By Alek Orloff

If you’ve had enough of federal politics for the year, you’ve come to the right place. Colorado SWANA will be electing new officers and directors for 2017. If you are a SWANA member who is interested in volunteering to serve on the Chapter Board, please contact Alek Orloff by August 18, 2017. Any chapter member in good standing is eligible for a Director position. Officer positions require service for a minimum of one year as a Chapter Director.

Early voting will occur online and close on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Stayed tuned for an “Online Early Voting” message in your email inbox in that will include the URL for submitting your ballot online. Paper ballots will be available on request and at the Annual Conference in Steamboat Springs. All votes and ballots must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2017. Individual ballots will be kept confidential; however, a valid SWANA membership identification number will be required when submitting your ballot.

Questions: Contact Alek Orloff at aorloff@alpinewaste.com or 303-872-9661.

Another Successful MOLO Class from CO SWANA

By Jim Clare

Once again Colorado SWANA chapter has offered and completed a highly successful MOLO class. The class was held in the last week of April in Gunnison, a great location. This year, instructors Deborah Barton and Aaron Byrne instructed the program, starting on Monday and ending with the final test on Thursday morning. Sean McCormick was instrumental in getting the program set up with location, meals and a tour of the Gunnison County Landfill. 20 students signed up and took the class.

The MOLO class (Manager Of Landfill Operation) is a very important class to take for anyone working around, with or in conjunction with a landfill. This program helps to understand the operations of a landfill along with how the regulations
come into play with local landfills. It is a great service for the Colorado SWANA chapter to be able to offer this type of program to the surrounding area.

Let’s Clear the Air… (Grant Funding Available!)

By Marjorie Griek

Ever thought about switching some of your fleet vehicles to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)? Have you wanted to replace your gas guzzler with an electric or hybrid electric vehicle? Want to see if you could receive grant funding to install an electric vehicle charging station for your business? Refuel Colorado can help you review your options for alternative fuels and navigate through the application procedure.

Refuel Colorado is an effort by the Colorado Energy Office to encourage the adoption of alternative fuel vehicles in Colorado to lead to a cheaper, cleaner domestic transportation future. The Refuel Colorado program coaches provide businesses and consumers the information they need to assess the pros and cons of alternative fuel vehicles. Currently, grant funds are available in the seven-county Denver metro area and in certain ozone non-attainments areas in northern and southern Colorado to offset the costs of purchasing alternative fuel vehicles, and funds available statewide to offset costs of purchasing and installing CNG fueling stations and electric vehicle charging stations.

Contact a Refuel Coach in your area and have them perform a fleet analysis for free. They will walk you through the results to determine if it makes economic and environmental sense for you to switch any or all of your fleet to an alternative fuel, what the financial payback period is and how it will impact air quality.

Do your part to help ensure national security by converting your fleet to a USA-produced alternative fuel, spend less on gasoline diesel and enjoy the benefits of clean air. Call your Refuel Coach today!
May 2017 Technical Session

By Jill Parisi

On Tuesday, May 9th Colorado SWANA hosted a technical session on “Statistics for Groundwater Detection Monitoring,” where attendees had an opportunity to expand their knowledge on groundwater statistics. This technical session provided a fundamental understanding of groundwater statistics, how these statistics are utilized to ensure a facility is in compliance with federal and state regulations, and numerous applications of detection monitoring at RCRA facilities. Our speakers were noted statistician, Dr. Kirk Cameron, and a member of the regulated community, Mr. Louis Bull.

Bylaws Update

Below are the changes to the Chapter Bylaws, to see the full Bylaws with changes included please visit the website at https://coloradoswana.org/resources/chapter-by-laws/

To: Colorado Rocky Mountain Solid Waste Association of North America
From: Barry S. Shanoff
   SWANA General Counsel
Re: Comments on Bylaws and Proposed Bylaws Changes
3.1 Membership. Individuals do not join the Chapter through the central organization. They join the Association, which is the exclusive source of membership. Delete the existing sentence and substitute: “Individuals who desire membership must join the Association and then, by virtue of where they reside or work, can be affiliated with this Chapter.”

3.2 Resignations. First sentence: delete “to the secretary” and substitute “to the Association.”

3.5 Classes. The Chapter does not have classes of members. The central organization is the source of membership and member classes. Delete the existing sentence and substitute: “The Chapter recognizes the membership classes as set forth in the Association Bylaws.”

3.6 Revisions. State law does not direct any specific action with respect to the Chapter’s membership classes. Put a period after “Association” and delete the remainder of the sentence.

4.4 Meeting Process. I see you like Roberts Rules of Order.

4.7.3 Put a comma after “election of directors” and delete the “and” immediately following. After the word “counted” replace the period with a comma, and then add: “and written information sufficient to permit each person casting such ballot to reach an informed decision on the matter.”

5.1 Dues. First sentence: put a period after “Directors” and delete the remainder of the sentence.

6.8 Chapter Contracts with Directors. Re-name the section “Conflicting Interest Transactions.” Colo. Rev. Stat. (CRS) § 7-128-501 covers more than contracts. Otherwise, the word “actions” in the third sentence could be interpreted to cover only contracts (the reference point in the preceding two sentences) and I don’t think that’s your intent.

6.9 Number and Affiliation of Directors. Under CRS § 7-128-103, the number of directors must be either a specific number or a number range with a stated maximum and a stated minimum. As it now reads, this section sets only a minimum number (nine). I recommend deleting the first sentence and substituting: “The number of elected directors shall be not less than three nor more than ______. Such elected directors, together with the president, past president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and international chapter director, shall constitute a minimum nine-member and maximum ______-member Board.” The second sentence is fine.

Be sure that your fixed minimum and fixed maximum give you the flexibility you’ll need if, under Section 7.1, the Int’l Chapter Director were wearing two hats and the Secretary and Treasurer positions were combined

6.11 Term. Any interest in staggered terms for directors? CRS § 7-128-106 allows it.

6.12 Vacancies and Removal. I’m unclear about the scope of the first sentence. Must the board first vote to recommend removal of an officer or director before any membership vote to actually remove the person? Is a board recommendation required only for the (a) and (b) situations described in the first sentence? Second sentence: Are any officers or directors not elected by the members? Maybe you need to say only: “An officer or director may be removed only by vote of the membership.” Does the third sentence allow action by the members without a board recommendation? Depending on the answers to these questions, you may be able to combine the second and third sentences. I cannot recommend any new wording until I know your intent. How is Article IV related to member voting? Did you mean Sec. 4.7 whereby the members could vote by electronic ballot to remove an officer or director? If so, change the second sentence to read “. . . may be removed by vote of the membership under Section 4.7 of these Bylaws.”
8.2 Election of Officers. The Chapter offers two methods of electing officers. Preceding each election, the board should determine and announce to the members which method is selected or if the methods will somehow be combined.

10.5 Bylaws Committee. Under MA-14, Sec. II.A.3, “proposed amendments to ... bylaws shall be submitted to the GC for review at least 30 days prior to the Chapter vote on such changes.” Delete second sentence and substitute: “At least 90 days prior to any action thereon by the board or the members, the Committee shall send proposed amendments to the Association General Counsel for review and comment.” My re-write adopts your proposed change from 30 days to 90 days.

This email news update is a service provided to members of the Colorado Rocky Mountain Chapter of SWANA. If you would like to share information with chapter members in future updates, please email your information to Lisa Skumatz at skumatz@serainc.com or Tom Strickland at thomas.strickland@denvergov.org. Also, don’t forget to visit us online at www.coloradoswana.org.

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