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President’s Corner
By Brad Coleman

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chapter President in 2018. I think it’s going to be quite the year. We’ve got 17 elected and two non-elected, non-voting (pro tem) members participating on our Board this year (Barrett Jensen and Sarah Phillips). We’ll have more about Barrett and Sarah in the 1st Quarter 2018 newsletter. Planning for technical sessions, MOLO training, and our Annual Conference in the Fall is just kicking off. We hope to have a full slate of those activities. Also, SWANApalooza is coming to Denver the first week of March. SWANApalooza is a national event that combines multiple training and learning experiences into one location. We will have a Host Chapter Reception on March 7th at the Rhine Haus downtown (see related article in this issue).

We also will host both our Annual State Road-E-O and the International Road-E-O this year. The best equipment and hauling truck operators in the industry will be in town for that. Dates are not set yet but look for announcements of those events next summer and fall.
Barrett Jensen of Mesa County has signed on as our Young Professional (YP) representative for this region. If you a member under the age of 35 who wants to get involved with YP activities, please reach out to Barrett at Jeffrey.Jensen@mesacounty.us. Look for YP activity announcements in future issues of this newsletter.

As many of you know, CDPHE also has a lot going on with the solid waste industry. They are moving forward with trying to develop a workable solution for TENORM waste disposal and meeting their goals of the Integrated Solid Waste and Materials Management Plan. SWANA is here to help disseminate information from both the regulators and those being regulated. Let us know if this is something you would like to see SWANA even more active in.

It’s going to be busy but fun year at Colorado SWANA. There are many benefits to getting involved in SWANA, such as expanding your professional network and professional development, but the biggest benefits are simply having fun and making friends. These benefits rise exponentially the more you get involved. If you want to get more involved, feel free to reach out to me at bacoleman@burnsmcd.com or 303 362-2335.

Thank you,
Brad
Sponsorship Opportunities for SWANApalooza 2018 Host Chapter Reception Networking
By Tom Strickland

GET SIGNED ON AS A SPONSOR TODAY! SWANApalooza 2018 will be held in Denver from March 5 through 7, 2018 and Colorado SWANA is pleased to announce the Host Chapter Reception Networking Event the evening of Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at Denver’s popular Rhein Haus Bier Hall in downtown Denver. Oktoberfest in March will include over 24 draft beers on tap, authentic German food, live music performed by “The Rhinelanders” and access to indoor bocce ball courts.

Colorado SWANA is offering various sponsorship levels for this Host Chapter Reception. This event will be an excellent opportunity to gain national exposure for you company, and directly reach solid waste professionals and decision makers attending from across North America.

To learn more about the sponsorship levels visit https://coloradoswana.org/swanapalooza-2018/sponsorship-opportunities-swanapalooza-2018-host-chapter-reception-networking-event/.

Sponsorship payment must be received by February 1, 2018 to guarantee company logo/name placement in printed event material. For Sponsorship questions, please contact Neil Nowak at nnowak@scsengineers.com.

San Luis Valley Regional Solid Waste Authority Bale Twine Recycle Project
By Jim Clare

The San Luis Valley Regional Solid Waste Authority (SLVRSWA) has been working with Laura Tyler (Fort Collins Conservation District/ Big Thompson Conservation District) on a state-wide bale twine recycle project. The SLV Landfill is currently the central location for the valley collection site to bring their twine before shipping. Current collection sites are located at Big R in Alamosa, Monte Vista Coop in Monte Vista, Conely Trash Service in Saguache, and several of the FFA groups in the valley. Laura is also working on finding collection locations in Canon City and the Penrose area to “tie” in with the SLV shipments to Greeley. The recycled product goes to Waste-Not-Recycling’s facility in Greeley where they operate a new state-of-the-art pelletizer to process the twine into pellet sized product which then can be manufactured into various plastic products.

The SLV Landfill is currently using 4 ft. by 4 ft. totes with bags in them to give to local ranchers and dairy operations to collect the twine. Once the tote is full, the owner pulls the pack sack out of the tote and delivers it to the landfill collection site. This is making it easier for the rancher to collect the twine and then to be able to deliver it to a collection
The landfill is currently getting these collection totes from various vendors that receive them with product and then have them cleaned out for this type of use. It also is helping the vendors with the totes for a recycle use for the totes rather than to destroy them and put them in the landfill. Along the same line, the landfill receives several over pack bags at the landfill as waste which the landfill takes to put in the totes for the twine. The SLV crew cuts out the top of the totes and then fits an over pack bag into the tote with the “ears” of the bags cable tied to the rail making better access for putting the twine into the tote.

The project only has been going for just a little over a year with great success and minimal advertising, and our hopes are to continue the growth of this project. Not only is it helping with several aspects toward recycling, but also it is helping with waste diversion to the local landfill and a better environment in the area since there is no burning or piled up waste from the twine. The landfill is looking at getting a shipping container through a state grant program to help store and sort the twine for weather condition reasons.

For more information on the bale twine recycle project, contact Laura Tyler at 970-227-6319.

Colorado SWANA 2017 Outstanding Member of the Year Award

By Cathryn Stewart

The Colorado SWANA Chapter Board unanimously nominated Stephen Gillette to receive the 2017 Outstanding Member of the Year award, presented during the Annual Conference on September 14, 2017. One of the many reasons for Stephen’s nomination is his consistent credo that the primary goal of Colorado SWANA is to provide excellent training to its members, which Stephen leads by example in the encouragement of his staff at Larimer County to attend training opportunities, including attendance at the Annual Conference and the County’s sponsorship of the Annual Conference. Another reason for Stephen’s nomination is his years of serving on the International Board (IB) and representing the Rocky Mountain Chapter - always with financials and a sense of humor close at hand.

To Stephen, Congratulations from your fellow Board members and the entire Colorado SWANA membership!

1st Quarter 2018 Technical Session Topic to be TENORM

*Save the date:* On Tuesday, February 13, 2018, Colorado SWANA will host a technical session on “TENORM” (Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material) wastes. The subject matter and format of the session are being worked out. Stay tuned for more details on this session.
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.

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