What a fantastic conference we had in Glenwood Springs earlier this month. I’ve attended for roughly the last 10 years and have always found our annual conference to be a great way to reconnect with old colleagues, meet new colleagues, learn new things relative to our industry, and spend some time in a different Colorado city. This year was no exception. Our conference chairperson and chapter vice president, Cathy Hall, put together a great agenda at a unique hotel. Other than Doc Holliday missing our awards banquet, everything went off without a hitch. Thank you, Cathy, for all your hard work on this!

We also just completed the International Road-E-O last month here in Denver. Ken Arguello and Kathy Andrew put together quite the agenda. I believe we had nearly 100 contestants. Thank you, Ken and Kathy! Next up for us is our annual board Christmas lunch meeting. I’m still doing restaurant research.

I wish you all the best as we roll into the holiday season. 2019 promises to be a lot of fun!
Tell Us What You Think! Annual Membership Survey

Every year the Colorado SWANA Board conducts a membership survey on a variety of topics related to our association. Please take a moment and fill out the annual Colorado SWANA membership survey. This is your opportunity to let the Chapter Board know how we are doing, have your say in future locations for the annual conference, and ideas for training opportunities. We value your feedback and suggestions on improving your chapter membership experience.

Please click the following link that will take you to the Google survey:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSesmTM8dERIedvuG_mTSTkg_wdazuYoZvBJNRDdAi9Ot22ibAw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please contact Jill Parisi at jill.parisi@state.co.us if you should have any questions regarding the survey.

News from Headquarters
By Stephen Gillette, Colorado Rocky Mountain SWANA IB Member

You probably have heard that SWANA is moving towards a new governance structure – “less will be more.” The current International Board of Directors is a whopping 70-member board. The new governance model moves this to an executive committee of 21. This new board of directors will include 13 regional directors (we now have 5) so we (chapters) end up with more representation on the board of directors. This new board of directors will serve the chapters and we also will have an Advisory Board. Each chapter will elect an AB (advisory board member) to serve for a two-year term.

We the Colorado Rocky Mountain Chapter will be part of Region #2 comprised of Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado. Each of the new regions will develop its own MOU that will cover: 1. How the Regional Director is selected? 2. How the regional director is funded by the region? 3. How will the chapters hold the Regional Director accountable?

Each region worked on possible MOUs that we will bring to our chapters in Region #2 for each board to agree to. All of this is happening as National SWANA will be sending out a ballot for our membership - all 10,238 members - to vote on this later this Fall.

[This information was presented at the] Colorado Rocky Mountain SWANA Conference in Glenwood Springs in October at our annual business meeting. If you have questions, give me a ring at 970-498-5762 or at sgillette@larimer.org
Snowy, Wet Weather Couldn’t Keep Annual Conference Attendees Away
By Cathy Hall

The Colorado SWANA Chapter held another successful annual conference in Glenwood Springs from October 10-12, 2018. The City of Glenwood Springs played host to over 130 attendees and a record number of exhibitors and sponsors, 25 in total. The event was staged at the Hotel Colorado that sits on the Banks of the Colorado River and is said to be the location that the Teddy Bear was first named, in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt, who stayed at the hotel.

Conference attendees were met with some snowy conditions on Vail Pass as they made the trek west to Glenwood Springs. This early taste of winter couldn’t stop the conference attendees and speakers as they picked their way through slippery roads, vehicle accidents and I-70 road closures. An hour delay to the start of the conference gave late arriving attendees a chance to take part in the Wednesday sessions.

Conference highlights included 12 sessions ranging in topics from leadership skills, health and safety, unique diversion opportunities, landfill technologies, and composting basics. Special guest Willow the Harris Hawk, was a presentation highlight on the use of predatory birds to control landfill pest birds such as seagulls and starlings.

The chapter also held a Friday Waste Screening training course. This one-day course gives landfill operators and scale house personnel training on what can and can’t be accepted at a solid waste facility, how to recognize inappropriate waste, and the laws and background behind RCRA Subtitle C and D regulations.

You recently received a Chapter survey which includes questions about the annual conference. We value your opinion and want to hear your thoughts on planning for next year’s conference. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey, it’s your chance to shape the future of Colorado SWANA.

Available conference presentations will be uploaded to the Colorado SWANA website in the next couple of weeks.

Upcoming Free Webinars on October 31st, 2018

Webinar: Methods for Effective Residential and Stakeholder Outreach / Engagement

Time: 1pm - 2:15pm Mountain Time
Hosted by: Colorado Association for Recycling (CAFR) / Recycle Colorado!
Summary: Hear results on effective outreach / engagement approaches that can be applied in your community. The webinar will cover surveys and sampling basics; focus groups, approaches for effective stakeholder engagement; and ways to make your residential outreach more effective (including social marketing). The webinar includes multiple case studies, helpful examples, and best practices for communities, non-profits, haulers, and others.
Webinar Global Best Practices: Packaging EPR's Role in the Circular Economy

**Time:** 9am – 10:30am Mountain Time  
**Hosted by:** The Product Stewardship Institute / SWANA  
**Summary:** This PSI facilitated webinar will begin a global conversation on challenges and opportunities to managing packaging and printed paper (PPP). Speakers from the Extended Producer Responsibility Alliance (EXPRA) and high-performing European and Canadian EPR organizations will explain what EPR is, how successful EPR systems work, and the benefits EPR can deliver – including better recycling infrastructure and increased recycling, eco design, and public awareness. The speakers will also examine EPR's role in advancing the circular economy and preventing plastics pollution. Participants will leave the webinar with guidance on what is necessary to set up a successful EPR system and next steps to continue the global conversation.  
**Sign up on:** [SWANA Community Page](http://www.cafr.org/events/eventDetail.php?eventlnx=1072)

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Elections Results for 2019 Chapter Board Officers and Directors

In September a link was sent to all chapter members for on-line voting. Below are the elected members for the upcoming year. Information on the chapters board members is available on the Colorado SWANA website.

**Board Officers**
- President Brad Coleman
- Vice President Cathy Hall
- Past President / International Stephen Gillette
- Treasurer Kathy Andrew
- Secretary Neil Nowak

**Board Members**
- Ken Arguello
- John Briest
- Aaron Byrne
- Jim Clare
- Jason Chan
- Alek Orloff
- Jill Parisi

**Pro-tem Members**
- Sarah Phillips
- Barrett Jensen
- Jesse Masten
- Christopher Anderson
- Dana D'Souza
Meet the Newest Pro-tem Board Members

Christopher Anderson

Chris Anderson recently relocated to Denver in March of 2018 to take on the role of Senior District Manager of DADS Landfill. Chris relocated from Reno, Nevada, where he served as District Manager of the Lockwood Regional Landfill from 2013-2018. Chris began his career with Waste Management in 2012 at Simi Valley and El Sobrante Landfills in Southern California. Prior to working in the solid waste industry, Chris spent approximately 15 years as a consulting engineering geologist in southern California. Chris holds a Bachelor of Science in Geology from University of California at San Diego and Professional Geologist and Engineering Geologist licenses in the State of California. Chris looks forward to exploring Colorado and the Rockies with his wife and two young boys Brady (10) and Ryan (8) and enjoys camping, fishing, snowboarding and the outdoors. Chris served as the Safety Ambassador for the SWANA Great Basin Chapter in Nevada for the last two years.

Dana D’Souza

Dana is a Senior Consultant at Skumatz Economic Research Associates (SERA) where she has worked for over 10 years. She has been involved in every aspect of solid waste research including organizing and conducting waste sorts and set out surveys to researching and benchmarking recycling and organics programs. She has her degree in international business and served on her local town board for 6 years. She has been active in volunteering the Colorado community as long-time member and chair of the local open space committee, and is currently working on solutions for landfill issues on a subcommittee of Recycle Colorado (CAFR). Now that her three children are through college (Whew!) she is able to spend more time enjoying the outdoors.

2018 Colorado SWANA MOLO Review

By Jim Clare
Photos by Barrett Jensen

Colorado SWANA Rocky Mountain Chapter has just finished the 2018 MOLO class. The class took place September 18th thru the 21st and was presented in Grand Junction with Barrett Jensen coordinating the location and program along with a tour of the Mesa County Landfill as part of the class. The class had 17 students from Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, and California and even as far away as
Guam. Instructors this year were Deb Barton, Aaron Byrne and new instructor Jesse Masten who was training to be a full-time instructor for Colorado SWANA for the MOLO class. This will help to give Colorado an excellent group of instructors along with Jason Chan who also instructs the MOLO class.

The MOLO class is set up to help understand the issues to be considered when planning, operating and closing a landfill. The class gives a good understanding of the economics of landfill operation along with landfill restrictions, design requirements, leachate and landfill gas management. Other important training items are the basic regulatory standards along with the safety associated with the operation of a landfill. To top it all off there is a MOLO certification exam offered for those wanting to be certified.

Thanks to those that made this possible for this year's 2018 MOLO training opportunity.

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2018 International Road-E-O hosted by Colorado Rocky Mountain Chapter

By Kathy Andrew

The Solid Waste Association of North American Colorado Rocky Mountain Chapter proudly hosted the 2018 International Trash Truck, Landfill and Mechanic Road-E-O on Saturday September 22, 2018. Certainly, safety is a top priority for all solid waste related companies and drivers are the front line in this effort ensuring that 230 million tons of trash is delivered and processed safely each year. This competition tests the driver on many levels, including skill behind the wheel of all vehicles related to the solid waste industry, the ability to spot safety hazards, and their knowledge of safety rules and regulations. Additionally, the Mechanic Competition tests an individual’s ability to troubleshoot and diagnose mechanical problems and fix them quickly and safely. The event gives drivers from around the county the platform to showcase their safety skills and compete among their peers.
88 individuals competed in ten categories. Total attendance for the Road-E-O was 226. The individual winners were celebrated at a gala awards banquet at Coors Field. Many commented this was the “Best Road-E-O Ever”. Thanks to Colorado Board Member Ken Arguello for heading up this event. A comprehensive list of the competitors and winners is available at www.coloradoswana.org

Congratulations to Our 2018 Award Recipients!

**Outstanding Member of the Year Award**
By Cathryn Stewart

At the 2018 Annual Conference, the Colorado SWANA Rocky Mountain Chapter recognized the devoted service to the Chapter of Lars Williams, Solid Waste Director for the City and County of Denver. Lars believes the annual Road-E-O events held for drivers, operators, and mechanics are very important to career development and safety. He has made CCD funding available - from printing to port-a-potties – and CCD personnel – between five and ten CCD folks per event - to set up and tear down the testing courses for approximately two days per event over the years. Lars has been a huge behind-the-scenes force for the past 12 State and 2 International Road-E-Os. His support of the Road-E-O helped to revive and put new energy into an event which wasn’t even held for a number of years until CCD and other entities stepped up. For his direction and support in making Road-E-Os happen, the Chapter recognizes Lars with the 2018 Outstanding Member of the Year Award. Thank you, thank you, Lars, from Road-E-O drivers, operators, and mechanics and their families and employers to the Road-E-O Planning Committee, Road-E-O Volunteers, fellow Sponsors, and Chapter members!

**Outstanding Board Member of the Year Award**
By John Briest

The Board of Directors for Colorado Chapter of SWANA was pleased to honor Kathy Andrews as the outstanding board member of 2018. Kathy, the Environmental Services Manager for El Paso County, has served on the Chapter's Board of Directors for over 15 years. Kathy has been a fixture for the Board and 2018 was no exception. Kathy is the Chapter’s treasurer and this year has been one of the most active as far as events. The Chapter played a significant role in SWANApalooza, Road-E-O, and of course the quarterly events and annual conference. As you can imagine all of these events, take money. Additionally, Kathy is seen at every event checking in attendees and registrants. Without Kathy’s involvement the Chapter would not be able to make all of these events take place with the efficiency that they operate at. On behalf of all of the directors who sit on the Board for the Colorado SWANA chapter, Thank you Kathy!
SWANApalooza 2019 in Boston!
By Dana D’Souza

This year SWANApalooza will take place in Boston February 25-28, 2019 and gathers solid waste professionals from all over North America. The theme will be “Building the Future” and will explore issues surrounding recycling, marine litter, safety best practices, and landfill operations.

How to get involved:

Training: There will be a CEU FasTrack, Three-Day Training Courses, and Certification Exams

Poster Presentations: If you are interested in sharing knowledge or a project, considered presenting a poster. Discounted registration applies if accepted. Submission deadline is October 31st, 2018

Chapter Networking Event: Met up with other SWANA members on Tuesday evening February 26th. Find out what other SWANA chapters are doing.

Nominate Someone: SWANA is accepting nominations for the Technical Divisions Individual Achievement Awards which will be presented at the conference. Nominations are due December 17th, 2018. Click on this link for more information and the entry form.
https://swana.org/Awards/DivisionOrganizationAwards/SustainableMaterialsManagementAward.aspx

AND don’t forget to check out Cathy Hall in the promotional clip for the event!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7V3xPfed86g


For more information click on this link on the conference and events, click on the link.
https://swana.org/Events/SWANAPalooza.aspx

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 Dana D’Souza at dsouza@serainc.com or Tom Strickland at thomas.strickland@denvergov.org.

Also, don’t forget to visit us online at www.coloradoswana.org.