



Mid-Atlantic Chapter Solid Waste Association of North America

SOLID WASTE NEWS for Waste Professionals

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SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter Scholarship Program

25 Years and Still Going Strong...

By: Mehal Trivedi
Frederick County, MD

The SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter is currently in its 25th year. As a founding member (and first Chair) of the Chapter Committee in 1989, Stephen G. Lippy, P.E., BCEE, S.C., the current board director, shaped the Scholarship criteria for the Chapter on the International basis and continues to serve this Committee to promote education and professional development in the Region.

Twenty-five years ago, his confident proclamation that the then income and interest level could annually handle 5 awards of up to \$4,000 without any special funding, remain true to this day. Thus, the Chapter for the past decade and a half has run an expanded scope to International's program by adding an additional eligibility Category 1A. Since then, the Chapter's benevolence has reached out to 70 well deserving students with upwards of \$70,000 in scholarship awards. The Chapter continues to handle 4 awards up to \$6,000 without any special funding.

For the past 7 years the Chapter had been the beneficiary of a \$2,000 annual scholarship provided by Office Paper Systems; the Kevin Stearman Memorial Scholarship Award. It was awarded to the highest rated applicant each year. The Chapter is looking for future sponsors to take up this challenge.

To sponsor the highest scoring candidate the Chapter will accept an annual sponsorship of either \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500 or \$2,000. The sponsor could be any organization (consultant, contractor, etc.) and can suggest a name to be given to the award.

The Chapter Scholarship Committee is also responsible for reviewing and selecting local winner(s) and forwarding one representative for each scholarship category (except category 1A) to the International Scholarship Committee for its consideration.

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SWANA Mission Statement:

"Advancing the practice of economically and environmentally sound solid waste management in North America."

Over the last 7 years, 37 students received \$56,250. Approximately 60% were paid by the Chapter and the rest were paid equally by the International SWANA and the sponsor OPS. Approximately 70% of the recipients were from category 1/1A and 30% were from Category 2/3. A few students also won the International SWANA Scholarship. Included in the list of winners is the current Chapter president, Niti Blackwell, a 2001 recipient of a \$750 scholarship.

Despite the times, funding for the Mid-Atlantic Chapter's scholarship program has remained firm. The Mid-Atlantic Chapter of SWANA will continue to have a scholarship program for graduating High School Seniors, College and University Students entering their sophomore year, College or University Upper Division Undergraduate, and University Graduate Students, the latter two towards a degree in an environmental field. Study of the environment is a reputable career field and the Chapter would like to promote the growth of this critical field of protecting public health and the environment.

Eligible candidates must be sons, daughters, grandsons or granddaughters of a Mid-Atlantic Chapter SWANA Member or be sponsored by a Mid-Atlantic Chapter SWANA Member in good standing as of May 1st. The cut-off date for submission of application materials is no later than May 1, 2014. All applications must be postmarked or hand delivered to: Division of Utilities and Solid Waste Management, Attention: Mehal Trivedi, Engineer, DRC, 4520 Metropolitan Court, Frederick, MD 21704. The full scholarship criteria have been placed on the Chapter website http://www.swana-midatl.org/scholarship_info.htm. You may also contact Mehal for additional information at (301) 600-3043 or mtrivedi@frederickcountymd.gov.

For the 2013-2014 academic year, the Chapter may award up to a total of \$6,000 in scholarships. An eligibility criteria table for the new and revised Chapter Scholarships is posted on the Chapter website at www.swanamid-atl.org. Also, refer to application instructions that include an optional essay discussing why the applicant is deserving of an award. Please pass this information to co-workers or others in the solid waste field if you are willing to sponsor an eligible student.

May this program live on for another 25 years!

Mid-Atlantic Chapter Board Member Profile

Mark Gutberlet, P.E., Vice President



*Mark Gutberlet, P.E.
EA Engineering, Science and Technology, Inc.*

Mark Gutberlet, P.E., oversees EA Engineering, Science and Technology, Inc.'s mid-Atlantic engineering practice located in Hunt Valley, Maryland. With more than 18 years of engineering design and construction management experience, Mark's professional career has focused on solid waste and stormwater infrastructure, hazardous waste and contaminated sediment remediation, ecosystem restoration, and shoreline protection. A registered Professional Engineer in Maryland and Virginia, Mark earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and a Master of Science degree in Civil (Geotechnical) Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

2014 Mid-Atlantic Regional Landfill Equipment, Heavy Truck, and Mechanics Road-E-O June 6, 2014

By: *Stephen G. Lippy, P.E., BCEE, S.C., Baltimore County (retired)*
Tim Ford, Maryland Environmental Service

As reported in the December newsletter, the 2014 Regional Road-E-O will be held for the third straight year at MES's Midshore II Solid Waste Disposal Facility in Ridgely, on Maryland's Eastern Shore. As a result of an award received by Maryland Environmental Service at Long Beach in September 2013 at SWANA's WASTECON, the facility is now a SWANA Gold Landfill Excellence site.

If you do not know what a Road-E-O is, we suggest you see pp. 2-3 of the April 2013 Chapter newsletter (<http://swana-midatl.org/Documents/SwanaNewsletter-April2013Issue.pdf>). Also, on p. 4 of the April 2013 newsletter are listed some of the needs for the Road-E-O; these are still essentially the same. **We need donations to help make this a better and memorable event for the participants.** Typically we have 30+ contestants; however, each bag does not necessarily have to contain the same items, i.e., you do not need to donate 30+ items. Donations of larger items to be raffled off on Thursday night would also be appreciated. On pp. 7-8 of the August 2013 Chapter newsletter is a synopsis of the 2013 Road-E-O, as well as on p. 9 is an article on Midshore II receiving the SWANA Gold Excellence Award (<http://swana-midatl.org/Documents/SwanaNewsletter-August2013Issue.pdf>).

First and second place winners at the Regional Road-E-O will be eligible to compete in the International Road-E-O competition, which will be held on September 20, 2014 in the Denver, CO "area."

Registration costs for **contestants** (as well as guests) have changed to reflect the increased costs

of the event. However, even though the registration cost for the first event has increased, in order to encourage participation in multiple events, the cost for doing two events has decreased from last year. The Registration Application for Contestants, plus the Contestant Release and Waiver, follow this article, and are on the Chapter website www.swana-midatl.org. Early bird registration, which is cheaper, is by May 1, 2014.

New for this year are **forms for volunteers** to register—Registration Application for Volunteers and Volunteer Release and Waiver. There is not a fee for volunteers, except if they elect to attend the Thursday night dinner. The two registration forms can be found beginning on page 6 of this newsletter, as well as on the Chapter's website. We are requesting that all volunteers register for the following reasons:

- We will know whether we have sufficient volunteers to host the event.
- Likewise, we will know if we have too many volunteers. (In that unlikely case, those who registered later may be asked not to volunteer.)
- We will then have a liability release and waiver form from the volunteers.
- And, maybe the most important reason, we will be able to ensure that we have sufficient food at lunch for the volunteers.

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We request that all volunteers submit their registrations by May 1 for planning purposes, but no later than by May 16. Not having a sufficient number of volunteers may result in the actual events taking longer. Volunteers do not have to be SWANA members or even be in the solid waste field; however, they need to be able to work out in the field, whether brilliant sunshine like in 2012 or rain all day like in 2013, though a few who tabulate scores are able to sit under a tent.

We know many potential contestants are wary of a competition. Not to worry, the Regional Road-E-O

is a fun and rewarding event and is less about competition and more about a special day and event that allows folks who are actually operating the equipment at our region's solid waste facilities to meet, learn, and be recognized and appreciated.

For more information or questions, contact the Chair Tim Ford of MES (410-729-8370 or tford@menv.com); or Steve Lippy (410-296-9150 or s.lippy@verizon.net). If you are able to sponsor or donate anything, please contact Steve.

Employment Announcement



**Harford County
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(PERM/FT/BENEFITS)**

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SALARY: \$71,400 - \$118,934 (Annually)

HOURS OF WORK: 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Works

OPENING DATE: 02/26/14

CLOSING DATE: 03/19/14, 11:59 p.m.

For additional information, please refer to the complete job bulletin, which is available for viewing on Harford County's website at the following link: http://agency.governmentjobs.com/harford/job_bulletin.cfm?JobID=822492

Reminders / Wanted

- ◆ **“Reporters”/writers for our Chapter newsletter.**
- ◆ **Important Websites to Remember:** www.swana.org, www.swana-midatl.org and www.mdrecycles.org.
- ◆ **Training the Trainers:** Contact a Board member if interested in being trained to be a trainer for a SWANA course.
- ◆ **SWANA Web Sessions:** If your organization presents e-Sessions, make them a Chapter event so that all attendees can get CEU’s. Contact Steve Lippy, Dana Murray or Shirl Wright.
- ◆ **Job Vacancies in your Organization:** Contact swright@nmwda.org for inclusion in our Chapter newsletter and website.
- ◆ **Articles, information, recent/on-going projects of interest, active purchase orders, etc.:** Contact swright@nmwda.org to be placed in our Chapter newsletter.
- ◆ **Scholarship Sponsors:** Contact Steve Lippy, Mehal Trivedi or Hallie Clemm.
- ◆ **Name(s) of Prospective SWANA Members:** Contact either our Chapter Membership Chair, Tim Ford tford@menv.com or direct the prospective member to our Chapter website www.swana-midatl.org or SWANA’s website www.swana.org.
- ◆ **Newsletter Ads:** These are business card size ads only (2” x 3.5”); \$100 for 4 issues. Send your ad in a JPG or PDF file to swright@nmwda.org. Please make check payable to: Mid-Atlantic Chapter of SWANA and mail to the attention of Shirl Wright at NMWDA, 100 S. Charles Street, Tower II - Suite 402, Baltimore, MD 21201-2705.
- ◆ **American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists:** If you are an environmental engineer or environmental scientist, you are eligible to become a member or to be certified in solid waste management by the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists. See www.swana-midatl.org or www.aees.org.



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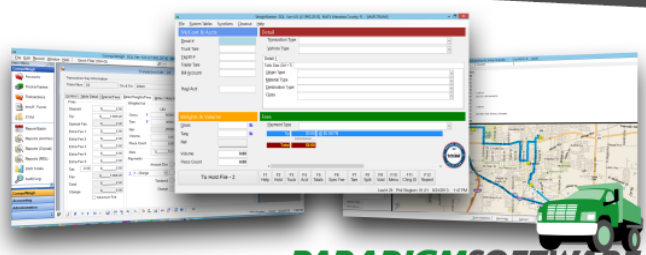
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We're on the Web!
www.swana-midatl.org

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SWANA Guiding Principle:
“Local government is responsible for municipal solid waste management, but not necessarily the ownership and/or operation of municipal solid waste management systems.”



2014 MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL ROAD-E-O

Registration Application for Contestants

This year's landfill and truck events will be held for the third straight year at the Maryland Environmental Service's Midshore II Regional Solid Waste Facility, 12236 River Rd., Ridgely, MD 21660 on **Friday June 6, 2014**. To compete in the 2014 SWANA Mid-Atlantic Regional Road-E-O, fill out this application and return to the address below. (Do not use this form if you are a volunteer.) Contestants must be SWANA members in good standing or someone else in their agency must be a SWANA member in good standing.

This form must be completed by all contestants and submitted (by mail or electronic) with the entry fee.

I. CONTESTANT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

Name (first name, last name): _____

Employer: _____

Work Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

II. EMPLOYEE CERTIFICATION BY EMPLOYER

Is the contestant or someone else in your agency/company a SWANA Member? Yes No

Name of employee who is a SWANA Member, SWANA chapter, and SWANA membership number:

Length of employment for contestant (include dates): _____

The contestant has been employed as a driver/operator for the last _____ months during the following dates: _____

Equipment contestant operates [type(s) and manufacturer(s)]: _____

Has the contestant's attendance been satisfactory? Yes No

I certify that the contestant has had no chargeable accidents or moving violations within the last 12 months.

Authorized Employer's Signature, Printed Name, and Title/Position

III. COMPETITION CATEGORY - The number of contestants may be limited for each event, at the sole option of the Road-E-O Committee, so register early! Please choose two events in order of preference. A minimum of three contestants will be required to run each event.

TRUCK DRIVER:

Rear Loader
Roll-Off
Front Loader
Transfer Trailer
Recycle Truck

LANDFILL EQUIPMENT OPERATOR:

Compactor
Dozer
Articulated Dump Truck
Wheel Loader

TRUCK MECHANIC

EQUIPMENT MECHANIC

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd choice _____
(If registering for a second event.)

First and second place winners are eligible to compete in the International Road-E-O Competition!

IV. FEES (This fee structure is for contestants and guests, not for volunteers.)

Please make checks payable to the **SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter**. The fee includes the Thursday night dinner, Friday light breakfast, lunch, T-shirt, and Awards Ceremony.

\$125.00 for first event registered by May 1, 2014 \$ _____

Plus \$50.00 for second event registered by May 1, 2014 (Optional) \$ _____

Or, \$150.00 for EACH event registered AFTER May 1, 2014 \$ _____

\$75.00 per guest (Optional)* x _____ (number of guests) = \$ _____

Total Registration Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

Please place an "X" in the box for which you and any guest(s) will be attending
 Thursday Dinner Friday Light Breakfast Friday Lunch

* We encourage contestants to invite guests (spouses, supervisors, et. al.) to accompany them to the dinner and Road-E-O. A fee of \$75.00 is charged for each guest to cover the cost of the dinner on 6/05 and meals on 6/06 at the event.

Suggested room reservations are available at:

Best Western – Denton Inn (5 miles from event) - \$70
521 Fleetwood Rd, Denton, MD 21629
(410) 479-8400

To receive this rate, please mention SWANA ROAD-E-O when making the reservation.

ON-SITE REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!

(There will be no refunds if you cancel.)

Return the following items to the address below:

1. Contestant Registration Application
2. Contestant Release and Waiver Form
3. Check payable to the **SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter**

Electronic questions or registration submittals

Please send questions, or email registration and attachments to Marcia King at mking@menv.com

Telephone questions

(410)729-8376

Mailing address for registration submittals

**SWANA Mid-Atlantic Road-E-O
c/o Marcia King
Maryland Environmental Service
259 Najoles Rd
Millersville, MD 21108**

CONTESTANT RELEASE AND WAIVER

_____, in consideration of being allowed to

(Print Name)

attend or participate in the 2014 SWANA Mid-Atlantic Regional Road-E-O (“Event”) sponsored by the SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter, held at the Midshore II Regional Solid Waste Facility on June 05 and 06, 2014 on behalf of myself, my heirs and my survivors, hereby releases and forever discharges, the Solid Waste Association of North America, Inc., its affiliated chapters, the Maryland Environmental Service, and any of their respective officers, directors, employees, subcontractors, sponsors and agents from all claims, demands, actions and causes of action, and damages that I may now have or that may subsequently accrue arising from or in any way related to my participation in or attendance at the Event.

This Release and Waiver covers all claims for bodily injury, property damage or wrongful death arising out of my attendance at or participation in the Event, even if caused by my negligence or that of any of the above-designated individuals, entities and parties. I understand that participation in the Event involves certain risks, including, but not limited to serious injury. I am voluntarily attending or participating in the Event with knowledge of the danger involved, and I agree to accept all risks of attendance and participation. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the above-designated individuals, entities and parties from and against all claims, actions, demands, liabilities, costs and expenses that they or any of them incur arising out of my attendance at or participation in the Event.

I understand that this Release and Waiver is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Maryland in which the Event is taking place. If, by final court judgment, any portion of the Release and Waiver is determined to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall be fully enforceable and effective.

I am at least 18 year old, and I am freely signing this Release and Waiver. I have read the above provisions and understand that, by signing this form, I am giving up legal rights and remedies.

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Age _____



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To volunteer to assist in conducting the Road-E-O and/or to attend the June 5 Thursday night dinner, please complete this form. This form is new as compared to previous years. **VOLUNTEERS DO NOT HAVE TO BE SWANA MEMBERS**. Whether you plan to attend the dinner or not, we are requesting the completion of this form. Each volunteer is to complete his/her own form.

This form, as well as the Volunteer Release and Waiver, must be completed by all volunteers and submitted (by mail or electronic), with the fee if appropriate, preferably by May 1.

I. VOLUNTEER INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

Name (first name, last name): _____

Employer: _____

Work Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Any preference for the type of volunteer assistance at the Road-E-O on Friday June 6?

____ None ____ Judging ____ Time keeping ____ Runner ____ Administrative score keeping

II. FEE (This fee is for volunteers—not contestants and not guests—who wish to attend the Thursday night dinner. **There is NO fee for volunteers if they are NOT attending the dinner.**)

Please make checks payable to the **SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter**.

Thursday night dinner @ \$50.00 \$ _____

Please place an "X" in the box for which you will be attending

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ON-SITE REGISTRATIONS FOR DINNER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. PLEASE REGISTER EARLY! (There will be no refunds if unable to attend the Thursday dinner, though it can be transferable to someone else.)

ON-SITE REGISTRATION FOR VOLUNTEERS ON FRIDAY MAY BE ACCEPTED WITH PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE ROAD-E-O COMMITTEE.

Return the following items to the address below:

1. Registration Application for **Volunteers**
2. **Volunteers** Release and Waiver Form
3. Check payable to the **SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter** (if applicable)

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