

MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER

Board Meeting Agenda

January 13, 2022

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Conference Call/Video Meeting

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Phone Conference ID: 786 346 667 #

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting (September 22, 2021) Secretary – John Neyman
- IV. Officer Reports
 - a. President – Kristyn Oldendorf
 1. Explanation and Discussion of Consent Agenda
 - b. Treasurer – Jennifer Padgett
 - c. Secretary – John Neyman
 1. SWANA Progress Report and Finance Report due January 25
 - d. Advisory Board – Dana Murray
- V. Consent Agenda
 - a. Programs – John Neyman and Niti Blackwell
 - b. Road-E-O – Steve Lippy and David Horne
 - c. Safety Ambassador – David Horne
 - d. Scholarship – Mehal Trivedi
 - e. Membership – Deji Fawole
 - f. Training – Jess Moore
 - g. Young Professionals (YPs) – Cory Daviau and Craig Schriener
 - h. Legislative Liaison – Jacob Shepherd
 - i. Finance Committee – Jenny Padgett
 - j. Newsletter – John Schott – no report
 - k. Bylaws – Steve Lippy – no report
 - l. Technical Division Liaison – Steve Lippy – no report
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Honoring the Memory of Mike Kalish
 - b. Committee Descriptions
- VII. New Business
 - a. March 10th Board Meeting and Professional Development Topic
 - b. May 12th Board Meeting – conflicts with ROAD-E-O
- VIII. Adjournment

SWANA MidAtlantic Board of Directors Meeting
MRN/SWANA-MA Annual Conference Committee Report
Presented by Niti Blackwell and John Neyman
January 2022

1. Logistics

- a. Theme/Conference Title: Recovery 2022
- b. Date: June 23, 2022
- c. Location: BWI Marriott
- d. Website:

https://marylandrecyclingnetwork.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=685083&item_id=1573075

- e. Fees:

MRN & MRN & SWANA Member US\$ 140.00
Fee as of 6/17/2022 US\$ 165.00
MRN Member US\$ 185.00
Fee as of 6/17/2022 US\$ 210.00
Non-Member US\$ 250.00
Fee as of 6/17/2022 US\$ 275.00
SWANA Member (Not MRN Member) US\$ 205.00
Fee as of 6/17/2022 US\$ 230.00

2. Planning Meetings

- a. Have not begun

3. Ideas/Speakers for SWANA track or joint MRN/SWANA sessions

- a. ReFED – Seven seminars discussing their seven steps to minimize food waste
- b. Baltimore City Recycling Cart Distribution
- c. Baltimore City Food Matters Program
- d. Closed landfill assessment
- e. Routing software and route optimization
- f. Equity and solid waste
- g. Rail transfer stations
- h. RepurposedMaterials – Damon Carson -
<https://www.repurposedmaterialsinc.com/repurposedSpeaking-Damon-Carson-Public-Speaker>
- i. Regulatory developments in medical and solid waste – Elise Paeffen – partner at Alston & Bird’s Environment, Land Use and Natural Resources Group

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Road-E-O Committee Report

By Steve Lippy

January 4, 2022

Report

1. Planning:
 - a. Sponsorship information and form have been finalized; sponsors will need to submit them as hard copies as previously done to Steve Lippy.
 - b. Registration forms for participants (contestant and volunteer) are still being developed. For the first time, these will need to be submitted online only, plus they will be routed through the PA Keystone Chapter website, which is able to handle registrations.
 - c. There will be an option for credit card payments; Chapter treasurer will be notified of the desire to be billed and will bill and handle the credit card transaction.
 - d. The above will require some additional coordination; but' hopefully, the online registration will offset that with automatic reports and tabulations.
2. Site prep:
 - a. Cecil County DPW Solid Waste Division continues to prepare the site in anticipation of the May Road-E-O.
 - b. Their new building, which is located close to the Rod-E-O courses and will be the venue for the Thursday dinner, Friday breakfast, and Friday dinner, is ahead of schedule: the building is complete, final grading is being completed, and the electrical work will be started soon..
3. Newsletter: An article on the R-E-O was drafted and placed in the December issue.
4. Website: A R-E-O article was requested to be placed under Event/Road-E-O on the Chapter website.
5. Committee members: Tanya Adams, Fred Dollenger, David Horne, Mark Gutberlet, Steve Lippy, Chanda Martino (PA staff person), and Michele Minstrel.
6. Chanda will be the contact person with the PA and NJ Chapters in regard to promotion of the event within their chapters.
7. **ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS NEED TO PROMOTE PARTICIPATION AMONG POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS (CONTESTANTS AND VOLUNTEERS) ON THEIR STAFF OR WITHIN THEIR ORGANIZATION!**

BOD Action Items: NONE

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Safety Ambassador Report
Presented by David Horne
05 Jan 2022

1. **Item 1 – Safety Alerts**

- a. I have been sending out Safety Alerts as it relates to our industry on an ongoing basis.
- b. This will continue going forward.

2. Item 2 - With the RODEO consuming most of my time, I am tentatively planning a ½ Day “Safety Workshop” after the RODEO in May. Possibly in the July/Aug timeframe. Plans are to have multiple speakers/presenters to provide various topics of interest relative to safety within the solid waste industry. This being planned a virtual workshop.

- a. Efforts are underway for members who participate to earn CEU’s towards maintaining any SWANA certification.

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Chapter Scholarship Committee (CSC) Report
Presented by Mehal Trivedi

1. Item 1

- a. Before end of 2021, CSC with the help of the Authority updated the 2022 Chapter Scholarship page for Swana-Mid Atlantic website.
- b. In coming months Scholarship information will be distributed to all of the Chapter membership via; Posting information on Chapter website, Information in the Chapter newsletter and an email blast,
- c. Members are encouraged to get the word out to their high school, college, university, organization using internal newsletter, bulletin board, Local professional organizations like MRN, Posting to the SWANA Open Forum.

2. Item 2

- a. Details – Everything with the merging of National forms and needed revisions, including chapter May 2, 2022 deadline was pulled together for posting the new forms.

Category II/IIB – National added a line for SWANA member # (Self or qualifying member w/Chapter Affiliation).

Category III/IIIB – National added a line for SWANA member # w/Chapter Affiliation) and another line for SWANA Sponsor Name & #.

B. New Members

New Members CYTD 19 (Since Sept. 2021)

New members since last report 4

<u>Name</u>		<u>Company</u>
Larissa	Pasco	Muhlenberg College
Valerie	Moye	Rubicon
Amy	Maron	Sierra Club Montgomery County Group
Kyle	Kinnamon	

C. Members Currently Suspended

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<u>Name</u>		<u>Company</u>
Koffi		Morgan State
Daniel	R.	HDR
Sarah		EA Eng, Science & Technology, Inc. PBC
Nicole		USEPA Office of Res Cons. & Recovery
Darryl	L.	Prince George's County
Trevor		ABM, Inc.
Shawn		Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA)
Henry		Prince George's County
Benny		Maryland Environmental Service
Stephanie		
Parita		SCS Engineers
Nicholas		Maryland Environmental Service
John		Baltimore City Department of Public Works
Zachary		Republic Services
Stephanie		Stockton University
John		The Sun Companies
Julie	B.	Anne Arundel County
Mark	A.	District of Columbia - 14th St.
Jennifer	M.	
Paul		Maryland Environmental Service
Anthony		City of Rockville
Jeff		City of Rockville
Annette		CMT Services, Inc.
Nicholas		Draper Aden Associates
Grayson		Tidewater Companies
Charles	C.	Maryland Environmental Service

D. Members Discontinued

Members discontinued since last report 5

E. Membership Committee ActivitiesCurrent Activities:

- Chapter membership report
- Welcome Letters
- Membership Renewal Notices

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Training Committee Report

Provided by Jessica Moore

1/13/2022

- 1) Spring Training Class - MOLO
 - a) Jason on board to teach
 - b) No location or dates set
 - c) Concerns for in-person learning with uptick in Covid numbers (UMD has returned to online classes)
 - d) HQ now requires chapters to advertise the chapter paying for the difference between our offered cost for classes and the HQ offered price of \$999
- 2) Webinar credits
 - a) 27 credits remaining (people who already have the code don't report when they use the code; I have to ask HQ and haven't heard back yet)
 - b) Of the 68 credits used one person used the code 28 times, another 13 times, 3 people used the code 4 times, 2 people used the code 3 times, 2 people used the code 2 times, and 5 people used the code only once

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Young Professionals Committee Report
Presented by Cory Daviau, P.E. and Craig Schriener, P.E.
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- 1. Online webinar in the works, especially due to COVID prevalence increasing**

- 2. Virtual Happy Hour**
 - a. Breakout sessions?
 - b. Games?

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Legislative Committee Report
Presented by Jacob Shepherd
January 13, 2022

1. SWANA Updates

- a. Suit against EPA on Landfill Emission Calculations
- b. Impact of Omicron on collections
- c. Report on cost of Recycle Right programs

2. Federal Legislative Updates

- a. Build Back Better Act
- b. Status of OSHA Vaccination Rule

3. USEPA Updates

- a. EPA food waste reports

4. Local Legislative Updates

- a. No updates on Maryland's planned new landfill methane rules
- b. No updates for Maryland, Delaware, or D.C. legislative sessions

5. News Updates

LEGISLATIVE AND NEWS UPDATE – SWANA MID-ATLANTIC

Jacob Shepherd, P.E. – Legislative Liaison – jshepherd@scsengineers.com

January 13, 2022

SWANA Updates

Suit Filed to Force EPA to Revise Landfill Gas Emission Calculations – The Environmental Integrity Project, Chesapeake Climate Action Network and the Sierra Club have [filed a notice of intent to sue](#) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to force the Agency to revise its landfill gas emissions calculation methods. This the first step in a legal process under the Clean Air Act.

EPA is required to review and, if necessary, update the landfill gas emissions calculation methods every three years. The notice alleges that EPA has failed to do this review for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), and carbon monoxide (CO) from MSW landfills since 1998. Further, it states EPA must also review the methods used to quantify methane generation and non-methane organic compounds. The group claims that the current emission factors underestimate emissions from almost all pollutants by about 25 percent.

SWANA will contact EPA for further information and will continue to follow this case closely as it develops.

Impact of Omicron Variant – SWANA is concerned that increased delays in solid waste collection are likely to occur into January and encourages municipal solid waste officials and haulers to plan now for staffing shortages. The sharp increase in new COVID-19 cases, fueled by the highly contagious Omicron variant, combined with the seasonal uptick in residential waste and recyclables, could stress some solid waste collection systems.

The impact of the Omicron variant comes as many communities in the United States are addressing a labor shortage with collection workers. The increased transmissibility of the Omicron variant will likely result in collection delays in some communities, and SWANA urges elected officials and the general public to be patient if agencies and haulers are forced to adjust collection schedules.

SWANA has coronavirus resources and guidance available on their [website](#).

Report Analyzing Costs of Recycling Right Programs – SWANA's Applied Research Foundation (ARF) has published a report analyzing “recycle right” programs, which it hopes will be a powerful tool for local governments to improve recycling programs and reduce contamination. The report also provides examples of communities in the United States that have succeeded in improving recycling programs through outreach. The report is available to SWANA ARF subscribers, but an executive summary can be downloaded [here](#).

Legislative Updates

Federal

Build Back Better Act (HR5376) – The U.S. House of Representatives passed the [Build Back Better Act](#) on November 19, 2021, which includes grants for organics recycling and reuse infrastructure, and waste reduction in low-income or disadvantaged communities. The funding for both grant programs will be available to state and local governments, as well as non-profit organizations. The bill also includes funding for EPA to collect national recycling data, with an emphasis on those same

communities. The bill provides \$95 million in grants for organics recycling and reuse infrastructure and another \$95 million for waste reduction activities. EPA will also be provided with \$10 million to conduct data collection on national recycling efforts. Although the bill has passed the House, the bill is currently stalled in the U.S. Senate.

Status of OSHA Rule for Vaccination and Testing – On November 5, 2021, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published an [interim final rule](#) to apply to employers with 100 or more employees. Under the rule, employers covered under the rule must develop, implement, and enforce a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy, with an exception for employers that instead adopt a policy requiring employees to either get vaccinated or elect to undergo regular COVID-19 testing and wear a face covering at work in lieu of vaccination. Employers must include all employees across all of their U.S. locations regardless of vaccination status and work location, and include both full- and part-time employees. Text of the rule is available on the [Federal Register](#).

After the U.S. 6th Court of Appeals reinstated the rule, the lawsuit will head to the Supreme Court for a final decision. Arguments in the case before the Supreme Court began on January 7. In addition to the legal challenges, some states have passed legislation or orders that counter the OSHA rule, making it difficult for employers to comply with the laws. It should be noted that as of the date of this update, no countering rules exist in Chapter jurisdictions.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

A new report released by the EPA, [From Farm to Kitchen: The Environmental Impacts of U.S. Food Waste \(Part 1\)](#), addresses the climate and environmental impacts of producing, processing, distributing, and retailing food that is ultimately wasted, and discusses the environmental benefits of meeting the U.S.'s current goal to prevent 50 percent of food waste. A companion part 2 report will examine and compare the environmental impacts of different management pathways for food waste, expected for Spring 2022.

Maryland Legislative

The 444th legislative session convened on January 12, 2022 and will adjourn on April 11, 2022. No updates.

Maryland MDE

Currently Tracking – **New Landfill Methane Rules and State EG Implementation Plan** – No updates. MDE is currently developing new rules for methane control and reduction from municipal solid waste (MSW) landfills. The rules would also implement the Emission Guidelines (EG) under the 2016 NSPS changes (40 CFR 60 Subpart Cf) and would replace the current Federal EG Plan that applies to Maryland landfills (published under 40 CFR 62 Subpart 000). A [draft regulatory framework](#) was presented at the recent June 23, 2021 landfill stakeholders meeting, which has been posted to MDE's [website](#). As proposed in the draft regulatory framework, the regulations would significantly reduce the threshold for requiring the installation, operation, and monitoring of an active gas collection system. In July, the Chapter Legislative Committee distributed a list of potential issues presented in the framework. MDE is currently reviewing comments submitted on the framework and is developing a draft regulation, which is expected to be published soon.

Delaware Legislative

The 2022 Delaware General Assembly legislative session convened on January 11, 2021 and will adjourn on June 30, 2022. No updates

District of Columbia Legislative

Council Period 23 began on January 2, 2021 and will end at 12:00 p.m. on January 2, 2023. Currently no bills related to solid waste and recycling are being considered.

News Updates

[New App in Baltimore City Cuts Food Waste](#) – Conduit Street – November 30, 2021

[U.S. is Top Contributor to Plastic Waste, Report Shows](#) – Washington Post – December 1, 2021

[Ford Bronco Sport First to Feature Parts Made of 100% Recycled Ocean Plastic](#) – Green Car Congress – December 9, 2021

[Bugs Across Globe are Evolving to Eat Plastic, Study Finds](#) – The Guardian – December 14, 2021

[3G Networks are Shutting Down: What Does That Mean for Your Cellphone](#) – Conduit Street – December 14, 2021 – *Something to consider for remote monitoring of landfill management systems.*

[2021 Saw Two States Enact a New Plastic Packaging Fee Program](#) – Forbes – December 31, 2021

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Finance Committee Report
Presented by Jennifer M. Padgett
01/05/2022

1. Received proposed budgets from committees
2. In the process of compiling budget to present to the Board