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Message from the President

Wow! July already. I believe I have touched upon this a few times now, but it seems that the clock ticks faster and faster these days. I am late in getting this newsletter out to all of you and for that I apologize. Hopefully a few of you have wondered where it has been (at least that is what I'd like to think and that this does not go directly to the deleted folder). 2022 continues to be a busy year with continued consolidation in our industry, new regulations impacting our industry, and of course the economic conditions that are changing how we plan, operate, and execute on a daily basis. If anyone has figured out how to navigate this market, please share and our members will be grateful for the advice, I am sure.

Please enjoy this newsletter.

SCHOLARSHIPS

SNE SWANA is proud to continue our program of offering scholarship funds to our members. This year our Chapter awarded 3 scholarships totaling \$6,000 to three well deserving recipients.

- Amanda Siciliano – Graduate student pursuing a degree in Materials Science & Engineering at University of Maryland, College Park
- Mary Jasmine DeVivo – HS Senior – plans on attending University of Connecticut
- Silas VanLaarhoven – HS Senior – plans on attending University of Massachusetts (Lowell)

Our Scholarship Committee did a great job evaluating all the applications and awarding the scholarships. In addition, the Committee nominated Amanda Siciliano for the National program, hoping to make our Chapter the recipient of a National award two years in a row. Good luck to Amanda.

SAFETY MATTERS

Did you know that SWANA offers the weekly Safety Matters in English, Spanish and now French? You can sign up to receive these in your inbox every week. Head to the www.swana.org website for more information.

REGULATORY UPDATES

Massachusetts: OSHA has issued a [proposed rule](#) to approve a new occupational safety and health plan (state plan) for Massachusetts state and local employers and their employees. Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act, state and local government employers are specifically excluded from federal coverage. However, the Act provides for States to assume responsibility for occupational safety and health programs under the State's own plan, which must be approved by OSHA and at least as effective as the federal program. Each State Plan must include coverage of state and local employees. If approved, Massachusetts would be the newest OSHA-approved State Plan for state and local government employees and would cover approximately 6,500 public sector employers and nearly 434,000 public employees throughout the state. Private sector and federally employed workers would remain under federal OSHA jurisdiction. Comments and requests for an informal hearing will be accepted for 30 days following publication electronically at www.regulations.gov, which is the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal.

EPA: June 15th, 2022 – SWANA co-signed a letter to the USEPA supporting policy and practical solutions that will accelerate the cleanup of PFAS in the environment yet urging the agency to evaluate the unintended consequences of designating PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances under CERCLA. If the Agency moves forward with this action, it could have direct negative economic impacts to owners and operators of

landfill, water systems, and wastewater systems, public and private. These impacts would be felt across the spectrum and eventually to the many households and businesses that rely on our services. SWANA and many other agencies stand ready to engage with the Agency to develop sound and comprehensive rules to protect human health and the environment and avoid unintended consequences.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The SNE Chapter will be launching a self-study training event in the second half of 2022 that will consist of on-line learning partnered with weekly meetings to discuss the material and to hear from guest speakers to discuss real life situations. At the conclusion of the training attendees will be able to take the associated SWANA exam and become certified in the subject matter. We are nearing the end of the planning stages and will be rolling out details in the next few weeks. If you are interested in the program or being an expert during one of the weekly sessions, please reach out to myself or Phil Goddard and we can discuss.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- SWANA – WasteCon 2022 – December 5-8, 2022, San Diego, CA. Join SWANA for this Premier Leadership Experience and shape the future of the industry. Registration information [here](#).
- NERC – Fall Conference – November 2-3, 2022, Hartford South Hotel, Rocky Hill, CT. Information and registration will be available soon and can be found at the NERC website.
- NERC – “the Nuts & Bolts to Starting a Glass Recycling Program in a Rural Area” – June 29, 2022, 1 hour event. Registration information [here](#).
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WHATS IN THE NEWS?

- City of Springfield, MA – The Massachusetts’ Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) unveiled [Me and My Bin](#), a video about the important roles MRFs and individuals play in maintaining a strong U.S. recycling program.
- Maine – recently passed [LD 1639](#), limiting the amount of waste a facility can accept from out of

the State. This rule may have an impact on the overall solid waste disposal market for the remainder of New England.

SNE SWANA Annual Golf Event

Our Annual Golf Event is scheduled for Monday August 8, 2022, at the LeBaron Hills County Club, Lakeville, MA. This event raises funds for our annual scholarship program, where the Chapter looks to award upwards of \$5,000 each year to well deserving recipients. Please plan on attending to help support this effort. Even if you cannot attend, sponsorships are always welcomed. Registration and sponsorship information can be found [here](#). We look forward to seeing you there.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Have you ever wondered how you can be more involved in the Chapter? Come on, I know many of you are sitting there right now asking that exact question. Becoming a Board Member is a great first step and opportunity to showcase you experience and expertise in the industry. Our annual elections will be held in December 2022 and our Nominating Committee is looking for candidates. If you are interested in joining our Board, please reach out to me at via email.

WASTECON 2023

WasteCon is officially coming back to Boston in September 2023. The event will be held September 27-29 at the Hynes Convention Center. As the Host Chapter, we look forward to welcoming our peers to our great area for this Premier Leadership Experience. Our Board will be creating a committee to help plan, organize and execute on this event. If interested in helping out, please reach out via email and provide your contact details. Our expectation is that the Committee will begin meetings late in Q3.

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