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Message from the President

Seems that the time goes by quicker and quicker these days. As we approach Springtime and the signs of nature waking up, it is a good time to take stock of where we are and our goals moving forward. What changes are occurring for you? Perhaps you are thinking about ways to become more active, whether physically, mentally, personally, or professionally. Getting involved with our Chapter may help you solve some of that desire to expand your professional network and meet some new folks. Our Chairpersons are looking for your help in the following areas:

- Membership – help us develop programs to support and recognize our members as well as to recruit new members.
- Programming – Is there a nagging issue you wish folks would talk about? Join us to help develop training or professional development programs that talk about those issues.
- Scholarship – one of our main goals is to give back to our members with scholarships. It is that time of year where some of us have kids applying to colleges and looking for funding to help pay those bills. Help us develop programs to raise funds so we can give back even more each year.
- Advocacy/Legislative – do you love reading regulations and new legislation? I mean who doesn't, right! If so, this is the committee for you. Help us keep track of what is occurring in our area and pass that information on to our members.

If you are interested in joining any of the above committees or just want to be an active part of the Chapter please reach out to any of the Board members or Committee chairs to express your interest. The contact information can be found at the end of this newsletter. We look forward to your participation.

SAFETY MATTERS

Separation Matters - Separation of vehicles at a receiving facility is important to maintain the safety of everyone. SNE SWANA reminds its members to train your receiving employees to enforce the safe separation of vehicles, based on type, contents, etc, when depositing their materials at your facility. Unfortunately, our industry experienced another unnecessary death at a landfill in Louisiana due to a trailer dump tipping over and killing a driver of an adjacent truck. Proper separation and facility practices would most likely have avoided this from occurring.

REGULATORY UPDATES

2021 MSGP Update. Attention facility owners and operators of landfills, transfer stations and recycling facilities: The long-awaited update of the [Multi-Sector General Permit \(MSGP\)](#) was published by the EPA and went into effect on March 1st, 2021. The updated permit incorporates revisions for a variety of components of the 2015 permit, including requirements for benchmark monitoring and signage. Operators with permit coverage under the 2015 MSGP (which has been administratively continued) have until **May 30, 2021**, to submit a new Notice of Intent (NOI). The 2021 MSGP applies in areas of the country where EPA is the NPDES permitting authority, including four states (Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Idaho and New Mexico) and federally operated facilities in Colorado, Delaware, Vermont and Washington. We encourage you to reach out to your environmental consultant to make sure your facility and organization remain in compliance with the new permit.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

SNE SWANA will be hosting an upcoming event on the new Multi-Sector General Permit and its impacts on our industry. This will be help virtually in the next few months. More information to follow.

Do you have a topic you wish someone would talk about? Please reach out and let us know. Our Board will see if we have the local expertise to help pull together a training event focused on issues that concern you.

ODDS & ENDS

Scholarship Application:

Do you have a student in college or about to attend? Are you a Young Professional with some college debt to pay off? We are pleased to announce that the 2021 SWANA Scholarship process has started and the SNE Chapter is now accepting applications. Application materials and information can be found on our website at www.sneswana.org. The deadline is May 15, 2021 to be considered for the SWANA 2021 International and Chapter scholarships; so please don't delay in getting the materials submitted.

CONGRATULATIONS University of Vermont:

SNE SWANA offers its congratulations to the University of Vermont for winning 1st Place in the International Solid Waste Design Competition (SWDC) recently held virtually. The SWDC is a student team competition that looks to solve “real world” problems faced by solid waste professionals. This year's project challenged teams to develop innovative solutions to closing the Bakoteh Dumpsite in Kanifing, Gambia and to offer changes to develop a modern solid waste management system. All of the teams presented well thought out solutions and I am sure that these students will prove to be great assets to our solid waste community. Interested in the presentations or resumes from the student teams for recruitment, you can find more information at the [SWDC website](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- EBC Eighth Annual New England “Talking Trash” Conference – April 9, 2021 – Virtual Conference – [REGISTER HERE](#).
- Scholarship Application – the 2021 SWANA International and SNE Chapter SWANA applications are due May 15, 2021.
- Lithium Battery Webinar Series – Organized by NEWMOA & NERC in partnership with the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) New England Chapters, MassRecycle, & the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA) – FREE Webinar series:

- Lithium Battery Webinar Series: Overview of Lithium Batteries, Their Uses, and Recycling – May 18, 2021 – [register here](#).
- Examples of Actions by Waste Haulers & Storage & Processing Facilities to Reduce the Risk of Fires Associated with Lithium Batteries – May 25, 2021 – [register here](#).

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

- Western Recycling has a new C&D Processing system at its Wilbraham, MA location. A video of the system can be found [here](#).
- In Connecticut, DEEP and about 75 municipalities from across the state have formed the Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management (CCSMM) to explore ways to reduce the amount of waste that is generated, improve reuse, recycling, organics collection, and other innovative solutions. As part of the CCSMM Initiative, four Working Groups have been established to focus on specific areas of interest. Presentations and materials from the Working Group meetings can be found on each specific Working Group page, as follows:
 - Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Working Group
 - Food Scraps/Organics Collection & Diversion Working Group
 - Increase Recycling Working Group
 - Unit-Based Pricing (UBP) Working Group

Separately, The Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy (CMMS) remains the official state-wide solid waste management plan. The CMMS is a roadmap to achieve the state's goal of 60 percent diversion of materials from disposal by 2024.

Juxtaposed next to these planning activities is news that MIRA plans to redevelop the Hartford WTE Facility as a Transfer Station effective July 1, 2022. Also, MIRA will stop processing recyclables at its Recycling Facility on July 1, 2021.

Stay tuned as the waste management situation evolves in Connecticut!

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