

# SWANA

## SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Newsletter

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### Message from the President

As we come to the end of the summer season I hope everyone had some time to enjoy the, shall I say warm weather, with friends and family over the past few months. Many of us need to be reminded that it is good to step away from the business of life and just relax, recharge, and soak in the quiet. This helps rebuild our mind and body each time to be able to face the next challenge ahead of us.

The SNE SWANA Chapter held another successful golf tournament in August raising funds for our annual scholarship winners. The event was well attended at a new venue, so thank you to all that attended. Now that we have turned the corner heading into fall, our Chapter will be being planning for WasteCon 2023. Please read more about that later in the newsletter and join us in planning this great event.

Please enjoy this newsletter.

### GOLF TOURNAMENT / SCHOLARSHIPS

SNE SWANA held its annual Golf Tournament at LeBaron Country Club in early August. Over 50 golfers attended the event and luncheon to help raise funds for our annual scholarship awards. This event raised nearly \$5,000 allowing us to continue our tradition of supporting members and their families each year. Thank you again to all of our sponsors who support this event. Each of them are listed below, so please thank and support them if you can.

Brown and Caldwell	CEC
Commonwealth Resources	GZA
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SCS	SITEC Environmental
Tighe & Bond	WIN-Waste Innovations



PHOTO: (L to R) Ron St. Michel – Chair of Scholarship Committee with scholarship winners Silas VanLaarhoven, Mary Jasmine DeVivo and Amanda Siciliano (not pictured)

### BOARD ELECTIONS

Board elections will take place in December at our Annual Business Meeting. The Board continues to look for members willing to serve a two-year term. If interested, please reach out to me via email and we can further discuss the opportunity to serve. It will be an exciting time as we plan for WasteCon 2023.

### REGULATORY UPDATES

**Massachusetts:** New MADEP Waste Bans go into effect on November 1, 2022. Is your company ready? If not reach out to one of our many firms represented by our Board and Chapter members to assist you in preparing for these changes.

**EPA:** USEPA has issued the final NPDES General Permit for Dewatering and Remediation Activity Discharges, effective August 31, 2022. Please review your permit

activities and talk to your consultants to ensure you are covered and have the appropriate measures in place.

**PFAS:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a [pre-publication version](#) of a proposed rule to designate two PFAS compounds as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). This rule has the potential to increase liability at many solid waste disposal facilities. SWANA Executive Director & CEO David Biderman continues to work through the staff and Technical Divisions to comment on these potential rules to inform the various agencies of the issues this will pose to our industry. SNE Chapter encourages all our members to review these rules and submit comments as appropriate to your legislative members.

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The SNE Chapter is collaborating with MassRecycle to offer a unique training opportunity for the SWANA Zero Waste Management Course. While this will be a self-paced course, we will be holding weekly sessions and guest speakers to discuss real life situations and offer their valuable insights into application of the course material. At the conclusion of the training attendees will be able to take the associated SWANA exam and become certified in the subject matter. This course will be offered at a good discount to Members so please take advantage of the training to keep our industry moving in the right direction.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- NAHMMMA Northeast Chapter Fall 2022 – FREE Virtual Workshops, October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 10am-1:30pm. Information and registration [here](#)
- 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.

## WHATS IN THE NEWS?

- Westminster, MA – Boston Globe reported on elevated levels of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) impacting properties adjacent to the fertilizer site. For more information on

PFAS issues and biosolids check out our website at [www.sneswana.org](http://www.sneswana.org)

- SWANA – June 2022 published the Forward, Together – SWANA Strategic Plan 2023-2027 outlining the goals and objectives as we look at the future challenges and opportunities.
- Massachusetts – Climate Bill H5060, recently signed by the Governor, includes biogas from aerobic digesters and landfill gas facilities to be eligible for the state’s peak energy incentive program. Wastedive article with more details [here](#).

## WASTECON 2023

WasteCon is officially coming back to Boston in 2023. The event will be held September 27-29, 2023 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 2022.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

As part of the SWANA Family, albeit out of New Jersey, we wanted to introduce you to Y-pers, a family-owned company operating out of the Philadelphia area since 1922. Y-pers specializes in supplying quality safety and spill response products to its customers. Their years of experience helps them provide their Waste Service customers with the knowledge they need to keep everyone safe. Y-pers supplies top customers from Republic, Waste Management, Interstate Waste Services, and Athena everything from Hi Visibility Clothing, Cut Proof Gloves and disposable Nitrile gloves that they know will last. Dealing with them means you’re dealing with the manufacturer, guaranteeing great prices on anything you need. Y-pers can be reached by phone 215-289-6507 or via website at [www.ypers.com](http://www.ypers.com).

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District seeks to fill the position of Assistant Director / Operations Manager. Information can be found [here](#)

# Chapter Officers and Board of Directors

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## *Officers*

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**Brian N. Card, P.E.**      **President**  
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