



Message from the SWANA VA President (Pete Carrico)

Greetings SWANA members! I hope that 2016 has brought excitement and opportunity for you and that SWANA has or will fit into your continued success. With nearly two months passed, the days are getting a little longer, pointing to the return of spring and the rejuvenation that comes with it. Our Program Committee, led by Ben Loveday, is working hard to organize and plan Our Chapter’s Annual Conference, which is a few short months away. At our February Board of Directors’ meeting, we agreed that this event is going to be special! Please make plans to attend; as a reminder, we’ll be in Virginia Beach, May 18 – 20. There is more information in this edition of the newsletter as well as on the Chapter website at www.swnanva.org.



In January, the Virginia Old Dominion Chapter was pleased to participate in SWANA’s Safety Ambassador Program, which has begun in earnest. We have two Ambassadors serving us, including Jerod Roberts and Dennis Batts (see accompanying article), as we continue to stress the value and importance of safety in the Virginia solid waste community. Both Jerod and Dennis will be available to support members’ safety practices through their participation in the Safety Ambassador Program. Stay tuned for more information as the program develops.

As announced earlier this month, the 2015 elections were completed and I am pleased have Aaron White with HDR joining our Board of Directors. Aaron will be our Membership Committee Chair, helping our Chapter to continue to be a great resource for both current and future members. I announced our other new Board Member, Mike Lawless with Draper Aden, in my last message; introductions of both Aaron and Mike are included in this newsletter.

Stay warm – Spring will be here before we know it!

New Members - SWANA Old Dominion Chapter

The SWANA - Old Dominion Chapter would like to welcome the following new members:

- ◆ Duane Hendricks - County of Fairfax
- ◆ David Johnson - County of Fairfax
- ◆ John Clark - Frederick County
- ◆ Lori Scozzafava - GBB
- ◆ Ljupka Arsova - GBB
- ◆ Reva Martin - County of Fairfax
- ◆ Richard Cook - Prince William County
- ◆ April Swanson - Henrico County
- ◆ Gaynelle Hart - City of Lynchburg
- ◆ Jeff Smith - County of Rockingham
- ◆ George Coughlin - CRAM-A-LOT
- ◆ Thomas McKim - Loudoun County
- ◆ Michael Gibbons - SCS Engineers
- ◆ Ryan Duckett - SCS Engineers
- ◆ Laurel Halperin - York County
- ◆ Michael Williams - City of VA Beach
- ◆ Emily Archer - Wastequip/Toter
- ◆ Stephen Simmons - GBB
- ◆ Samuel Johnson - Spotsylvania County
- ◆ Robert Derryberry - Bedford County
- ◆ Joe Bird - Trash Away Inc.
- ◆ Steven Carl - Progressive Environmental Services

Board Update

The SWANA Old Dominion Chapter has recently filled two vacant board member positions. Mike Lawless, P.G., Principal/Executive Vice President and Environmental Services Division Manager at Draper Aden Associates and Aaron White, P.G., Professional Associate/Project Manager with HDR have graciously joined the Board. Mike and Aaron bring an excellent range of experience and capabilities that will serve the membership well and both have hit the ground running by volunteering to be the Membership Committee Chairman (Mike) and Training Committee Chairman (Aaron). Please see Mike's and Aaron's bios below along with an updated board roster at the bottom of the page.



Mike Lawless is a Principal and Executive Vice President with Draper Aden Associates as well as the Environmental Division Manager. He has 30 years of experience in environmental consulting. He began his career in South Carolina working on the hazardous waste landfill in Pinewood. Mike received a BS degree in Geology from Bates College and an MS degree in Geology from Old Dominion University. He is a National Past President of the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) and the President of the Virginias Section of AIPG. He is a registered professional geologist in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Mike grew up in the Boston area and is a diehard Red Sox fan. He even remembers when the players used to smoke in the dugout! Like most geologists Mike is a beer drinker, and he also enjoys the occasional bourbon and Scotch.



Aaron White is a Project Manger and Professional Geologist with HDR engineering. He has been working in the solid waste industry for the last 18 years. He is also licensed in Virginia as a Class II Facility Operator. Mr. White specialized in the operation, monitoring, and permitting of Municipal Solid Waste Landfills. He works locally on facilities across Virginia, North Carolina, and works nationally with other HDR offices as a national expert. Mr. White has been interested in the environment and geology since his childhood running through the woods of the Appalachian Mountains of southwestern Virginia. After, graduating with a BS in Geology from Virginia Tech, he started out his career on the back of a drill rig installing monitoring wells, coring rock, and other geotechnical investigations. A few months later, he was pulled in to work on a groundwater report for a landfill in southwestern Virginia. This event set Mr. White on his career in solid waste. Since joining SWANA in 2004, he has contributed to SWANA through presentations at both the annual and QuadState Conference in addition to WASTECON. He has also served on the Technical Committee of the Old Dominion Chapter and now serves as the Membership Committee Chair. In his off time, he enjoys spending time with his wife and three boys and woodworking.

Board Officers:

- ◆ President - Pete Carrico, SCS Engineers
- ◆ Vice President - John Barnes, City of Virginia Beach
- ◆ Treasurer - Kim Hynes, CVWMA
- ◆ Secretary - Anthony Creech, Resource International
- ◆ International Board Member - Ray McGowan, Waste Management
- ◆ Past President - Steve Geissler, VPPSA

Committee Chairman:

- ◆ Awards and scholarships - S. Cash
- ◆ Membership - M. Lawless
- ◆ Communications - J. Clary
- ◆ Technical - J. Barnes
- ◆ Conference Program - B. Loveday
- ◆ Training - A. White
- ◆ Legislative - T. Torrez

Board Members:

- ◆ Sheldon Cash, Bedford County
- ◆ Jon Clary, P.E., Henrico County
- ◆ Mike Lawless, P.G., Draper Aden Associates
- ◆ Clark Gibson, P.E., Region 2000
- ◆ John Kellas, Fairfax County
- ◆ Benjamin Loveday, P.E., Spotsylvania County
- ◆ Timothy Torrez, P.E., Republic Services
- ◆ Aaron White, P.G., HDR
- ◆ Justin Williams, VA DEQ, Ex Officio Member

Safety Ambassadors



Dennis Batts is the Manager for Emergency Operations and Safety for the Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program. Dennis is a graduate of George Mason University (geology). Dennis's work experience includes environmental consulting, the Virginia DEQ, and his current role with Fairfax County. Dennis has helped lead the organization to significant reductions in accidents and injuries by creating a stronger safety culture through creative outreach strategies that motivate and engage workers, front-line supervisors, and executive leaders. Dennis has been recognized on numerous occasions which include a SWANA Excellence Award (for safety) and numerous employee and outstanding performance awards for safety program improvements, leadership, innovation, and teamwork. Speaking of teamwork, Dennis is a father of four, and readily admits that it is as much *that* role which fuels his passion for occupational safety.



Jerod A. Roberts is the Superintendent of Waste Collections for the City of Virginia Beach. Jerod's work experience includes being a General Manager for a transport company and a route manager for a private waste hauling company. Throughout Jerod's career, he has implemented Drivecam and 100% Committed to Safety Program. In his current role, Jerod has helped not only improve the CSA Score and reduce the overall accident /injury rates , but has been successful in improving the safety culture for his waste collection group.

VA Department of Environmental Quality Update

As winter slowly dissipates and spring is on the horizon, DEQ continues on its goal to improve the way we operate and engage with stakeholders. Specifically, DEQ has been working on these items:

- ◆ In an effort to improve coordination and implementation of all solid waste programs from permitting to recycling, the Office of Waste Permitting and Compliance was combined with the Office of Financial Responsibility and Data Management to form the Office of Financial Responsibility and Waste Programs. All solid waste functions will be handled in this Office;
- ◆ DEQ posted updated ACL values to its website;
- ◆ DEQ has provided outreach in the form of webinars to those stakeholders specifically concerned with the Solid Waste Information and Assessment Report (SWIA), Recycling Rate Report, and Solid Waste Planning Updates;
- ◆ DEQ conducted listening sessions with the Southwest Virginia Solid Waste Management Association, the Northern Virginia Waste Management Board and Central Virginia Waste Management regarding solid waste planning;
- ◆ DEQ sent out Groundwater Use Surveys to some landfills to get better information regarding private well use surrounding landfills in groundwater corrective action to make better, reasonable decisions at these sites. The surveys are currently being scored and those with a higher "risk" will undergo further review to ensure that no modifications to the GW CA plan are needed; and,
- ◆ DEQ is working on upgrading its internal data management system which should result in more efficient inspections and streamlined data capturing in the solid waste management program.

Provided by: Leslie D. Beckwith, Office of Financial Responsibility and Waste Programs, Office Director

SWANA - Old Dominion Annual Conference

Now the weather is warm and it's time to start thinking of the beach! So why not start by attending the SWANA 2016 Virginia Conference being held at the Hilton on the Virginia Beach Oceanfront, May 18 to May 20? This year's conference space is located at the heart of the Virginia Beach Oceanfront, directly on the boardwalk and right next to Neptune's statue! Come join us on Wednesday for a complimentary ocean cruise along the Virginia Beach oceanfront or take time to join the annual golf tournament. Afterwards join us for our technical sessions to discuss the latest in technology and the solid waste industry. Hotel space is filling up fast so we encourage you to book early! Please go to <http://www.swanava.org/> for registration and hotel information. Hope to see you there!



Training Opportunities

Event	Date	Registration Opens	CEUs
SWANA Old Dominion Annual Conference	May 18, 2016 - May 20, 2016	Open	TBD
Regulatory Training - Richmond Area	October 2016	Early Fall	TBD
Safety Training - Henrico County Operations Center	November 2016	Early Fall	TBD

Technical Tours

Two technical tours have been scheduled for 2016. Please see the schedule below. Please let us know if you have any ideas for any upcoming technical tours by sending an email to John Barnes JCBarnes@vbgov.com.

◆ **Van der Linde Recycling**

March 31, 2016, 9:30AM to 11:00AM
 Address: 73 Hunters Branch Road
 Troy, VA 22974

◆ **Louisa County Landfill (artificial turf closure cap)**

March 31, 2016, 9:30AM to 11:00AM
 Address: 807 Moorefield Road
 Mineral, VA 23117

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