

Keystone

For the Solid Waste Professionals of the Keystone Chapter of SWANA

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A Message from SWANA President Timothy Hartman



I feel a little bit like Sally Field accepting her second Best Actress Oscar for her performance in "Places in the Heart." Okay, that

might be a stretch, but it is humbling to be entrusted the mantle worn by such SWANA Keystone Chapter luminaries as Ellen O'Connor, Jim Warner, Bob Watts, Chuck Raudenbush and Robert Hasemeier.

As I am sure my predecessors will agree, the success of any given SWANA Keystone administration never is the result of just one person. The many and varied activities of the Chapter require the dedication of many. In my first letter to the membership, I would like to spotlight some members of the Chapter leadership that keep the organization humming. Further along in the newsletter you will find the listing of the Chapter's committee organization membership along with contact information for the committee chairs. (Or "A complete list of Chapter

officers, committees and committee members can be found on the Chapter website at www.KeystoneSwana.org.) Feel free to contact committee chairs directly with suggestions or if you have an interest in joining a committee. Input is always welcome.

First, let me acknowledge the continuing efforts of Kay Dougherty, the Chapter Secretariat, who, with the support of the Secretariat Committee chaired by Ellen O'Connor, is the glue that holds the Chapter together.

Next, on behalf of the Chapter membership, I want to thank our Immediate Past President and Continuing Board Member, Robert Hasemeier for his contributions – especially in reorganizing the Chapter committee structure. We are particularly grateful to Robert's firm, Barton & Loguidice, and in particular his colleague, Erin Bullard, for producing the Chapter newsletter. Under B&L's stewardship, the newsletter has become a top-notch industry publication chocked full of useful information.

Please See "President's Message" on page 11

LCSWMA Releases Community Sustainability Report



The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) has released a report that documents the philosophy and actions behind its involvement in community sustainability for Lancaster County.

Over the years, LCSWMA expanded its reach beyond that of just managing the municipal solid waste for Lancaster County. Recognizing its connectivity to the local area, the organization embarked upon a journey of community sustainability, targeting five related goals:

1. Protect the environment by managing solid waste and recyclables in an environmentally safe, reliable and efficient manner;
2. Preserve local heritage by conserving open space,

protecting native habitat and natural resources;

3. Increase renewable energy production and decrease energy consumption;
4. Explore and employ sustainable policies and technologies; and
5. Redefine boundaries through regionalization and community partnership.

“While our core mission has not wavered” says Jim Warner, CEO for LCSWMA, “our approach to fulfilling that mission has expanded. LCSWMA is committed to serving the community with excellence, while also investing our resources in sustainable initiatives for the betterment of the residents we serve every day.”

Community sustainability is a continuous process of improvement

and interconnectivity. It requires businesses and community leaders to collaborate and develop innovative solutions that enhance the economic, environmental and social health of its local area and residents. Lancaster County is joining other progressive communities around the world in this sustainability movement.

“After reading our report, the Authority hopes residents, organizations and businesses will be inspired to discover ways they too can help make Lancaster County a more sustainable place to live and work,” says Warner. Those interested in reading LCSWMA’s Community Sustainability report can download a copy by visiting their website at www.lcswma.org.

Submitted By: Kathryn Sandoe, Communications Manager, Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority

Keep York County Beautiful for their Volunteer Cleanup Program

The Keep It category of the “Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful” Gold Shovel Awards went to the York County Solid Waste Authority (YCSWA). The York County Solid Waste Authority is a founding member of the advisory board of Keep York County Beautiful. To help get dumpsites cleaned and keep them clean, the YCSWA has a program that offers volunteer groups free disposal of waste



for cleanups year round. There is no maximum amount of waste a volunteer group can bring to the YCSWA. They have also distributed thousands of KPB Open Your Eyes to Litter booklets and KPB education materials and this past year offered residents free tire

disposal over a period of a month in support of Keep York County Beautiful to prevent and eliminate illegal dumping and to educate residents about proper tire disposal. The YCSWA has announced they will do the same type of tire collection in 2013.

*Taken from: <http://www.keppabeautiful.org/GrantsAwards/GoldShovelAwards.aspx>
Submitted by: Diane Roskos.*

LCSWMA Receives International Habitat Conservation Award



Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) recently received international recognition for its contributions to wildlife habitat conservation at the Wildlife Habitat Council's (WHC) 24th Annual Symposium in Baltimore, MD.

WHC President, Margaret O'Gorman, recognized LCSWMA for its conservation accomplishments. "The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority is to be congratulated for its successful efforts towards habitat enhancement and biodiversity."

Additionally, LCSWMA achieved *Wildlife at Work*SM recertification for its inactive Creswell Landfill and active Frey Farm Landfill, demonstrating a commitment to environmental stewardship and increasing native biodiversity. The certification program recognizes outstanding wildlife habitat management and environmental education efforts at corporate sites, and offers third-party validation of the benefits of such programs. Certification requirements are strict and require that sites apply for periodic renewal.

"We understand the land on which our disposal sites are located is home to a

variety of animals, plants and insects," says Jim Warner, CEO for LCSWMA, "therefore we believe it's important to provide native wildlife with biologically diverse habitats on which to thrive."



Wildlife from LCSWMA's landfill, a *Wildlife at Work*SM site



As part of its community sustainability initiative, LCSWMA implements a detailed plan to guide land management at its disposal sites. Efforts include a focus on enhancing avian habitat, expanding a native wildflower meadow, identifying and managing invasive species, and enhancing/restoring native habitat on LCSWMA's landfill properties.

One of the keystone projects of LCSWMA's *Wildlife at Work*SM program is the native habitat restoration project at the Chestnut Grove Natural Area. This project will restore approximately 170-acres of former agricultural land to native habitats, while also offering passive recreation and environmental education opportunities.

Work began at the Chestnut Grove Natural Area in early 2012 and will continue until through 2016. Over 2,500 native trees and shrubs were planted in parts of the natural area, with many more planned for the future. This area will also include large tracts of native grasses and wildflowers. Future endeavors include wetland enhancement, pedestrian walking trails, and a three-acre plot designated for tree seedlings planed by the PA Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation.

Those interested in learning more about LCSWMA's wildlife habitat conservation efforts or other community sustainability initiatives, may visit www.lcswma.org.

Written and Submitted By: Kathryn Sandoe, Communications Manager, Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority



Sanitation Symphony: Music from Trash

Life for the children of families living atop the huge Cateura Landfill south of Asunción, Paraguay, is understandably grim. With few resources and little ability to improve their station, the children and their families are forced to survive largely on what they scavenge and recycle from the trash brought into the landfill. But Favio Chávez, a technician who worked at the landfill, had an idea to brighten those children's lives and raise environmental and social awareness at the same time.

A musician, Chávez's plan was simply to form a classical ensemble and teach the children to perform music. But there

was an obvious impediment: How do you outfit an entire orchestra when a single violin costs more than these children's homes?

On a whim Chavez emulated his would-be protégés by salvaging trash and repurposing it into instruments. Initial results were less than encouraging, but through years of experimentation with the timbre of different materials and the help of a particularly artful recycler on the landfill named Cola, he slowly began turning out amazing-sounding string and brass instruments that the children could call their own. Close your eyes and a cello pieced together from an old oil can, discarded wood, and parts from kitchen implements like a meat tenderizer and a gnocchi maker yields sounds indistinguishable from the real thing.

The inspiring story is currently being turned into a documentary, "Landfill Harmonic," by U.S. filmmaker Graham Townsley, and the orchestra has performed internationally.

It's only a matter of time until the kids cut an album and open a tour for the Black-Eyed Peas.

Source: [Latino Fox News](#)

Posted Dec. 7, 2012 by [Steven Averett](#) in [The Heap](#). For story and video, go to Steven's posting here: <http://waste360.com/blog/sanitation-symphony>



Young women carry their instruments along the edge of a polluted stream near a landfill outside Asuncion, Paraguay, on December 11



For another story visit: <http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/12/17/15965768-a-way-out-of-the-landfill-paraguay-kids-play-mozart-with-violins-made-from-trash?lite>

Attention SWANA Keystone Chapter Members College Scholarships are Now Available!

Submission deadline: Friday, March 1, 2013

Who is eligible?

Eligible candidates must be a son, daughter, or grandchild of a Keystone Chapter Member that is currently in good standing.



Applications:

Category I Application

Requirements: Must be graduating high school senior or graduate equivalent certified candidate, that has been accepted for enrollment in a junior college, four-year college, or a university.

Category II Application

Requirements: Must be currently enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university and are entering their junior or senior undergraduate year while pursuing a degree in environmental science, engineering, or suitable major that is related to the field of solid waste management.

The Robert P. Stearns/SCS Engineers Scholarship Award Application

Requirements: Must be a full-time student that is entering or is currently in a graduate school pursuing a degree in environmental science, engineering, or other suitable major that is related to the field of solid waste management.

Please submit all applications and corresponding documentation by **Friday, March 1, 2013** to:

Ms. Kay Dougherty, SWANA Keystone Chapter Secretariat
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or email Kay at kdougherty@keystoneswana.org.

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Take Penn State Survey On Pennsylvania's Water Resources

This is your chance to be heard on the value and importance of water resources in Pennsylvania! Researchers from Penn State along with several other partner agencies are conducting an online survey of Pennsylvania residents about the state's water resources.

The objective of this survey is to collect opinions from a large number of Pennsylvania residents on the current status of our water and how to prioritize funding and other resources to best protect and manage our water resources. This informal survey is intended as a public engagement project and does not necessarily represent a statistical sampling of opinions.

The five-minute survey can be completed online. The survey is open to Pennsylvania residents who are at least 18 years of age. The survey will remain open until February 28, 2013 and a summary of results will be published on the Pennsylvania Water Resources Research Center website in Spring 2013.

This survey is funded by the Pennsylvania Water Resources Research Center and Sea Grant Pennsylvania in partnership with Penn State Extension and the Pennsylvania American Water Resources Association.

Reprinted from Penn State Extension Watershed Winds newsletter. Submitted by: Diane Roskos



CCSWA Youth Hunt a Success

Chester County Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA) Lanchester Landfill held a Youth Hunt on November 29, 2012 with the assistance of the United States Department of Agriculture - Wildlife Services. We had two youth hunters and they each got an 8 point buck. The event was special for the kids since it was their very first time to go hunting.

The program was a success and we plan to hold another hunt next year for disabled youth and a day for disabled veterans. With a proper license from the Pennsylvania Game Commission we will offer each hunter an opportunity to get a buck and a doe. The Youth Hunt was part of the Lanchester Landfill's Deer Management Plan.

The population of deer observed inside the fence was high relative to deer densities recommended for maintaining a healthy habitat. The deer herd needs to be managed to minimize damage (e.g. insufficient native forest regeneration) and to balance the role of deer in the natural environment. CCSWA is a member of the Wildlife Habitat Council and maintains their Wildlife at Work certification.

Submitted By: Dawn Nichols, Assistant Operations Manager, Chester County Solid Waste Authority



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Garbage Truck Serves as Background for Renewal of Wedding Vows



There's only one place in the world Ronnie Keshishian would get his wedding vows renewed — at the foot of an automated side-loader, of course.

It has been 16 years since Ronnie and his bride Rhea said their "I dos" for the first time, in front of a white, Heil Environmental 7000 automated

side-loader. (Ronnie and Rhea's story was featured in our special "[100 Years of the Garbage Truck](#)" issue.)

The first wedding was at the Solid Waste Association of North America's regional Road-E-O in the spring of 1996.

The two renewed their vows — a surprise to Rhea, just as the first wedding was — Dec. 1 in front of a DaDee Manufacturing Scorpion automated side-loader. The truck was brand new, never used by the city of Phoenix. There were about 200 people witnessing the event.

Garbage is in Keshishian's blood, telling his parents when he was

young that he wanted to be a helper. He didn't keep his love-affair with all things garbage trucks away from Rhea either, asking her on one of their first dates, "Do you want to come over and see my garbage trucks?" He was referring to his collection of toy garbage trucks.

Keshishian went to work for a small company in Massachusetts before working for BFI Waste Systems and Waste Management Inc. He eventually moved to Arizona and became a crew leader in Glendale, where he has worked for 19 years.

Submitted by: Diane Roskos, Accessed: <http://www.wasterecyclingnews.com/article/20121217/BLOGS05/121219932/garbage-truck-serves-as-the-background-for-renewal-of-wedding-vows>

In Memoriam of Our Longtime Friend: Charles "Skip" Raabe

PROP's longtime member and dear friend, Charles "Skip" Raabe, 64, died on December 2, 2012 at his home in Economy, PA.

Words seem inadequate to express the sadness that our organization feels about Skip's passing. We send our sincere thoughts and our sympathy to everyone that had the honor of knowing and befriending Skip.

Born April 21, 1948 in Ashland, PA, he was the son of the late Charles and Olive Raabe. Skip was surrounded by his loving family, his

wife of 34 years Margy Law, son Jesse Law Raabe, and daughter-in-law Elizabeth of Economy. He is survived by sister Susan Hudock of Gordon, Pa, niece Amy Wahalec and nephew Michael Hudock.

Skip served proudly in the Air Force from 1968 to 1971, and graduated from Penn State in Civil Engineering. He was employed by Beaver County as the Director of Waste Management. He was a longtime leader of Boy Scout Troop 414 in Economy, and was an avid lover of camping, hunting, and the outdoors.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution may be made to BSA Troop 414, c/o Margy Law, 203 Park Hill Road, Baden PA 15005.

[The Timesonline.com Obituary](#)

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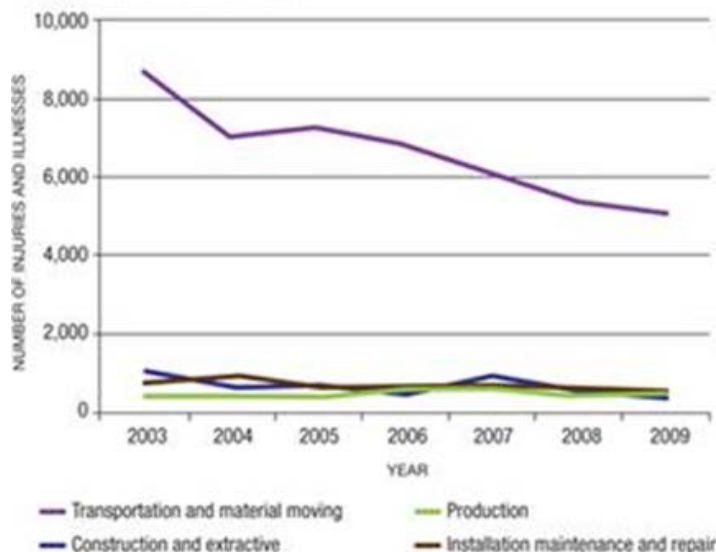
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(Sign Skip's Guestbook)

[Skip Raabe, county waste management director, knew recycling](#) (Timesonline.com)

Another Life Lost in the Course of Duty

DAFW injury and illness by job class
Private solid waste industry



In 2010, 355,000 of the nation's 478,000 solid waste workers were employed by the private sector. Waste Management and Remediation (NAICS 562) consists of three subgroups: collection; treatment and disposal; and other waste remediation services. Collections is, by far, the most dangerous. (In the above chart, DAFW means days away from work.)
Source: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Most of us focus on the negative impact of garbage on the community as a whole:

Landfills are the second- or (depending on the source) third-largest producer of methane, a greenhouse gas far more damaging than carbon dioxide; and we're not doing nearly enough to use landfill gas as an energy resource.

Unlike water and wastewater, federal pollution control programs are voluntary; unless — like this month's cover subjects — we live in a state that requires us to, we don't *have* to reduce, reuse, or recycle. We've made huge strides in recycling since the 1960s, but are now stuck at a plateau.

Few of us focus on the negative impact of garbage on the men and women who make it all just go away. And we should: Solid waste collections is by far the most dangerous job in public works.

An average of 85 people die every year while removing our refuse, and the deaths are horrific. Crushing. Falls from trucks. Decapitation. Asphyxiation. Runovers by trucks and compactors. Solid waste being the most privatized infrastructure service, most are private-sector employees. In fact, according to the National Institute for National Safety and Health, the number of public-sector fatalities remained “relatively unchanged” between 2003 and 2009.

Relatively unchanged doesn't mean zero deaths. I know of at least one public-sector employee who'll be another faceless statistic in federal safety rolls: On April 4, 40-year-old Jason Bruscato was crushed between a utility pole and his refuse truck in a narrow alley. He died 20 minutes after reaching the hospital. He and his partner had worked together for years. They took turns driving one week, off the truck and grabbing cans the next. (Imagine how Bruscato's partner, the truck's driver, feels.)

I didn't know Bruscato, but I work with people who did. Like PUBLIC WORKS readers in general, his actions belied the standard-issue image of government workers. He was a full-time public works employee and part-time fireman, library president, and vice president of the Lyons Club. Notes left on the funeral home's website say things like “no' was not in his vocabulary” and “the entire village has lost a pillar of strength, courage, caring, and love.” Instead of flowers, mourners were asked to send donations to the local animal shelter.

This is the type of person I've come to know as “government worker.”

By Stephanie Johnston
<http://pwmag.com/industry-news.asp?sectionID=760&articleID=1872346>
Submitted by: Robert Hasemeier, PE, BCEE, Barton & Loguidice
Accessed September 27, 2012

Industry Fatalities May Not Have Increased After All – Analysts

Solid waste industry fatalities may not have risen significantly in 2011 after all, according to two industry safety analysts, who said the government report appears to have included workers not generally considered part of the industry.

The Washington-based U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported in September that refuse and recyclable material collectors suffered 34 deaths in 2011 compared with 26 in 2010. That pushed the industry to the fourth most dangerous occupation compared with seventh a year ago.

But those numbers may not tell the real story, says David Biderman, general counsel & director, safety, for the Washington-based National Solid Wastes Management Association (NSWMA).

"It appears there was an increase within a small subgroup of collection employees who are not part of the solid waste industry as defined by the

federal government," he says.

David Utterback has closely followed the solid waste industry safety record for years as senior health scientist and services sector coordinator for the Washington-based National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). The BLS records data two ways, primarily – by occupation and by industry.

The occupational breakdown for refuse and recyclable material collection workers includes recyclable material merchant wholesalers, a sector that deals more with scrap, Utterback says. That subgroup had eight fatalities in 2011 and zero listed for 2010 (the government only includes three or more fatalities in the data). That might account for the increase, Biderman and Utterback say.

By industry, the waste management and remediation category consists of three groups: solid waste collection; waste treatment and disposal; and remediation and other waste manage-

ment services. Utterback says that third group includes operations such as septic tank cleanout and others not generally considered part of the solid waste industry.

By industry classification solid waste industry fatalities rose to 64 in 2011 from 52 the previous year. Again, the subgroup in question may be responsible: Fatalities in that sector rose to 20 in 2011 compared with 8 in 2010. The news is even more encouraging for the industry when just looking at private sector collection industry fatalities. They fell to 24 in 2011 from 27 a year earlier, Utterback says. For the waste treatment and disposal category private sector, fatalities dropped to 9 from 10.

Also, the public sector saw no changes in the solid waste industry for fatalities in 2011 compared with 2010. "This is an indication that we're at least staying on track," Utterback says. "Of course we'd like to see them lower, but the number of fatalities seems to be holding steady."

By: Allan Gerlat, Waste Age

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Note of interest—sponsors to either the Road-E-O or the annual Chapter meeting will receive a free advertisement in the next issue of the Keystone Chapter newsletter.

2013 Fall Conference- Save The Date

Planning is underway for the 15th Fall Conference, jointly sponsored by the Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania Association of Host Municipal Inspectors and SWANA Keystone Chapter, to be held September 10 and 11, 2013 at the Harrisburg Hilton. Sponsorship and Exhibit opportunities are available and the exhibitor registration form is included on the next page. Individuals interested in making presentations may submit an abstract to George Barstar, Conference Chair, at georgebarstar@verizon.net by March 31, 2013. The Harrisburg Hilton has reserved a block of rooms at a special conference rate of \$124.00 per night for September 9th through 11th and reservations can be made with the Hotel at 717-233-6000. Look for the full registration brochure to be sent to you in mid-spring.

The next Newsletter will be distributed
Mid-May 2013.

All article submissions are due to
[Robert Hasemeier](mailto:Robert.Hasemeier@verizon.net) by end of April, 2013.

Article submissions are welcomed from any member of the Keystone Chapter.

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And yet another of our past Presidents, Bob Watts, Chester County’s Solid Waste Authority Director, continues to contribute his time and talent to the Chapter. Bob serves on the Board as its International Director and co-chairs the exciting ROAD-E-O Committee along with our newest private sector Board member, Mark Pederson of Republic Services. Mark was elected to fill the seat on the Board previously held by his energetic

Republic Services colleague, Tim O’Donnell. Tim was promoted within the company and is responsible for a new and expanded territory. Good luck Tim!

Bob Zorbaugh, COO of the diverse Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority, has been installed as Chapter VP and is now just a heartbeat away. Bob was replaced as Secretary by Bryan Wehler, a senior engineer with the

ARM Group. Bob has agreed to co-chair with Bryan the very gratifying Scholarship Committee for the first year of this term.

The Chapter owes a debt of gratitude to Steve Tucker, Director of Lycoming County Resource Management Services who as Treasurer during the 2010-2012 term did so much to modernize the Chapter’s accounting and financial reporting systems. Accepting the Treasurer’s baton from Steve is Larry Taylor, Executive Director of

the Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority. The position of Chapter Treasurer requires regular and concentrated attention. We are thankful that Larry volunteered to run for this office and even more thankful he was elected.

Another of our past Presidents, Chuck Raudenbush of Waste Management, has agreed to lighten my load by taking over the chair of the Legislative/Policy Committee. I will remain on the committee. Chuck along with Board Member Michelle Nestor of Nestor Resources, are the newest additions to the Program/Training Committee chaired by George Barstar of Barstar Geotechnical & Environmental Services and John Wood of CH2M Hill.

These are some of the more notable changes in the Chapter leadership. A complete score card of Chapter Committees and Membership can be found on the Chapter website: www.KeystoneSwana.org.

I look forward to meeting you all personally at the February 14, 2012 Mini-Technical Conference in Harrisburg. 🌐



Passing the torch!

News You Can Use...Pennsylvania

Unfinished Business: PA Supreme Court Decision On Marcellus Shale Drilling Law

On September 17 the Pennsylvania Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the appeal of a Commonwealth Court decision in July striking down provisions of Act 13, the Marcellus Shale drilling law, restricting the application of local zoning to drilling operations and provisions requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to issue waivers to setback requirements. The Court has yet to make a decision on the appeal. Meanwhile an injunction prohibiting Commonwealth agencies from enforcing these provisions remains in effect.

PWIA Disappointed By Monroe County Court Decision Upholding Fee System On Waste


The Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association (PWIA) said it was disappointed by a Monroe County judge's refusal to block the Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority from imposing a county fee on private waste companies as a condition of contracting to dispose of waste generated in the county.

The Monroe County Court of Common Pleas ruled in favor of the authority without issuing an explanatory ruling. The fee system was included in a request for proposals issued by the authority earlier this year.

PWIA President Tim O'Donnell said, "We are disappointed by the decision. We continue to believe that the authority's plan will result in Monroe County residents being burdened unnecessarily with higher costs for disposal of their trash and will damage the efficiency of waste disposal in a competitive marketplace."

O'Donnell said PWIA will decide later whether or not to appeal the decision.

PWIA represents private-sector recyclers, waste haulers, and landfill operators throughout Pennsylvania and is the state chapter of the National Solid Wastes Management Association.




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Under the authority's request for proposals, waste companies will be required to sell disposal space at their facilities to the authority and give the authority the right to dictate the fee charged for that space.

PWIA argued in a hearing in early November that the plan was a roundabout way of imposing a "disguised" county administrative fee. Commonwealth Court ruled in 2005 that Act 101, passed by the legislature in 1988, preempts counties from imposing such fees.

O'Donnell said the legislature passed Act 101 to ensure a uniform system of solid waste management and recycling regulation statewide. "If individual counties and municipal authorities are allowed to impose their own fees on the solid waste industry," he said, "we will

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end up with an impossible crazy quilt of different rules, regulations, and fees all over Pennsylvania, undermining a fundamental purpose of Act 101 and placing higher costs on "disposal customers."

Election, Retiring Legislators Means Change Of Key Environmental Committee Leadership

With the retirement of two Chairs of the Senate and House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee and a switch from the House to the Senate for a third Chair, the new session of the General Assembly will mean an almost complete turnover of environmental leadership in the Senate and House.

Sen. Mary Jo White (R-Venango), Majority Chair of the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, announced her retirement at the end of 2011. She served as Chair of the Committee for 12 years.

Rep. Camille George (D-Clearfield), Minority Chair of the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee,

announced his retirement at the beginning of 2012. He served as both Majority and Minority Chair of the Committee for 29 years.

Rep. Scott Hutchinson (R-Venango), Majority Chair of the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, was elected to the Senate this month to replace Sen. Mary Jo White. He served as Majority and Minority Chair of the Committee over six years. He also served as Chair of the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee for 11 years.

The only member likely to stay in a position of environmental leadership is Sen. John Yudiack (D-Luzerne), Minority Chair of the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee. He has served as Chair since the retirement of Sen. Ray Musto (D-Luzerne) in 2010.

Committee appointments should be announced at the latest in January when the new session convenes.

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December 2012 Pennsylvania Legislative Update

BILL #	Description	Status
Act 193 SB 1480	Providing for a 2012-13 Capital Budget.	ENACTED 10/24/2012.
HB 193	Requires that design, construction and renovation of State – owned/leased buildings comply with specified energy and environmental building standards.	Passed House January 25, 2012. Referred to ER & E, In Senate, Feb. 1. 2012.
HB 206 (SB 863)	Provides for per ton county fees of up to \$4.00 on MSW generated within the assessing county or MSW disposed of within an assessing county. Fees are to be used for recycling and waste management activities.	Referred to ER & E Committee. January 25, 2011.
HB 326	Increases annual grant cap for County HHW programs from \$100,000 to \$150,000 for counties with populations of more than 250,000.	Referred to ER & E Committee. January 31, 2011.
HB 608 Act 95	Provides for the re-vegetation of lands disturbed by surface mining with bio-energy crops.	Signed by the Governor July 5, 2012.
HB 988	Amends Act 101 to restrict proximity, new landfills to no less than one mile from a reservoir under certain circumstances.	Referred to ER & E Committee. March 9, 2011
HB 1017	Requires a public referendum before a permit for land application of bio-solids can be issued.	Referred to ER & E Committee. March 15, 2011.
HB 1394	Adds fluorescent lamps or tubes to Sections 1501 and 1502 (b)(c)of Act 101.	Referred to ER& E Committee. April 27, 2011.
HB 1659	Establishes measures to ensure timeliness of permit review and issuance for Commonwealth PADEP programs. Re-reported as committed.	Removed from table in the House after second consideration Oct. 15, 2012.
HB 1691	Adds “leaf waste” to the definition of “yard Waste in Section 103 of Act 101.	Passed House referred to ER & E in Senate, June 29, 2011.
HB 1745	Amends Alternative Energy Investment Act of 2008 to provide for plug-in vehicle charging station tax credits.	Referred to ER & E Committee, June 28, 2011.
HB 1775	Amends Act 213 of 2004 to provide for the ownership of Alternative Energy Credits to remain with the alternative energy source unless and until a specific agreement conveying the AEC’s to another entity is executed.	Laid on table for second time following first consideration, June 25, 2012.
HB 1813 Act 157	Establishes a Land Reclamation Financial Guarantee Program to insure reclamation of suitable surface mining activities for qualified operators in lieu of bonding.	ENACTED OCT. 24, 2012.

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BILL #	Description	Status
*HB 2032	Establishes grading and penalties for theft of secondary metals described as wire or cable commonly used by communications and electrical utilities, copper, aluminum, other metal or a combination of metals valuable for recycling or reuse as a raw material.	Laid on table Nov. 14, 2012.
HB 2197	Adds dust generated from oil and gas operations to the definition of air pollution in Air Pollution Control Act.	Referred to ER & E Committee, Feb. 14, 2012.
HB 2251	Establishes a Keystone Vehicle Grant Program for companies' comprehensive natural gas conversion plan implementations.	Referred to ER & E Committee, March 16, 2012.
HB 2278	Directs EQB to adopt regs. addressing contamination of private property by non-owners with chemicals in hydraulic fracturing fluids.	Referred to ER & E Committee, March 26, 2012.
HB 2286	Requires radon testing of school districts and reporting of in grounds and buildings.	Referred to Education Committee, March 28, 2012.
HB 2307	Requires rents and royalties from oil and gas leases of Commonwealth land to be placed in a special fund for projects administered by the Secretary of Forests and Waters.	Referred to ER & E in the House, May 7, 2012.
HB 2312	Amends Title 58 (Oil and Gas) further providing for the use of safety devices to prevent blowouts, explosions and fires including real-time communications between operating wells and PEMA.	Referred to ER & E in House, May 9, 2012.
HB 2320	Provides for recording of releases from oil and gas leases and affidavits of termination and cancellation.	Referred to ER & E Committee, April 18, 2012.
HB 2350	Establishes Injection Well Safe Water Act with departmental duties, permit conditions and expiration definitions for disposal of waste in injection wells.	Referred to ER & E Committee, April 16, 2012
HB 2359	Amends Act 325 of 1978 to provide for the removal of flood related hazards, such as gravel bars and flood debris, from streams.	Passed House. Referred to ER & E in Senate, June 15, 2012.
HB 2399	Amends Titles 58 and 72 (Taxation and Fiscal Affairs) to provide for implementation and administration of a Marcellus Shale Job Creation Tax Credit program.	Referred to ER & E Committee, May 21, 2012.

SWANA Pennsylvania Keystone Chapter Calendar FY 2012—2013



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Some events to plan for include:

FEBRUARY 2013

- Thursday, 2/14, 9 am, **Mini-Technical Seminar/ Forum with PADEP**
- Thursday, 2/14 - **Board Meeting** immediately following seminar
- Distribute winter newsletter via email

MARCH 2013

- Thursday, 3/1 Chapter Scholarship applications deadline
- Thursday, 3/7, 10 a.m. **Board Meeting Conference Call**
- Mail exhibitors and sponsorship announcement for 15th fall conference
- Program Committee completes planning for fall conference

APRIL 2013

- Thursday, 4/4, 10 a.m., **Board Meeting Conference Call**
- Announce Chapter Scholarship awards
- Submit articles for spring newsletter

MAY 2013

- Thursday, 5/2 10 a.m., **Board Meeting** at Modern Landfill, York, PA
- Present Chapter Scholarship awards
- Nominating Committee presents slate of Directors for election
- Distribute spring newsletter via email

JUNE 2013

- Thursday, 6/6, 10 a.m., **Board Meeting Conference Call**
- Friday, 6/7, Mid Atlantic Regional ROAD-E-O, MES, Midshore II Facility
- Email registration announcement for 15th fall conference
- Review annual budget

JULY 2013

No Activities planned.

AUGUST 2013

- Thursday, 8/1, 10 a.m., **Board Meeting Conference Call**
- Program Committee prepares program for the fall conference
- Submit articles for summer newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2013

- Tuesday & Wednesday, 9/10 & 9/11 - **PWIA/ SWANA/PADEP/PAHMI Fall Conference, Harrisburg, PA**
- Wednesday, 9/11 - **Chapter Annual Business Meeting and Election**
- Distribute summer newsletter via email
- Chapter Fiscal Year Ends



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