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DEC Funds Composting Training for Responding to Bird Flu

by Sally Rowland, P.E. and Chief of our
Bio-Wastes & Waste Transporter Section

Avian influenza (AI, also known as Bird Flu) is a contagious viral infection or disease of many avian species including poultry, wild and exotic birds, ratites, shorebirds, and migratory waterfowl. Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is seen primarily in poultry (rarely in other birds) and is characterized by severe depression, a decrease in egg production, high mortality, edema, hemorrhage, and necrosis. Birds that are infected with avian influenza virus can shed virus in saliva, nasal secretions, and feces. Contact with feces or respiratory secretions is important in the transmission of infection among poultry.

HPAI experts agree that immediate culling of infected and exposed birds is the first line of defense to both reduce further losses in the agricultural sector and to protect human health. DEC is currently working closely with our federal and state partners on the development of strategies to dispose of dead birds and other infected materials in both an environmentally sound manner and in a way that minimizes the potential for spread of the virus. A consensus has developed that the first choice for managing dead birds on a poultry farm is to compost those birds on that farm. There are currently more than 2,500 poultry farms in New York State, with 10 farms that contain more than 100,000 birds.

To insure that these composting systems are established on these farms in a manner that will decompose the carcasses effectively and achieve temperature that will kill the influenza virus, proper design and planning is required. To help plan for a bird flu event, DEC is providing funds to Cornell University to ensure the correct information and training are provided to the poultry farms.

The following is a summary of the scope of work for this effort:

To effectively get information on emergency procedures to be followed in case of an outbreak of AI to the poultry industry and veterinarians, educational materials will be developed and multiple audiences reached. The Cornell Waste Management

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New Board Members Sought

The current Board includes five individuals from the public sector and six from the private sector. With the departure of Steven Wing and arrival of Mark Swyka beginning this October, the makeup of the Board will go to four public sector and seven private sector.

The Board has adopted a policy for prospective candidates to become familiar with and transition onto the Board. Interested individuals will have to work on a committee and attend the Annual Meeting of Members. After progressing to committee leadership, they can become eligible to fill an available vacancy on the Board. The Directors are elected at the Annual Meeting of members or appointed by the Directors.

There are a number of committees which need additional help and in which individuals can participate whether they are interested in eventually serving on the Board or not. For example, there are the nominating committee, scholarship committee, membership committee, and special committees the Board designates from time to time for things such as working on the Chapter website and newsletter. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact any one of the Board of Directors.

President's Letter

Dear Members,

In my last message I talked about anticipation of changes that appeared to be on the horizon. I'd like to stay on that theme for the moment and touch on a few changes that you'll find more about in the rest of the newsletter.

First and most significantly, we now know the Supreme Court's decision in the United Haulers vs. Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority "flow control" case. It appears to be a great victory for comprehensive, integrated, public solid waste management planning and programs. Its impact on the solid waste industry will remain to be seen.

For those of you who were unable to attend our annual members meeting during the Federation conference last month, here are a few highlights. First, we'll be offering the opportunity for all New York Chapter members to take advantage of SWANA's e-sessions for a year - free of charge! Next, there are a few changes coming to our Board of Directors. After many years of service on the Board, Steven Wing will be leaving at the end of September. His other commitments are demanding much of his time. His wit and quick thinking will be missed. Joining us on the Board will be Mark Swyka. Also, by the time you read this, the Board will have elected Officers for the coming year. These will be posted on our Chapter website. My term as President will end in September. Peter Kuniholm will be your new President.

There is still one potential vacancy on the Board, which we would eventually like to fill, particularly with someone in the public sector. It is a great opportunity and a wonderful organization to serve. If you are interested, please let us know. Also, we know everyone is extremely busy, but we really want to encourage you to become more involved in the Chapter. There are a number of committees and other opportunities to serve that don't take a lot of time but are invaluable to keeping the Chapter going and growing. Please consider some ways you can be more involved. Thank you!

Scott Menrath
President



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Federation Conference Report



The 2007 Federation Conference demonstrated why it is the premier conference in New York State. With each year bringing promises of being better than the previous year the conference is destined to continue to grow by leaps and bounds.

The 700 plus attendees were welcomed to the conference by an evening reception followed by spectacular fire works set to a musical accompaniment. With networking well under way, attendees started gearing up for continued networking opportunities and exciting technical sessions.

Over the three day conference attendees had the opportunity to participate in sessions on flow control, alternative fuels, disaster debris management, waste to energy, school recycling, wind energy, the bottle bill, agriculture plastics recycling, composting, and many more. Networking opportunities continued during breaks, evening functions with vendors, Tuesday afternoon activities and casino night.

This year's plenary session highlighted sustainable packaging and was moderated by Laurie Batchelder Adams, Vice President of National SWANA. Panelists gave their perspectives on what sustainable packaging is, the driving forces behind it and why it matters.

Martha Leflar from GreenBlue Institute provided an overview of The Sustainable Packaging Coalition (SPC) which is a project of GreenBlue. The SPC is an industry working group inspired by cradle to cradle principles. The coalition looks to transform packaging through informed design practice, supply chain collaboration, education, and innovation. The SPC developed a definition of "sustainable packaging" that provides a common vision and framework directed toward improving packaging.

Michele Wagner from Tetra Pak discussed some of the innovations of aseptic cartons in regards to sustainable packaging. Tetra Pak incorporates several components of sustainability into their cartons; recyclability, renewability, and resource management. The Aseptic Carton has a product-to-package ratio 96:4, which means that of the total weight of the product and package combined, 96% is the beverage and only 4% is the package. This results in less packaging, less waste,

fewer trucks, less fuel and less green house gas emissions to transport the same amount of product as other competitive packages.

In addition, plants that produce aseptic packages are carbon neutral. To attain carbon neutrality, Tetra Pak purchases Renewable Energy Certificates (REC's) to offset all of their energy at the plant in 2007 and 2008. The REC's are all Green-e certified, which means that an equivalent amount of new renewable energy is added to the grid.

The third panelist was Mary Rosenthal from Nature Works, LLC. NatureWork's primary tool for measuring the sustainability is a Life Cycle Assessment (LCA). The LCA involves the compilation of a comprehensive inventory (Life Cycle Inventory, or LCI) of relevant inputs and outputs of a production system. NatureWorks LLC is focusing on the reduction of the use of fossil fuel resources and climate change inducing emissions. NatureWorks® polymer moves away from fossil resources to renewable ones (field corn) to build the NatureWorks® polymer chain. NatureWorks purchases renewable energy certificates (wind power) to offset a big part of the cradle-to-factory-gate greenhouse emissions and to support the growth of renewable energy production in the US.

John Delfausse, VP Global Packaging Development, for Este Lauder discussed the Company's work to find environmentally friendly raw materials and non-process chemicals (e.g. maintenance products) for use at their facilities. The Company attempts to recycle or reuse all waste material, and when this is not possible, it sends the material to energy recovery facilities. The Company has also developed a number of programs to reduce the burden on the Earth to ensure a healthy planet for generations to come.



Legislative and Regulatory Issues Affecting the Management of Municipal Solid Waste

Edited for the SWANA newsletter

I. Renewable Energy and Climate Change

Extension of Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit S. 1531, Clean Renewable Energy and Economic Development Incentives Act of 2007, extends the placed in service date for the Section 45 renewable energy production tax credit (PTC) by 10 years, allowing facilities to be placed in service until January 1, 2019. Both landfill gas and waste-to-energy qualify for this credit. S. 1531 also changes the definition of "placed in service" to allow facilities to be considered placed in service if they are under construction before the expiration date and are producing and selling electricity within 2 years of the expiration date. S.1531 also extends the Section 54 Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREBs) Program through the end of 2018, thus extending it 10 years.

Renewable Portfolio Standard

In June, the Senate has taken up debate on H.R. 6, the CLEAN Act of 2007, which aims to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy.

The RPS would set an annual target of 3.75 percent for 2010-2012; 7.5 percent for 2013-2016; 11.25 percent for 2017-2019; and 15 percent for 2020-2030. The program would allow electric utilities to comply with the target through using existing renewable energy sources or by buying credits through a credit trading program.

II. Recycling

Recycling Investment Saves Energy (RISE) Act of 2007

The RISE Act of 2007 was introduced on June 12. The main arguments that have been made against including the tax credit option and composting in this year's bill have been centered on the added cost incurred by their inclusion. In addition, the lack of precedent for making the tax credits assignable has created a roadblock with having this bill be financially beneficial to the public sector. SWANA has suggested other alternatives, such as

a government bonds program akin to the Clean Renewable Energy Bonds Program in the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The added cost to the bill is considered by some to be prohibitive. Although SWANA will not be supporting the RISE Bill unless the aforementioned shortcomings are mended, the bill does include a provision at the end allowing for recycling facilities to qualify for tax-exempt bond financing.

III. Waste-to-Energy Regulation Update:

EPA Reconsiders Municipal Waste Combustor Rule

On March 20, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that it is reconsidering portions of the emissions standards it issued on May 10, 2006 for large municipal waste combustors. In its notice of reconsideration, EPA responded to a complaint by the Sierra Club that the provision that allowed units to stop meeting requirements for using activated carbon injection to reduce emission during and around emissions testing for dioxin, furans, and mercury would allow units to avoid for compliance for 4 weeks of the year. EPA explained that facilities must receive a waiver to do this, and the testing period is likely to be shorter than 4 weeks. EPA emphasized that it is not proposing to change the provisions, but is seeking public comment. For more information, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and find Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2005-0117. Also, you may contact Walt Stevenson of EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at (919) 541-5264; or stevenson.walt@epa.gov by e-mail.

IV. Movement of Municipal Solid Waste

Transboundary Legislation

On Tuesday, April 24th, the House unanimously passed H.R. 518, the Interstate Solid Waste Importation and Management Act of 2007. The bill, gives states the power to restrict foreign solid waste imports. The bill gives the EPA 24 months to publish regulations implementing the Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America Concerning the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste. SWANA opposes this bill due to its being in conflict with our technical policy, which allows for the free movement of municipal solid waste across jurisdictional boundaries as an article of commerce irrespective of origin.

STB Makes Decision on Exclusive Jurisdiction

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In mid-July, the Surface Transportation Board (STB) ruled that certain activities, such as loading, unloading, handling and storing of wastes, are integral to rail transportation and therefore the STB's exclusive jurisdiction preempts state and local laws; whereas other activities, namely the shredding or processing of wastes, extend beyond the scope rail transportation and do not fall under the STB's exclusive jurisdiction. In response to the STB decision, Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) attached an amendment to the 2008 transportation appropriations bill that would give states the authority to regulate the delivery, handling and storage of wastes along railroad property. This amendment was part of the appropriations bill that was approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee. SWANA will continue to support this legislation to ensure rail-based solid waste facilities operate within the necessary state and local regulations to protect the environment and the health and safety of the communities they serve.

Introducing NYS Chapter's Newest Board Member

We are pleased to announce the New York Chapter's newest board member, Mark Swyka. Mark has been working as a consultant in the environmental industry for more than 20 years and currently is a partner with Cornerstone Environmental Group, LLC in Goshen, New York.

By way of background, Mark is a licensed professional engineer and a member of SWANA and NYSASWM. Formerly, he has served as a member of IGS and NAGS and has also served on the Joint Committee for NSF Standard 54, the first standards organization for geomembranes, and later served as a member organization representative to GSI, the organization which picked up the standardization process for geosynthetics.

Mark has been instrumental in the design, permitting, and construction of municipal waste, industrial waste and hazardous waste landfills. His experience includes the design, construction, and certification of landfill baseliners, leachate and landfill gas management systems, and final cover systems. Mark specializes in the areas of geosynthetics and alternate construction materials with a broad range of experience with performance based evaluation of equivalency of geosynthetic

and alternative materials to traditional earthen materials. He has been active in the development of geosynthetic standards and geosynthetic application through past participation with GSI and NSF. Mark's experience includes participation in several research projects associated with liner performance and seaming. He frequently makes technical presentations at conferences and publishes articles in industry publications.

Mark, his wife Kathy, and their three children make their home in rural Westtown, New York. When not on duty, Mark and his family can be found flying radio controlled model aircraft, riding (actually mostly repairing) their collection of antique snowmobiles, or operating their HO scale basement railroad empire. Mark is an aspiring writer with at least two or three unfinished book projects that he will work on as time and inspiration allow. Mark also enjoys cooking and regularly executes lunch-time cookouts for his co-workers in Goshen. And if that is not enough, in his spare time, he plays drums.

Mark looks forward to working with the board of directors to advance the activities of the New York State Chapter of SWANA.



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Welcomes New Members

Steven Weber, Covanta Energy

Jason Leone, Waste Management

Rocco Circosta, Village of Bronxville

Anthony Falbo, Fortistar LLC

Kyle Black, IESI Seneca Meadows Inc.

Steve Wilsey, Corestoga, Roucus & Associates

Louis DiGrazia, Village of Freeport

Litigation Affecting Municipal Solid Waste

Quarterly Summary of Noteworthy Solid Waste Litigation
July 2007

Flow Control to Public Facilities Upheld The U.S. Supreme Court has made it clear to the solid waste community. A local government or, for that matter, a public waste authority may, by ordinance or other regulation, lawfully designate a publicly owned facility where all solid waste generated in the jurisdiction must be taken.

On April 30, 2007, the high court ruled that county ordinances requiring locally generated waste to be transported to a county-sponsored waste authority transfer station or landfill do not discriminate against interstate commerce. *United Haulers Association v. Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Management Authority*, No. 05-1345. Essentially, the decision creates an exception to the dormant Commerce Clause for state and local regulations that favor publicly owned entities.

Chief Justice Roberts wrote the opinion, which, except for a small section, served as the majority opinion. He was joined in full by Justices Souter, Ginsburg, and Breyer. Justice Scalia grudgingly concurred in the key portion of the opinion on discrimination, but wrote separately to reiterate that, in his view, "the so-called 'negative' Commerce Clause is an unjustified judicial invention, not to be expanded beyond its existing domain." Justice Thomas merely concurred in the judgment – in effect, he said the haulers' challenge has no basis in law because, as he sees it, the court's dormant Commerce Clause cases have no legitimacy.

In *C&A Carbone v. Clarkstown*, 511 U.S. 383 (1994) the Supreme Court ruled that forcing haulers to deliver local waste to a designated private facility discriminated against interstate commerce. The *United Haulers* case represented a slight twist on the facts: the favored facility was publicly owned. Would that make a difference? Yes, said the majority. Should that make a difference? No, said three dissenting justices. They saw no important distinctions between the county ordinances and the invalidated *Clarkstown* ordinance.

The majority opinion noted that waste management is a "traditional government activity and laws that favor the government in such areas – but treat every private business, whether in-state or out-of-state, exactly the same – do not discriminate against interstate commerce." The opinion is

notable for its apparent hands-off attitude toward favoritism of public entities. "[T]reating public and private entities the same under the dormant Commerce Clause would lead to unprecedented and unbounded interference by the courts with state and local government," Chief Justice Roberts said.

The decision has implications for at least one other pending flow control case. In June, 2006, Daviess County, Ky., filed a petition for certiorari after a federal appeals court struck down a flow control ordinance similar to the ordinances in the *United Haulers* case. *National Solid Waste Management Association v. Daviess County*, 434 F.3d 898 (6th Cir. 2006). See SWANA, *Quarterly Summary of Noteworthy Solid Waste Litigation*, April, 2006.

On May 14, 2007, the Supreme Court granted the petition, but only for the purpose of vacating the appeals court judgment and remanding the case for consideration in light of the *United Haulers* opinion. Presumably, the appeals court, in turn, will remand the case to the federal district court where it began for a hearing on whether the local benefits from the county ordinance outweigh the impacts, if any, on interstate commerce. The issue was never addressed by the district judge who invalidated the ordinance on the basis of discrimination alone.

Road Kill Composting Demonstration Workshops

New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) maintains and operates a 15,656 mile highway system of interstates, expressways and collectors which comprises about 15 percent of NYS's total of 111,000 miles of highway. The 25,000 dead deer managed annually by NYSDOT do not account for deer killed on the NYS Thruway, county and local roads that must be managed by local highway departments. Disposal options for these carcasses are limited and appropriate disposal can be expensive. Carcasses are often left by the road or dumped into low areas.

Passively aerated static pile composting is proving to be a good method of managing these wastes. It is simple, takes less time than dragging a carcass out back, uses equipment and materials used in daily operations and is cost effective. This method helps protect ground and surface water by keeping the carcasses out of contact with water and by reducing pathogens in properly managed piles and it reduces nuisance and odors.

Workshops demonstrating how to compost road killed animals will be held at 5 locations across NYS over the Summer and Fall *continued next page*

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2007. These workshops are free and are open to anyone. State and local highway workers, health and environmental staff and local officials will find the workshops useful in deciding whether composting suits their needs, and how and where to do it. Educational materials, including DVD, fact sheet and poster are also available at <http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu>

Road Kill Composting Workshop Dates and Locations:

Date	Time	Location
September 11	10am - 12pm	Riverhead, Long Island, NY
September 13	1pm - 3pm	Clarence, NY
October 11	10am - 12pm	Highland, NY
TBA		Syracuse, NY

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Institute (CWMI) will develop materials and provide outreach, with a particular focus on composting as a management tool. CWMI will work with the large farms, small farms that may or may not field raise poultry, and veterinarians who work in New York State (NYS).

Most large poultry producers are active in the NYS Poultry Association and CWMI will reach these farms through their annual meeting with a power point and possible field presentation. Small farms employ a variety of methods in raising meat birds or laying hens. Many of these farms will be reached through the organic groups that generally meet in Geneva, NY 3-4 times/year and also have farm tours. Other avenues that will be used to reach these are the annual small farms conference and small farms quarterly publication.

People with backyard flocks are an audience that will be harder to reach but also have the potential of being affected by AI transmitted through migrating birds. Backyard flocks are common especially in suburban and rural areas but there are few records of their existence. This audience also needs to be alerted so that they don't facilitate the spread of disease. CWMI will develop a brochure and work with Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) agents to distribute it. Since little education is routinely provided to owners of very small flocks, brochures will be distributed to local feed stores throughout the state (wherever poultry and game bird feed is sold). Posters will also be developed and hung in the stores and fact sheets will be developed and made available to help with education.

The state veterinarians will be reached through presentations at their regular meetings that take place several times/year, as well as through list serves and articles in appropriate publications. The state veterinarians would then in turn help reach private veterinarians. A power point presentation (with illustrations and photos) will be developed for initial trainings and use by agriculture educators.

CWMI will work with NYSDEC, NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets (Ag&M), Cornell School of Veterinary Medicine and poultry producers to develop the necessary educational tools. These will include: a fact sheet intended to explain the goals, siting, use of buildings, compost process, and how to minimize health and safety concerns; an emergency contact list; posters with similar information and laminated for use in the barn or farm office to serve as a ready reference; and a brochure to help reach those raising a small flock in their backyard.

To assist farms to develop emergency plans, CWMI will work with NYSDEC, NYSDAM, Cornell School of Veterinary Medicine and poultry producers to develop a template for such plans. It will include a spreadsheet for farms to make appropriate calculations.

All educational materials will be available on the CWMI website and linked from NYSDEC and NYS Ag&M web sites. Additionally, 1000 fact sheets, 300 posters (150 laminated), and 5000 brochures will be produced and distributed as appropriate.

CWMI, along with DEC, will present the information at 5-6 industry workshops including two regional workshops and conferences in an eastern and western location in NYS. Four to five articles will also be written and published in appropriate newsletters and industry publications.

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SWANA NY Chapter - Composting & Markets Technical Seminar

Hosted by Delaware County at SUNY Delhi in June 2007

The NY SWANA Chapter held a 1-day Technical Session on composting and organic waste management on June 13 at the SUNY Delhi College of Technology, with an afternoon tour of the Delaware County Compost Facility. The Session addressed several issues and trends in the composting field, including production and marketing standards, key test parameters for compost, and regulatory developments. However, the two central themes of the day concerned: 1) the composting of MSW bio-solids (food and organic waste aside from yard waste), and 2) the management of animal carcasses, especially road kill, through composting.

Nearly 50 MSW professionals in the public and private sectors attended the Session, which was arranged by SWANA Program Director Peter Kuniholm and Board Member Jim Bunchuck. Presentations by Jean Bonhotal of Cornell WMI, Jeff LeBlanc of WeCare Organics, Sally Rowland and Gary Feinland of NYS-DEC, Jim Bunchuck, Town of Southold, LI. and Susan MacIntyre of Delaware County were given in one of SUNY Delhi's lecture halls, which proved quite spacious and comfortable and lent a focused, academic feel to the proceedings. The day's highlight came in the afternoon when Susan led a split tour of Delaware County's Co-Composting facility and Jean led a tour of the Cornell road kill demonstration composting project.

The Delaware County Co-Composting facility consists of a 3 acre fully enclosed processing building and is capable of processing 42,000 tons per year of mixed MSW and bio-solids. In operation since 2005, the plant converts approximately 50 percent of Delaware County's waste stream into useable compost. It is fully mechanized, with a receiving pit and bulky waste separation grapple, rotary bioreactor, sorting, maturation and curing areas, avoiding much of the labor required to sort waste in previous MSW composting efforts. A biofilter system provides odor control. Under a market management agreement with WeCare, the facility markets all of its compost, focusing on "high end" turf grass and erosion control projects. Session attendees were impressed with product quality and that MSW composting may finally be a realistic waste management alternative, especially where options such as long-haul trucking or WTE are prohibitively expensive or impractical.

The "road Kill" animal carcass project demonstrates how composting of larger animals, especially deer killed in highway accidents, can be a safe and effective way to manage this increasing waste stream. Current practices of seeking road side burial pits or, worse, leaving carcasses for open decay, are often impractical, unsightly, odorous and unhealthy or all three! The State DOT recognizes the problem and has partnered with Cornell to set up demonstration sites around the state where municipalities and road crews can learn the best way to construct carcass compost piles.

As is the intent with all SWANA Technical Sessions, the Composting Session provided detailed, practical information designed to be applied to ongoing programs. Engaging and quick-paced, the Sessions also provide PE credits and SWANA CEUs. Of course, breakfast and lunch are provided. Members and others can view the presentations on the NY SWANA web site at www.swananys.org. (Available in August).

Special thanks to Sue MacIntyre and Delaware County for hosting this Session (and for interrupting their work day to become tour guides), and to the staff at the SUNY Delhi Center for Business and Community Service for their thorough and smooth logistical support.

The next scheduled SWANA Technical Seminar will be on **ODOR CONTROL AT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES**, in **November 2007**. Members and others should watch for mailings about future meetings on relevant topics.

Member registration rates are available to members of the following groups:

- SWANA New York
- The Long Island Sanitation Officials Association (LISOA)
- The Federation of New York State Waste Associations Affiliates
- NYSDEC staff



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2007 Scholarship/Financial Assistance Program Recipients

During the Annual Conference at the Sagamore, the SWANA NY Chapter Scholarship Committee met to discuss the 2007 Scholarship/Financial Assistance program awards. After careful consideration, the committee is pleased to announce the following awards recipients.

Category 1

Kristen Lee Bouchard \$750
Evan Harding \$1,000
Robert Wasp \$500

Category 1A

Andrew Brooks \$650
Andrew Carcova \$1,000
Ryan Menrath \$650

Category 2

Steven Pytlar \$500

In addition, the committee decided to forward the applications for Evan Harding and Steven Pytlar to National SWANA for consideration of national awards.

FREE! E-sessions For Chapter Members

SWANA offers 3 e-sessions per month, except in October, on a variety of solid waste topics. The theme of the topics changes each month. You can find out more about e-sessions on SWANA's website (www.swana.org). SWANA is now offering an e-session benefit to each Chapter. A Chapter can register for an e-session and make the session available to all its members.



The Board of Directors has decided to pay for an entire year of e-sessions for our members! The year will run from this September through next August. There are no e-sessions in October because that is the month for WasteCon.

There will be one set of login instructions which the Chapter can make available to its members. Non-members can also attend e-sessions with members. So any number of individuals in your office can attend free e-sessions for a year!

SWANA Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are also available for individuals who are SWANA certified. Members who would like CEUs for a particular e-session need to notify the Chapter about the session they attended. More information about that process will be available on our website and in the next newsletter.

Federation Conference Call for Abstracts

The Federation's **Ninth Annual Spring Conference and Trade Show will be held at The Sagamore from May 4 to 7, 2008 in Bolton Landing, New York**. Abstracts (250 words) are being accepted, preferably by e-mail.

Presentations are 15-20 minutes long followed by a question and answer period. **Abstracts are due November 2, 2007.**

Individuals will be notified of acceptance by the first Friday in December. Abstracts can also be submitted via the federation website at www.nyfederation.org.