The Presidents Corner:
Greetings North Carolina Solid Waste Professionals! As we near the end of the first month of the new year and look ahead, let us keep a couple tenets in mind: SAFETY! Whether you are in an office, the cab of a compactor, driving a roll-off, picking up blowing litter or working on a MRF sorting line, please take the utmost care in your operations and always look out for your co-workers, the public and yourself. If you haven’t done so, take the SAFETY PLEDGE today! Professionalism! Sure, what we do each day is our job but we should look at our job as a MISSION, a MISSION to protect the environment, a MISSION to educate our customers, a MISSION to operate the facilities in the best manner possible and finally a MISSION to provide the best services possible! Also, please keep in mind NCSWANA is here for you whether through research, legislative monitoring in Raleigh, training and certification programs and of course conferences.
Please feel free to contact any NCSWANA Board member with suggestions, ideas or questions.

Respectfully,
D. Scott Bost, President NCSWANA

Legislative Roundup 2019:
There was no significant Solid Waste legislation during 2019.

Currently the Division of Waste Management is working on the re-adoption of rules pertaining to C&D Landfill Facilities, Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Facilities and Financial Assurance for Solid Waste Facilities. At the January 9, 2020 Environmental Management Commission Meeting, the Commission gave the Division approval to proceed the public hearing on the three sets of rules. For more information on the draft rules and schedule for re-adoption, go to the Division of Environmental Quality’s website: https://deq.nc.gov or go directly to Rule Re-adoption at the following link https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/waste-management/solid-waste-section/rules-review. In March, the Division will be taking the set of rules pertaining to Permits for Solid Waste Management Facilities and Transfer Stations to the Environmental Management Commission for approval to take out for public comment.

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Please join us in welcoming Dane, Ellen and Heather to the Board!

Chapter Events Coordinator:
Beverly Hester – Administrative Assistant for Catawba County Public Works and Engineering Department.

The NCSWANA Board also sends out a heartfelt THANK YOU to the Board Members that exited the Board this year:
Rodney Hamby – Catawba County
Michele Sakwa – 3RC
Marcie Smith – Gaston County

From the NCSWANA Board on behalf of the Membership, thank you for your years of valued service to the organization and the industry.
NCSWANA Technical Committee 2019 in Review:
The Technical Committee has been revitalized in 2019 with several meetings held via Skype meetings and around the State. We continue to grow this Committee and encourage our members to participate and help direct the future of solid waste management across North Carolina.

Topics that we have been following this year through our various sub-committees include:

- **Rules Review process for MSW, C&D and Transfer Stations – NCDEQ has proposed several changes within these rule categories and this sub-committee has had several meetings to go through each on a line by line basis. We have also attended two meetings with NCDEQ to discuss our concerns and to better understand their position with the changes. By November 14, NCDEQ’s version of these rules needs to be over to the Environmental Management Commission. NCSWANA will prepare our formal comments, and will be seeking comments from our members.**

- **PFAS/PFOA & Emergent Chemicals – This topic has been close to home with the Cape Fear River in Fayetteville down to Wilmington and New Hanover County. Our sub-committee on this topic has been following developments and research in other states and attending various conferences on this subject. NC State and others are currently collecting samples of leachate for testing.**

- **April 16, 2019 meeting and facility tour of the Deere-Hitachi Plant, located in Kernersville. If your site uses a Deere or Hitachi excavator, there is a very good chance that it was built at this plant. We were given access to their main conference/training room for our meeting and then a full tour of the plant. Excavators of all sizes were being built during the tour. Many of the accessory parts and pieces are also made in North Carolina and shipped to this Plant for assembly.**

- **June 14, 2019 meeting and facility tour of the New Hanover County Landfill including the Reverse Osmosis Leachate Treatment Plant. With the detections of PFAS/PFOA in the New Hanover water system, the landfill purchased and installed a treatment system that would pre-treat leachate before sending it to the POTW. This system is set up with duplicate systems so that it can remain in operation while one side is having maintenance performed. The County has Certified Wastewater Treatment Plant operators running the system.**

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