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### The Presidents Corner:

Welcome to the new web-based NC SWANA Newsletter. The goal of this quarterly publication is to increase membership awareness of the goings on at NC SWANA, and the Solid Waste Industry as a whole. We hope that you find this publication informational as well as entertaining. This is a work-in-progress; so please, if you have ideas or specific topics you would like to see included in future editions of the Newsletter, let us know by emailing us at [editor@ncswana.org](mailto:editor@ncswana.org).

Thank you.  
Mike Brinckek, President

### Introduction from the Editors:

We hope you enjoy this quarterly newsletter. As it evolves, we hope to add a wider variety of information – based on member input. As a quarterly publication, quick hitting items such as legislative alerts; classifieds; or job postings will not fit this format. For real-time information, be sure to visit our homepage at [www.ncswana.org](http://www.ncswana.org) regularly.

### 2018 Spring Conference Registration:

**Opens: 3-5-2018**      **Early bird Cutoff: 4-9-18**  
**Reg. Ends: 4-16-18**   **Hotel Block Cutoff: 3-23-18**  
**Sponsors & Exhibitors Table Preference by Tier and Registration Date.**

### 2017 Legislative Wrap-up:

- [H56, Session Law 2017-209](#) Amend Environmental Laws.
- [S131, Session Law 2017-10](#) Regulatory Reform Act of 2016-2017.
- [S163, Edition 1](#) Solid Waste Amendments.
- [H244, Edition 3](#) Enhanced Rqmts./Composting Facilities.
- [H576, Ratified](#) Allow Aerosolization of Leachate.
- [S434, Edition 4](#) Amend Environmental Laws 2.
- [S257, Session Law 2017-57](#) Appropriations Act of 2017.
- [H374, Edition 4](#) Business Freedom Act.
- [S16, Session Law 2017-211](#) Business Regulatory Reform Act of 2017.
- [S469, Edition 4](#) Amend Environmental Laws - 4.
- [H321, Edition 1](#) Study Solid Waste Disposal Tax.
- [S419, Edition 3](#) Planning/Development Changes.
- [H687, Edition 1](#) Amend Various Coal Ash Provsns.
- [H867, Edition 1](#) Coastal Fisheries Conservation/Econ. Dev.
- [S208, Edition 1](#) Counties/Internet Infrastructure.
- [H68, Edition 2](#) BRIGHT Futures Act.
- [H390, Edition 1](#) Counties/Internet Infrastructure.
- [H319, Edition 2](#) Study Solar Facility Decommissioning Rqmts.
- [H229, Session Law 2017-102](#) GSC Technical Corrections 2017.

For more information about any of these Bills, search them at [ncgov.net](http://ncgov.net), or see the Word version for live links to the Bills.

Dexter Matthews  
Lobbyist for NC SWANA

## 2018 NC SWANA EVENT CALENDAR

**Spring Conference**  
**April 23-26**  
**Crown Plaza Hotel**  
**Asheville NC,**  
**28806**

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**ROAD-EO**  
**May 18-19**  
**Raleigh, NC**

✦  
**Scholarship**  
**Applications Due**  
**May 1**

✦  
**Manager Training**  
**MOLO**  
**Zero Waste**  
**Transfer Station**  
**June 4-7**  
**Wilmington NC**

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**Fall Conference**  
**and Annual**  
**Business Meeting**  
**October 1-4**  
**Wrightsville**  
**Beach, NC**

✦  
**NC Operator**  
**Training Events**  
**Landfill/Transfer**  
**Station**

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**February 14,15,16**  
**Franklin, NC**

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**March 14,15,16**  
**Shelby, NC**

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**March 19,20,21**  
**Asheboro**

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**May 16,17,18**  
**Nash County**

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**September 12,13,14**  
**Waynesville, NC**

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**November 14,15,16**  
**Chapel Hill, NC**

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**December - TBD**  
**Wilmington, NC**

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**WasteCon**  
**August 20-23**  
**Nashville, TN**

### 2017: Year in Review:

#### ➤ Scholarship Winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Ms. Susanne Scheer: \$3,000.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Brian Hack: \$2,000.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Ms. Alexis Rose Jones: \$1,000.00

#### ➤ Conferences/Events at a Glance:

##### ○ Spring Technical Conference:

- 14 Sponsors Including:
- 25 Additional Exhibitors
- 147 Attendees

##### ○ Road-EO: (Results @ [ncswana.org](http://ncswana.org))

- 125 Competitors
- 188 Guests
- 77 Volunteers
- 20 Competitors Entered International Road-EO in Florida: Top 5 Finishers:
- Thomas Williams: 5<sup>th</sup> Place-Mechanic
- James Yount: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Dozer
- James Estle: 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Dozer
- Steve Phillips: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Front Loader
- Ryan English: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Roll off
- Rich Dunbar: 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Side Loader
- Daniel Hunt: 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Tractor Trailer

##### ○ Manager Training Center:

- 7 Disciplines Offered
- 66 Attendees from 11 States and 2 Countries (USA, Oman)
- 46 were New Certifications

##### ○ Fall Technical Conference:

- 17 Sponsors Including:
- Republic Services – Diamond
- Municipal Engineering – Emerald
- 18 Additional Exhibitors
- 166 Attendees

#### ➤ New Board Members:

**Joe Suleyman** – Director of the New Hanover County Environmental Management Department.

**Amanda Bader** – Harnett County Engineer in charge of Solid Waste Programs.

#### ➤ Chapter Events Coordinator:

**Beverly Hester** – Administrative Assistant for Catawba County Public Works and Engineering Department.

#### ➤ Special Thanks to Exiting Board Members:

**Jan McHargue** – Assistant Utilities Director, Solid Waste, for the City of Winston-Salem.

**Michael Etheridge** – Retired Director of Solid Waste Management for Pasquotank County Solid Waste Department.

## Operator Spotlight:

Heavy equipment Operator, James Yount recently received recognition from the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners. A veteran Solid Waste Employee, James won first place in the NC SWANA Road-EO this summer. James went on to place 3<sup>rd</sup> at the International Road-EO in Florida. Operators Junior Crane and Nick Edmonds also represented Buncombe County in the North Carolina Road-EO. New County Manager Mandy Stone also offered her congratulations during a recent landfill tour. Buncombe County also produced a short video celebrating James' accomplishments. Click [HERE](#) to watch the YouTube video.

NC SWANA wants to also congratulate James, and Buncombe County for the time and efforts expended to honor and celebrate their "local boy done good."



## 2017 NC SWANA CHAPTER ROAD-EO

**Safety Matters:** Members should watch Forum for Safety Alerts and industry safety updates. The following safety updates have been received and are available to all who request them via e-mail. Use safety matters banner link on forum page to contact me for more information.

- New CNG Inspection Guidance
- OSHA Electronic Reporting
- ELD Guidance
- BLS Publishes 2016 Workplace Injury & Illness Data
- Scott Mugno of FedEx Nominated to Lead OSHA



@NC SWANA Safety Ambassador

**Member Alert:** We need your content to make this newsletter a success, and of value to our members and industry. Please send any content you would like to have considered to [editor@ncswana.org](mailto:editor@ncswana.org). We are looking for anything any content relevant to Waste Resource Management in North Carolina. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing your stories in future issues.

## Let's Play: BEAT the meme



"Scott Bost demonstrating the popular SELFIE fad to Chris and Justin. Justin wonders how people know to always have a mirror at hand."

Think you've got a better caption for this photo. Submit it to [editor@ncswana.org](mailto:editor@ncswana.org) with MEME as the subject header. We will post the winner next issue.

**Member Letter to the Editor:** The views expressed in this editorial do not necessarily reflect the views of NC SWANA or its membership.

Chutzpah; Hypocrisy; Huevos Grande: Whatever name you give, it was on display in the Legislature this year. Local government flow control came under attack as a "monopoly" and a "hidden tax." The hidden tax sentiment was also cited as improper use of local solid waste funds for equipment used for non-solid waste activities. Meanwhile, the Business Freedom Act sought to lower the fee for scrap tires because the program was bringing in too much money (funny how this wasn't mentioned before the abolishment of the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund). Per NCDEQ, the new fees will result in a 30% loss of revenue. This 30% will be passed to local governments in reduction of reimbursements. White Goods Capital Improvement and Scrap Tire Cost Overrun (which is not even a real thing) Grants are history; and Counties are still spending approximately \$5Million/year on e-waste recycling. Here's the rub: the Legislature is keeping millions in revenue from the collection of White Goods and Scrap Tire taxes. So, while we are operating these programs and getting shorted on funding from the State, they are enjoying millions in free revenue from the work and participation of businesses and retailers. That, I do believe actually qualifies as a "hidden tax."

Chris Stahl  
SWANA Member Since 2001

# FROM THE MOTHER SHIP:

2018  
**SWANA palooza**

- Spring Training Center
- Road to Zero Waste Conference
- Landfill Gas & Biogas Symposium
- Landfill Symposium
- and more...

Denver, Colorado  
March 5-7, 2018  
[SWANApalooza.org](http://SWANApalooza.org)

