



# Solid Waste Association of North America

Grand Canyon State Chapter

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September 2008

## Calendar of Events

**September 20, 2008**  
Golf Tournament  
Phoenix

**October 21-23, 2008**  
WASTECON  
Tampa, Fl.

**April 18, 2009**  
State Road-E-O  
Glendale



### SWANA AZ General Membership Meeting

Prescott, Arizona

August 8, 2008

On August 8, 2008 the Arizona Chapter of SWANA held a quarterly General Membership meeting at the old clubhouse of the Antelope Hills Golf Club in Prescott Arizona. The meeting was well attended and gave many of the attendees a respite from the heat of the lower deserts. Networking began at 9 a.m. with the welcome and opening comments by President Michael Black. The first order of business was the election of officers and directors for the Arizona Chapter of SWANA's Board for the upcoming fiscal year. The following recommendation for the Board were made and confirmed by the members in attendance:

President	Michael Black, Retired from the City of Flagstaff
Vice President	Tony Miano, City of Phoenix
Treasurer	Stephanie Hinson, Salt River Landfill
Secretary	Shawn McCready, City of Scottsdale
Past President	Danny Ochoa, City of Mesa
International Board	Richard Allen, Salt River Landfill
Corporate	Jorge Gutierrez, Vector Engineering
Legislative	James Peck, Hydro Geo Chem
Director	Mike Benschoter, Town of Gilbert
Director	Bill Stout Jr., City of Phoenix
Director	Eddie Enriquez, City of Glendale
Director	Karl Moyers, Santa Cruz County
Director	Ed Perez, City of Phoenix
Director	Rudy Castillo, City of Tolleson
Director	Brad Frisk, City of Mesa

The first presentation was by Steve Rom who described the On Route routing software system. He was followed by Kevin McGrew of the Salt River Landfill who discussed the use of a fuel additive to increase fuel performance in the landfill's on-site heavy equipment. A pertinent subject considering the tremendous increase in fuel costs over the last few years. The last presentation was provided by Don Sherrard of the Drug Enforcement Agency. This presentation generated a lot of discussion among the attendees with several looking into having a similar presentation done at their respective cities. The presentation discussed what to look for in the waste to identify clandestine Methamphetamine labs and the dangers to collection and disposal personnel from the toxic, flammable and potentially explosive chemicals utilized in the production of Methamphetamine. Lunch was provided followed by an update of upcoming chapter events. There is one major event; the Arizona Chapter's annual golf tournament to be held on September 20, 2008 at noon at the Arizona Grand Golf Resort (formerly Phantom Horse). The all important raffle followed and the meeting adjourned.

## SWANA-AZ 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Awards Banquet

The SWANA Arizona Chapter held their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Recognition Awards Banquet at Casino Arizona in Scottsdale on Saturday, September 6, 2008. This year's event, planned by Stephanie Hinson, Shawn McCready, and Danny Ochoa, was by far the best event ever. Tony Miano, Rudy Castillo, Mike Benschoter, James Peck, and Eddie Enriquez also assisted in organizing the event as well. There were over forty nominees invited to be honored at the gala and over one hundred and fifty in attendance overall to help commemorate this prestigious Awards Banquet. The event was established to recognize individuals throughout the Solid Waste Industry who exemplify outstanding leadership qualities in their respective field. Nine Awards were presented to individuals or organizations who met criteria established by the Chapters Recognition Committee.

Chapter Vice President Tony Miano, and Treasurer Stephanie Hinson, presented the Awards to all of the winners and provided an excellent description of how the Awards were selected. Tony spoke about past Awards Banquets and the strides made to achieve the level of the standards set forth today. He also recognized Jesse Duarte for the vision he had of the Recognition Banquet to recognize those deserving individuals in the Solid Waste field. Tony also spoke about the Chapters progress throughout the year's and the future it holds for those beginning in the Solid Waste Industry today.

Pat Tapia and Kristie Hallman from the City of Tucson received an appreciation plaque for all their effort and commitment to the SWANA Arizona State Road-e-o held in Tucson, Arizona on May 3, 2008. Ed Perez, Rich Allen, and Bill Stout also received a plaque for their assistance at this past Road-E-O as well. Everyone had a great time and we are already looking forward to next year's Banquet.

### 2008 Award Winners:

#### **Municipality of the Year**

**Solid Waste Administrator of the Year**

**Solid Waste Admin Support Service Aide of the Year**

**Solid Waste Collections Operator of the Year**

**Solid Waste Collections Field Supervisor of the Year**

**Solid Waste Disposal Crew Leader of the Year**

**Solid Waste Recycling Professional of the Year**

**Solid Waste Professional of the Year**

**Solid Waste Vendor/Business of the Year**

#### **Town of Gilbert**

**Dan Montgomery City of Phoenix**

**Heide Perez, City of Peoria**

**Coury Greear Jr., Town of Gilbert**

**Craig Ceccarelli, City of Surprise**

**Jeff Ely, City of Flagstaff**

**Becky Borquez, City of Peoria**

**Stephen Smith, Hydro Geo Chem**

**Salt River Landfill**

### **Annual Golf Tournament**

Saturday, September 20, 2008 @ 1:00 pm (Registration starts @ 12:00 pm)

Arizona Grand Resort (formerly Pointe @ South Mountain)

8000 S. Arizona Grand Pkwy.

Phoenix, AZ 85044

(602) 431-6510

Four Man Scramble (play your best ball till you putt out)

Cost per player is only \$60. Cost includes green fees, cart, range balls, hole contests (closest to the pin, longest putt, longest drive, straightest drive), goodie bags, prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and a pool party dinner.

For sponsorship information and player registration, contact Steven Pietrzykowsky at (602) 256-5620, [steven.pietrzykowsky@phoenix.gov](mailto:steven.pietrzykowsky@phoenix.gov).

## Recycle for Reading Program benefits City of Mesa Library

Recycling not only saves the planet but now can also help raise money for the purchase of new library material. The City of Mesa Solid Waste Management Department and Mesa Library have partnered together to launch the Recycle for Reading Program. This exciting and innovative new program has the potential to help raise up to \$25,000 for the purchase of new library material. For every additional pound of material Mesa residents recycle over last year's total between now and June 30, 2009, a direct contribution will be made to the library. Reaching this goal is as easy as every Mesa household recycling just one **extra** pound of material per week in their blue barrel. For more information about the program, visit [www.cityofmesa.org](http://www.cityofmesa.org) or call the Mesa Recycling Hotline at (480) 644-2222.

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### HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:

1. Learn what is recyclable in Mesa's **BLUE BARREL PROGRAM**.
2. Place all acceptable items in your blue recycle barrel.



***That's all there is to it!***

Mesa Recycling Hotline

**480.644.2222**

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## **Steve Bergeron- Environmental Services**

City of Flagstaff's New Environmental Services Collection Manager  
The City of Flagstaff recently hired Steven M. Bergeron as The Environmental Services Collection Manager. Steve replaced Michael Black, who retired on July 31, 2008. Bringing past experience from private industry, the City of Scottsdale, and the City of Flagstaff, Steve is knowledgeable in all areas of solid waste and recycling collection. Over 20 years of supervision, management and business ownership, combined with nearly 5 years as the Executive Vice President of United Steelworkers local 8850 have given him depth and insight to guide Flagstaff's collection programs. He looks forward to the challenges the position and the future hold. Steve is a new member of SWANA and looks forward to meeting many of you at future events.

## **Legislative Update**

### **ADEQ Integrated Solid Waste Rulemaking**

ADEQ has completed the stakeholder comment process on the Integrated Solid Waste Rule. Comments were due in to the Department on August 1, 2008. Several SWANA members commented on the rule, both independently and through SWANA. SWANA submitted comments on the rule as a member of the Solid Waste Coalition. Links to the comment cover letter, a redline of the rule incorporating the Solid Waste Coalition comments, and a set of general and specific comments with the rationale behind the comments are provided on our webpage, [www.azswana.org](http://www.azswana.org).



ADEQ anticipates submitting a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to the Secretary of State so that the proposed rule would be published in the Arizona Administrative Register in September. Oral proceedings on the proposed rule would be held in mid to late September. ADEQ further anticipates submitting a final rule to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council for consideration at the Council's December 2, 2008, meeting.

Our thanks to all SWANA members who participated in this important regulatory process governing Arizona's solid waste industry. For more information, contact James Peck, the AZ-SWANA Legislative Liaison, at (480) 421-1501 ext 147 or [jamesp@hgcinc.com](mailto:jamesp@hgcinc.com).

## **Call for Articles**

As usual, we need more articles for our newsletter. Please feel free to submit your article to any board member or directly to Monica Bojorquez, at [mbojorquez@scsengineers.com](mailto:mbojorquez@scsengineers.com). The next newsletter will be published in November/December 2008.

Many thanks to our sponsors who support the Chapter throughout the year.



**Salt River Landfill**

