If you traveled to the Mid-Year Meeting in Billings, your reimbursement must be postmarked by Wednesday, May 29, 2013.


Background information on the legislation, witness testimony, and video of the hearing is available on the Energy and Commerce Committee’s website: http://energycommerce.house.gov/hearing/legislative-hearing-%E2%80%9Cfederal-and-state-partnership-environmental-protection-act-2013%E2%80%9D-

2013 Strategic Planning Survey

The Association launched its 2013 Strategic Planning Survey on May 15 and asks that all State and Territorial members complete the brief questionnaire by Friday, June 14, 2013. We are accepting multiple responses from each State and program, as the thoughts and opinions members provide will directly inform the Board of Directors’ strategic planning process.


Lifetime Achievement Award Nominations

The Association is now accepting nominations for the ASTSWMO Lifetime Achievement Award. Please submit nominations to Acting Executive Director Dania Rodriguez by June 1, 2013. Please review the official announcement: http://astswmo.org/Files/Announcements/2013-Lifetime_Achievement_Award_Noms.pdf.

A list of past Lifetime Achievement Award recipients is online: http://astswmo.org/Pages/Who_We_Are/Lifetime_Achievement_Award.html.

Are you interested in volunteering on an ASTSWMO Task Force or Focus Group? Visit the Task Force and Focus Group Openings page. The 2013 Members in Action Rotation has created many new openings. Visit the page today to discover how you can participate.
**CERCLA and Brownfields Research Center**

The Brownfields Focus Group held an affiliated State Brownfield Managers meeting in conjunction with the Brownfields 2013 conference in Atlanta, GA, on May 15, 2013. The Focus Group discussed their “Community Gardening Toolbox” as well as their current project to identify success measures used by State Brownfield programs. The Focus Group will send out a trial spreadsheet to collect success measures to States in May. The Focus Group will use the data and comments collected to refine and finalize the spreadsheet. The Focus Group will submit their final project to U.S. EPA’s Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization for potential use in bi-annual reporting.

The Focus Group also has begun the initial planning of ASTSWMO’s 2014 Brownfields Symposium. The symposium will occur in the summer of 2014 in a to-be-determined location. If you have any suggested topics or sessions you would like to see, please contact Sam Puffenbarger (samp@astswmo.org) with feedback.

**Retiring?**

Please let us know how to reach you at home. We are working to build a network for retired members.

**ASTSWMO newsletters are archived at:**  
astswmo.org/Pages/Policies_and_Publications/Newsletter.html

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**2013 Mid-Year Meeting: Maximizing Green Remediation**

The Mid-Year Meeting occurred April 24-25 in Billings, MT. Past President Ed Thamke (MT) and President Jeff Steers (VA) welcomed the 163 attendees. U.S. EPA Assistant Administrator Mathy Stanislaus joined the meeting live via GoToMeeting streaming video and took questions from attendees.

Conchita Taitano of Guam EPA and Julie Carver of Matrix Design Group discussed how Guam is greening its small communities. Then, Thomas Potter of Massachusetts DEP presented on ASTSWMO’s Greener Cleanups Workgroup and Green Remediation in Massachusetts; Jim Woolford of U.S. EPA/OSRTI presented on Green Remediation from U.S. EPA’s perspective.

At the luncheon, Montana DEQ Director Tracy Stone-Manning spoke on her evolution as an environmental advocate.

All available presentations are online as PDFs at: http://astswmo.org/Pages/Meetings/Past_Meetings/2013-Mid-Year_Meeting.html. Video from recorded sessions will be online by the end of June.

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**Tanks Subcommittee**


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**Federal Facilities Research Subcommittee**

On April 24, 2013, at the ASTSWMO Mid-Year Meeting, the Subcommittee led a discussion with States on current ASTSWMO Federal Facilities policy position papers, including those on FUDS, DSMOA, and BRAC. The Subcommittee will begin updating these position papers this spring and will work with States to ensure that the revised documents reflect the current status of each program. Current position papers are available at: http://www.astswmo.org/Pages/Policies_and_Publications/ASTSWMO_Position_Papers.htm.

During this meeting, some States also noted that they were unaware of ASTSWMO issues papers and guidance on subjects such as FUDS and Performance Based Contracts. All Federal Facilities Research Center documents are available at: http://www.astswmo.org/Pages/Policies_and_Publications/Federal_Facilities.htm.
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Two panel sessions hosted by the Materials Management Subcommittee on April 24, 2013, featured presentations about the comprehensive planning work that Guam is doing to achieve its waste reduction goals. A broad range of topics was highlighted, including green purchasing, extended producer responsibility, establishment of “3R” requirements for public buildings, compost/organics waste processing, and construction and demolition debris diversion. An interactive component of the sessions facilitated information sharing among State and Territorial participants. The Subcommittee used GoToWebinar at the two sessions to provide for the participation of State staff who were not able to attend the meeting. There were engaged discussions of issues during the two roundtable sessions held on April 25. Guam’s planning work served as a springboard for the content of one roundtable, at which comprehensive materials management planning efforts in CA, OH, and OR were discussed. Topics covered during a second roundtable included U.S. EPA updates, the management of residuals from construction and demolition debris recycling, and current Materials Management Subcommittee Task Force projects. The Guam presentations made at the April 24th Materials Management sessions are available on the 2013 Mid-Year Meeting page on ASTSWMO.org.

GET TO KNOW THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All Board members’ biographies are on the Board of Directors page, as is the photo below.

Front row, left to right: George Desch (VT), Ken Kloo (NJ), Paul Connor (DC), Chris Sanders (MS), and Bruce Oertel (IN).

Back row, left to right: Jon Roberts (OK), Bill Bider (KS), Joe Shieffelin (CO), Conchita Taitano (GU), and Wendy Wiles (OR).