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ASTSWMO Mid-Year Meeting in Arkansas

On April 23, 2015, members from across the 50 States, Territories, and the District of Columbia (States) met in North Little Rock, Arkansas for ASTSWMO's Mid-Year Meeting.

This Mid-Year's plenary session topic, "Communication for Changing Environments", prompted great discussion from the membership. Jennifer Tabanico, Nick Grace and Gordon Ng spoke on the importance of utilizing the technology available to reach out to communities and educate them on State sponsored programs and initiatives.

Jennifer Tabanico, with Action Research, is well recognized in the field of community-based social marketing. Her talk focused on discovering "barriers" or deterrents that exist within communities and alleviating those issues to help organizations and agencies better communicate with the communities they serve.



Nick Grace and Gordon Ng, with JBS International, help organizations and companies foster an online presence that is both effective and engaging. Grace and Ng spoke to the importance of utilizing the tremendous power of online communities like Twitter and Facebook to bring the public important information on State and Territorial agencies.

Both presentations sparked a lively

discussion among the membership and addressed concerns from the membership on problems with incorporating changes to social media policies within State agencies. ●

To view recordings of these presentations and copies of presentations from all program specific breakouts, visit the ASTSWMO webpage: <http://bit.ly/1eLmlwU>

ASTSWMO 2014 Strategic Plan:

Want to check out our 2014 Strategic Plan workplans? Click below!

- [CERCLA Brownfields Subcommittee](#)
- [Federal Facilities Subcommittee](#)
- [Hazardous Waste Subcommittee](#)
- [Materials Management Subcommittee](#)
- [Tanks Subcommittee](#)

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ASTSWMO Reminders

Members in Action

Are you interested in volunteering on an ASTSWMO Task Force or Focus Group?

The 2015 Members in Action Rotation has created many new openings.

Visit the Task Force and Focus Group Openings Page today to discover how you can participate: http://astswmo.org/Pages/Members/Task_Force_Focus_Group_Openings.html

Lifetime Achievement Award Nominations

The Association is now accepting nominations for the ASTSWMO Lifetime Achievement Award.

Please submit nominations to Executive Director Dania Rodriguez by June 26, 2015.

Please review the official announcement:

<http://bit.ly/1Jeb3OE>

A list of past Lifetime Achievement Award recipients is online:

<http://bit.ly/1I0R3Pd>

If you have a nomination, please submit to daniar@astswmo.org.

Recent Publications

Uniform Environmental Covenants Act: Implementation at Federal Facilities, Remediation and Reuse Focus Group:

<http://bit.ly/1LOGpcE>

State Approaches to Managing Institutional Controls and Ensuring Long-Term Protectiveness at LUST Sites, LUST Task Force:

<http://bit.ly/1FOLqjx>



Upcoming Meetings:

2015: Joint Hazardous Waste and Materials Management Training Conference, Hilton Long Beach Hotel in Long Beach, CA, August 11-13, 2015. Registration is open! <http://bit.ly/1GSjQUE>

Brownfields 2015: "Sustainable Communities Start Here", Hilton Chicago Hotel in Chicago, IL, September 2-4, 2015. Registration is open! <http://www.brownfieldsconference.org/en/home>

25th National Tanks Conference and Expo, Phoenix Sheraton Downtown Hotel in Phoenix, AZ, September 14-16, 2015. Registration is open! <http://www.neiwpcc.org/tanksconference/>

2015: ASTSWMO Annual Meeting, Bethesda Hyatt Hotel in Bethesda, MD, October 29-30, 2015. Registration is not open.

2016: ASTSWMO Mid-Year Meeting, Omni William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA, April 26 – 28, 2016. Registration is not open.

Green Sheet: Check out Ecovac's latest newsletter! This document contains valuable information on upcoming conferences and training in the fields of energy and resource management. <http://bit.ly/1dC63GB>

ASTSWMO Gives Back

ASTSWMO raises money for local food bank

In an effort to give back to local communities in which ASTSWMO hosts its meetings, the Association held a food bank donation collection for the Friendly Chapel Food Bank.

This new initiative “ASTSWMO Gives Back”, promulgated by ASTSWMO Executive Director Dania Rodriguez, garnered a tremendous response from the Mid-Year Meeting attendees. Over \$900 was raised to help the Friendly Chapel food bank in its assistance efforts. The Association thanks the attendees at the meeting for their generosity and will continue to give back to the communities in which our meetings are held. ●



Above: Dania Rodriguez with a representative of the Friendly Chapel

ASTSWMO Certificates of Appreciation:

The following members received awards at the Mid-Year Meeting:

Past President: Ryan Benefield, AR

For their prior service as Subcommittee Chairs:

Bonnie Buthker, OH (Federal Facilities), Chuck Schwer, VT (Tanks)

CERCLA and Brownfields Subcommittee

Sediments Focus Group:
Tom Gainer, OK

Hazardous Waste Subcommittee
Program Information Management Task Force

Lynn Metcalf, VT
Margery Wilhoite, KY
Corrective Action and Permitting Task Force
Lily Barkau, WY

Tanks Subcommittee

UST Task Force
Rebecca Keyser

Materials Management Subcommittee

Beneficial Use Task Force
Robert Blankenburg, AK; Carey Hulburt, CT; Kathleen Prather, NY; Mindy Anthony, DE; Jeffrey Cown, GA; Harry Sarvis, OH; Kelly Dillow, OK; Joe Cronin, KS; Craig McOmie, WY; Janice Fujimoto, HI

Kerry Callahan honored for 30 years of service to the Association

Kerry Callahan celebrated 30 years with ASTSWMO at the Mid-Year Meeting. Many of ASTSWMO’s members gave gifts of congratulations and spoke of her tireless effort and enthusiasm for her work.

Kerry humbly accepted an award for her achievement and thanked the membership for their work as devoted public servants. ●

Pictured Left to Right: Bonnie Buthker, Nancy Marker, Michael Forbeck, Kerry Callahan, Ryan Benefield, and Dania Rodriguez



ASTSWMO State News

EPA Awards ASTSWMO members for their service



Left to Right: Leo Henning, Robin Richardson, Trey Hess and Sandeep Burman

Robin Richardson, Deputy Director of EPA's Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation, presented the Excellence in State Engagement Supporting Reuse Awards to Leo Henning (KDHE), Trey Hess (MDEQ) and Sandeep Burman (MPCA).

What is going on in your State?

ASTSWMO wants to hear from you! Do you have programs that have had a recent success or milestone? Share it with us! ASTSWMO is committed to continuing to be a resource for our membership. So if you've done something, say something! ASTSWMO will share this information on our social media pages, newsletter! If you have news, please submit to Molly Lowney at mollyl@astswmo.org.

Alumni

Congratulations to Margery Wilhoite (KY) on her retirement this past April and best wishes to John Brueck (ID) on his upcoming retirement!

Are you close to retirement? Do you know retired waste managers who used to be active in ASTSWMO? ASTSWMO staff would like the personal contact information for retired or soon-to- retire waste managers. Staff continues to work on a plan to create a mentoring network for young professionals who work in RCRA C and D, Tanks, CERCLA, Brownfields, and Federal Facilities.

Send your contact information to Dania Rodriguez: 202-640-1061 or daniar@astswmo.org.

ASTSWMO Staff Update

On March 24, 2015, Scott Lauher joined the ASTSWMO staff as Program Manager for the CERCLA and Brownfields Subcommittee. Scott can be reached at 202-640-1064 or scottl@astswmo.org.

Summer Intern

Erica Allen will be interning at the ASTSWMO office this summer. She is a student at the University of Rhode Island class of 2016 studying Marine Affairs. She will be working with ASTSWMO from June 1-August 7.

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