

ASTSWMO 101

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**ASTSWMO, Providing Pathways to Our
Nation's Environmental Stewardship Since 1974**

What is ASTSWMO?

- The Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials, a non-profit trade association, representing all 50 States, five Territories, and the District of Columbia (the States) on environmental issues.
- Founded on October 22, 1974 in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Located in Washington, DC.



What do we
do?

Mission:

To enhance and promote effective State and Territorial programs and to affect relevant national policies for waste and materials management, environmentally sustainable practices, and environmental restoration.



What do we do?

- Represent the States and Territories (States) to the various sectors, including the Federal Government on State environmental issues and the State programs.
- Offer training/meetings to the States on current policies, and initiatives.
 - Annual & Mid-Year Meetings, Conferences, Symposia & Workshops
- Issue position and guidance papers, conducts webinars, participates in symposiums to increase knowledge of different programs and best practices.
- Foster better communication and effective joint action between the Federal Government and the States, as well as, among the States.



How does it work?

- Structure of ASTSWMO: <http://astswmo.org/board/>
 - Board – 14 members
 - Executive Committee comprised of the President, Vice-President, Immediate Past-President, and Secretary-Treasurer
 - One representative from each of the 10 EPA regions
 - Members
 - All 50 States, 5 Territories, and D.C.
 - Subcommittees – comprised of representatives from member States
 - Task Forces/Focus Groups – a subdivision of a Subcommittee that focuses on a specific area of a Federal program/issue
- Voting Members: <http://astswmo.org/voting-members/>
 - Each State and Territory shall designate one individual to be the “Voting Representative” who shall be entitled to only one vote when the Membership of the Association conducts business.
 - Main roles include electing regional Board members, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer



- Members in Action is implemented using a rotation plan which assigns terms based on each member's longevity with a FG/TF. Terms will expire in September of each year. The rotation plan for member terms is intended to afford the opportunity for other members to serve on a group in which they have an interest.

Members In Action

- Roles & Responsibilities
- Performance
- Expectations

Members In Action

How does it work?

- The Board gives direction for the organization and makes high level decisions in line with its stated mission.
- The members participate on the Subcommittees, Task Forces, and Focus Groups to exchange ideas, best practices, and work on and publish guidance and position papers for the benefit of other members.
- The members also have the opportunity to receive training and guidance to better effectuate their State programs and become more knowledgeable on current and emerging issues.
- The staff at ASTSWMO interact with the Board and guide members on the Subcommittees to implement ASTSWMO's mission.



What areas do we work on?

- Broadly, we work in the areas of waste management, materials management, restoration, clean-up, and prevention.
- Our Subcommittees take a more in-depth look at each of these areas and provide the information and guidance on Federal programs.
 - CERCLA and Brownfields
 - Federal Facilities
 - Hazardous Waste
 - Materials Management
 - Tanks
- The Subcommittees also seek to maintain a close partnership with the US EPA and DoD, and strengthen ties with the various State agencies.
- Issue specific groups such as PFAS



How can you
get in contact
and learn
more?

- Learn more about what we do and what we're working on by visiting our website at www.astswmo.org
- Also check us out on:
 - Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ASTSWMO>
 - Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/ASTSWMO>
 - LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/astswmo>
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