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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Solid Waste Professionals,
Fortunately for me, my wife and I were able to escape the cold weather by taking a vacation to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico down at the tip of the Baja peninsula. I know you are crying for me. We had a good time, but I couldn't help but watch how they handled their resort waste. They had two waste cans together one marked "organica" and the other "inorganica" and a shelf for recyclables. A lot of aluminum cans and plastic water bottles were in both the "organica" and "inorganica", placed by waiters and customers. The recyclable shelf was only for the plastic cups that the frozen rum drinks were served in and not for aluminum cans and plastic bottles. I painfully watched this practice continue. We unfortunately did not have a room facing the ocean, but the parking lot, and I could watch the garbage truck pick up the waste. My wife does worry about me as she observes me watching this activity and doing play by play. The garbage truck was a 1 ton type truck with wooden fencing around the bed so you could heap the garbage bags up in the back.

The resort had wifi, big screen TVs, technology in the rooms and waste disposal from the 60's. The challenges we face here domestically in some areas are not even a concern. I am assuming the garbage is hand sorted to collect the aluminum, probably nothing else. I did find out later the glass blowing facility uses locally disposed glass bottles.

If I go back I will attempt to find the landfill, my wife I am sure will skip this tour, but 30,000 tourists per week consume and dispose of lots of waste & recyclables in this resort community. We have a way to go to protect the entire Earth, but we are off to a good start here in Illinois. And remember - Don't take a vacation from recycling!

One final note - Kim Petzing-Lehmann recently left her position at Madison County and resigned from the Board of Directors. We always enjoyed her positive outlook. We wish Kim all the best! Government members from the Southern region should consider filling the remainder of her term.

Until next time....

All my best, Marlin Hartman

ASSOCIATION NEWS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

ILCSWMA provides periodic updates to our members throughout the Illinois legislative session on bills of potential interest. We have been updating the list of bills we are tracking each week on Friday. To view the latest update, please visit the [Documents page](#) on our website.

Also, recently we added links to that page to numerous Illinois solid waste and recycling laws for the convenience of our members.

MINI-GRANT AWARD

ILCSWMA recently awarded one mini-grant, in the amount of \$1,250, to Champaign County. They plan to use the funds to help conduct a digital billboard advertising campaign in relation to a community drug-take back day. Congratulations to Champaign County!

CONFERENCE PLANNING

The Board of Directors is well into planning for the 27th Annual Conference, to be held October 31-November 1 at the Wyndham City Centre in Springfield. If you have a topic or speaker you'd like to see on the agenda, please reach out to Kerri Gale, Association VP and Conference Coordinator. Email her at vp@ilcswma.org. If you are interested in learning more about conference sponsorship opportunities, please see the last page of this newsletter.

Look for conference registration to go live on our website around mid-August.

INDUSTRY NEWS

On May 9 from 12:00-1:00pm, USEPA's Sustainable Materials Management Web Academy Webinar will feature EPA's Waste Reduction Model (WARM) Version 15. To register for this free webinar visit, <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5135976441294804225>.

Have you ever wanted to calculate the environmental impact of your organization's waste management practices? Have you considered making a change in how you manage your waste stream, but are unsure what the environmental impact may be? Do you have sustainability goals, but are unsure how your current waste management plan feeds into the broader goals? These are the types of questions EPA's Waste Reduction Model (WARM) can help you answer.

For more information about WARM, visit <https://www.epa.gov/warm>.

The Recycling Economic Information Report can be found here: <https://www.epa.gov/smm/recycling-economic-information-rei-report>.

27th ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP

Conference Sponsorship Opportunities

ILCSWMA Board of Directors would like to invite your company to consider being a sponsor at the 27th Annual ILCSWMA Conference. Our conference is October 31st & November 1st and will be held at the Wyndham City Centre, Springfield, Illinois

ILCSWMA does not include your typical exhibit hall at our Annual Conference. We partner with a select few sponsors and focus attendees' attention on them, so you are not lost in a sea of vendors.

Sponsorship Levels

\$500 Sponsorship Includes (this level covers a morning or afternoon break for conference attendees)

- Ability to set up small display.
- Name and logo added to ILCSWMA conference webpage (sponsor provides logo to us).
- Half page ad (black and white) in conference binder and one full page ad (color) in an issue of "Illinois Solid Waste News" newsletter (sponsor provides ad to us).
- Mention by the President during conference proceedings (during Welcoming Remarks and Conference Wrap-Up, at a minimum).

\$1,000 Sponsorship Includes (this level covers a breakfast or lunch for conference attendees)

- Ability to set up small display.
- Name and logo added to ILCSWMA conference webpage (sponsor provides logo to us).
- Full page ad (black and white) in conference binder and a full page ad (color) in two issues of "Illinois Solid Waste News" newsletter (sponsor provides ad to us).
- Mention by the President during conference proceedings (during Welcoming Remarks and Conference Wrap-Up, at a minimum).
- **One Free Conference Registration (\$125 value)**
- **One-Year ILCSWMA Membership (\$75 value)**

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- Name and logo added to ILCSWMA conference webpage (sponsor provides logo to us).
- Full page ad (black and white) in conference binder and a full page ad (color) in three issues of "Illinois Solid Waste News" newsletter (sponsor provides ad to us). Also receive a spotlight article on your organization featured prominently in an issue of "Illinois Solid Waste News".
- Mention by the President during conference proceedings (during Welcoming Remarks and Conference Wrap-Up, at a minimum).
- **Two Free Conference Registrations (\$250 value)**
- **One-Year ILCSWMA Membership (\$75 value)**

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