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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Solid Waste Professionals,  
I recently attended the SWANA-sponsored "Contamination Reduction Task Force Meeting" and "Trivia Contest". As I look back at the event, both parts (learning part and fun part) required participants to play by the rules. At times we had as much of a problem being sure the rules were being followed in Trivia as we continually are with recycling collection containers. (You can probably tell my team didn't win the Trivia contest!)

Anyway, following the rules, I believe that the majority of people will follow the rules, or close to them if they know the rules. As I listen to everyone's contamination concerns in recycling, I realize that many of our residential recyclers don't know the rules about recycling.

Sometimes the answer has to be as plain as the nose on your face. Translation, we need to find a method to put the "Do's and Don'ts", "Acceptable or Unacceptable" or however we want to word it or picture it on the container so each time they

place an item in the container they see it. This will not solve all our contamination issues but I can assure you it will help.

The Contamination Reduction Task Force has done a good job of analyzing and coming up with solutions. It is now our turn to do something. There are other actions that may help but this action is within, or at least close to, our grasp. Work with your haulers, your local government (village, city or county) or another type of financial sponsor to get this action completed. Help our residents to "Play by the Rules" by making sure they know the rules.

On another note: I welcome our newest addition to the Board of Directors, Andi Yancey from Madison County! Andi will fill the remainder of the term vacated by earlier this year by Kim Petzing Lehmann. Welcome aboard Andi!

Last, but not least—see page 2 for more about the upcoming annual conference.

Until next time....

All my best, Marlin Hartman

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### 2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

In early January 2020 the designated contact at each member organization will receive a renewal invoice by email (or by mail, if requested). If any member would like to receive an invoice prior to then, due to budgeting or end of fiscal year concerns, send such a request to [info@ilcswma.org](mailto:info@ilcswma.org) and we'll be happy to assist!

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE APPROACHES

The Association's 27th Annual Conference will be held October 31-November 1 at the Wyndham City Centre in Springfield. We will have conference agenda and registration details on the website in early September. Members will also receive an email to announce the opening of registration. And yes, expect another Halloween costume contest at this year's conference!

Many thanks to the following early conference sponsors:

- [Heritage Environmental](#)
- [Lakeshore Recycling Systems](#)
- [Waste Connections / Millennium Waste](#)

If you are interested in learning more about conference sponsorship opportunities, please see the last page of this newsletter.

### ILCSWMA WEBSITE

For those that haven't looked, ILCSWMA has added links to many of the State regulations that our members frequently reference. Visit the [Documents](#) page to quickly jump to the regs you need.

### LAST CALL FOR 2019 AWARD NOMINATIONS

We ask that ILCSWMA members submit nominations for awards which will be handed out at the 27th Annual Conference. There are two awards for which nominations are sought:

Each year the Board of Directors bestows the **Distinguished Service Award** upon one nominee that has made outstanding contributions to the Association and the management of solid waste in Illinois.

In 2005 ILCSWMA established the **Lifetime Achievement Award**. The Board may bestow this award upon one or more nominees that are retiring, or leaving the solid waste industry or Illinois, and whose work has made a significant impact on their community and the Association. This award is not necessarily given out each year.



Nominees for either award must be employed by a full or affiliate member organization.

**Nominations for either award are due September 3** and should be submitted via email to Jennifer Jarland, ILCSWMA Secretary (see front page for contact information). No nomination forms are necessary; please submit the name and affiliation of both the nominated person and the individual submitting the nomination, as well as supporting information such as how long the nominee has worked in the solid waste field and some of their qualities and major accomplishments.

## MEMBER NEWS

### COLES COUNTY

The Coles County Board suspended the County-wide Supplemental Refuse Program, also known as the “Roll-off Program” in mid-2018. Since then, Coles County has attempted to bridge the gap by lending a helping hand to residents through other, more environmentally friendly programs. This year, the County hosted two cleanup days for rural and municipal residents alike and a new electronics recycling program was introduced.

Electronics recycling was administered county-wide and two events are being offered each year for 2019 and 2020. Other counties have undoubtedly been collecting electronics for years and recycling ton after ton. However, the special thing about the Coles County program is that it has never been done before in their County! 2019 was the first year county government stepped in to offer residents this service at the low cost of \$5 per TV and monitor. Most residents thanked them and less than a handful complained about the wait. Many said the \$5 fee was a fair price and nobody complained about the fees.



Jeff Lahr, former ILCSWMA President, helps unload electronics

The spring event was held at Lake Land College. It was staffed by Regional Planning and volunteers ranged from employees' relatives, friends, and community service workers. The event cost \$9,365 for collection services from the recycler, but

they were able to make back \$4,710 from the \$5 fees. They filled 3 semis full and recycled 65,429 lbs of electronics. If anyone is hesitant about holding electronics recycling events for the first time in a rural county, contact Sarah Mummel ([SMummel@co.coles.il.us](mailto:SMummel@co.coles.il.us)) and she would be thrilled to share her experience!

### WILL COUNTY

After joining the Greenest Region Compact and partnering with CUB (Citizens Utility Board) and MREA (Midwest Renewable Energy Association) to offer a residential solar group purchasing program to residents and businesses (group effort with Cook, DuPage and Kane Counties), Will County teamed up with the City of Joliet to offer their first Water Conservation-themed baseball game. At the Joliet Slammers game, they arranged for sponsors that gave away energy efficient and water conserving prizes, including a toilet and a dishwasher.

Will County held a Clothes for Compost day in May and partnered with the Forest Preserve to offer educational giveaways of several semi-loads of compost over the past few months to promote food scrap composting. Two high schools that received County funding to pilot food scrap collection completed their Spring programs and are now in negotiations to bring the composting program to all four high schools in the district utilizing their own funds.

Will County continues to offer electronic and household hazardous waste collections and looks forward to their annual pumpkin collection and compost education day hosted by Lewis University, and with educational assistance from the University of Illinois Extension and local Farm Bureau in November.

## ***27th ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP***

### ***Conference Sponsorship Opportunities***

ILCSWMA Board of Directors would like to invite your company to consider being a sponsor at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual ILCSWMA Conference. Our conference is October 31<sup>st</sup> & November 1<sup>st</sup> 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)**

#### **\$1,500 Sponsorship includes (this level covers the networking hour or and dinner 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 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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