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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Solid Waste Professionals, "Who Moved My Cheese" is a popular book, also made into a "YouTube" video, that identifies the characteristic of an organization or an individual to have long term plans and those plans may include embracing "change". All leaders realize the world changes, organizations change over time as well. The priorities of its members, the resources, the system that allows the organization to function. "Who Moved My Cheese" addresses all the above. In our world we call this concept "Sustainability". I feel ILCSWMA understood these concepts prior to the cheese being moved.

I can recall in the early years of ILCSWMA, that dealing with legislation was taboo. If it was

brought up, the leaders would condemn that direction and support the separation of ILCSWMA and the legislative process. And now look at us, introducing "Witness Slips" for legislative hearings and talking to legislators ourselves. The "cheese" has moved and we need to be smarter mice.

These legislative directions have caused me to learn how to function within county government to promptly get support for the legislative action. As stewards of the solid waste industry, we must look to the future and above all, adapt to the systems that we must function within to be successful.

Until next time....

All my best, Marlin Hartman

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

The deadline to submit applications for ILCSWMA Mini-Grants has been extended until May 5, 2017. Get up to \$1,250 for a project/event to collect & divert Food Waste, HHW, Paint, Mercury-Containing Devices, Pharmaceuticals, or Carpet.

The application for the grants is very simple to complete. Don't miss out on this opportunity! See Page 2 of this newsletter for more details.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

APPLY FOR AN ILCSWMA MINI-GRANT BY MAY 5

The ILCSWMA Board of Directors has extended the deadline for members to apply for a mini-grants, worth up to \$1,250 each. Up to two of these grants will be provided to full member (government) organizations. The objective of this grant program is to stimulate the collection and landfill diversion of the following post-consumer materials: Food Waste, HHW, Paint, Mercury-Containing Devices, Pharmaceuticals, or Carpet.

Fundable projects must include collection (permanent or one-time) of one or more of these aforementioned materials.

Applications are due by May 5, 2017.

Download the guidelines & application form:

<http://www.ilcswma.org/images//OtherDocuments/2017-ILCSWMA-Mini-Grant-Program-updated.doc>

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25TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD OCTOBER 26-27

ILCSWMA reminds members that our quarter-century conference will be held at the Wyndham Hotel in downtown Springfield on October 26-27, 2017.

In 1992, when dozens of solid waste management officials gathered for what would become the Association's first annual conference, no one would have guess we'd still be going strong 25 years later. The Association itself was only just an idea at the time, and wasn't incorporated until the following year. But here we are, having weathered highs and lows, but always respecting what is most important: providing our members with the information and connections they need to make their daily jobs easier.

So please mark your calendars to attend this milestone event! If you have ideas for topics or speakers, please contact Kerri Gale, VP & Conference Coordinator, at vp@ilcswma.org.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Below are links to State bills that may be of interest to our members. Click on each one to see the bill language and status.

[SB1969](#) Amends the Environmental Protection Act

[SB1943](#) Amends the Environmental Protection Act, the Environmental Toxicology Act, & the Illinois Plumbing License Law

[SB1703](#) Amends the Public Utilities Act

[SB1649](#) Amends the Environmental Protection Act

[SB1599](#) Amends the Environmental Protection Act



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE continued

[SB1597](#) Creates the Compostable Bags in Retail Establishments Act

[SB1561](#) Amends the Solid Waste Planning and Recycling Act

[SB1507](#) Amends the Counties Code

[SB1456](#) Amends the Environmental Protection Act

[SB1420](#) Amends the Illinois Dead Animal Disposal Act

[SB1417](#) Amends the Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act

[SB680](#) Amends the Safe Pharmaceutical Disposal Act

[HB3922](#) Creates the Municipal Task Force on Recycling Strategies to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

[HB3881](#) Amends the Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act

[HB3132](#) Amends the Solid waste Planning & Recycling Act

[HB3014](#) Amends the Environmental Protection Act

[HB2915](#) Amends the Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act

[HB2880](#) Amends the Environmental Protection Act

[HB2879](#) Amends the Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act

[HB2876](#) Amends the Environmental Protection Act

[HB2860](#) Amends the Environmental Protection Act

[HB2842](#) Amends the Environmental Protection Act

[HB2816](#) Creates the Materials Reuse and Recycling Act

[HB2770](#) Amends the Environmental Protection Act

[HB2427](#) Amends the Township Code

[HB772](#) Amends the Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act

[HB790](#) Amends the Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act

[HB706](#) Amends the Safe Pharmaceutical Disposal Act

[HB524](#) Amends the Safe Pharmaceutical Disposal Act

[HB222](#) Amends the Illinois Procurement Code

NORTHERN REGION MEETING ON APRIL 11 IN GENEVA

ILCSWMA's Northern Region will hold a member meeting on April 11, 2017 from 10am to 2pm at the Kane County Government Center in Geneva. All paid members in the region will receive an email invitation.

Members from around the region will have an opportunity to talk about solid waste & recycling activities going on within their jurisdiction. Special discussion will be focused on pharmaceutical collection programs, and a legislative update will be provided, as well.

Questions on the meeting should be sent to Jennifer Jarland, ILCSWMA Board member & meeting host. Her contact information is located on the front page of this newsletter.

Engaged members at a Past Northern Region Meeting



INDUSTRY NEWS

SWANA & NWRA ISSUE GUIDANCE TO LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) and the National Waste & Recycling Association (NWRA) recently released a brief for local elected officials on responding to unsolicited proposals to implement facilities based on emerging or locally unfamiliar waste-related technologies (such as gasification and pyrolysis).

The goal of the brief is to provide officials with a recommended evaluation process and to recommend resources to help come to an informed decision. The brief is available at <http://bit.ly/2ngJ3Wm>.

USEPA LOOKS AT PERSISTENCE OF BIOLOGICAL AGENTS IN LEACHATE

USEPA recently issued a new report titled "Evaluation of Persistence of Biological Agents in Landfill Leachate". The purpose of this effort was to assess the persistence of viruses in landfill leachate.

Due to the limited capacity of incinerators and hazardous waste sites, municipal solid waste (MSW) landfills, or landfills of a similar design, may receive decontaminated building materials following a terrorist attack with biological warfare (BW) agents, a natural outbreak of a highly infectious viral pathogen (i.e., Ebola virus) and/or an unintentional release. The ultimate fate of those materials is of great concern, particularly if the materials were incompletely decontaminated and contain residual amounts of BW agents. The report is available at <http://bit.ly/2mxF2IP>.

FEDERAL ZERO WASTE LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison has introduced the Zero Waste Development and Expansion Act (HR1034), which would create a national grant program to fund efforts toward achieving a goal of zero waste.

In a press release, Ellison [noted](#) the plan would create local jobs as well as benefit the environment. The bill was [previously introduced](#) in 2015 but failed to advance in Congress. The bill has been referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Environment.

2016 STATE OF CURBSIDE REPORT

USEPA and national nonprofit The Recycling Partnership released the 2016 State of Curbside Report, which provides insight and analysis of key curbside attributes that influence the performance of recovering household recyclables at the curb. The report features data from more than 400 municipal recycling programs in the U.S. And topics highlighted include frequency of collection, container type, municipal solid waste tip fees, material mix, collection approach and program ownership.



U.S. curbside recycling systems share three common trends: strong community engagement leads to recovery in the home; a lack of consistency in how communities educate community members about curbside recycling programs leads to confusion and frustration; and no single characteristic can be changed to allow a struggling program to transform into a best-in-class program.

Out of the 465 cities featured in this study, 82 percent of the curbside-collected cities have single stream collection and 54 percent of the curbside-collected cities have weekly collection. Additionally, \$47 is the national municipal solid waste (MSW) tip fee average and 357 is the average amount of pounds per household per year (lbs/hh/yr).

View the full report at <http://bit.ly/2h9suop>.

INDUSTRY NEWS continued

CONTRACTING BEST PRACTICES

In the Public Interest, a research and policy center committed to promoting the democratic control of public goods and services, recently released a best practices guide on municipal waste contracting. [Is Your Waste Contract Putting Your Municipality At Risk?](#) provides best practices for municipalities aiming to protect their interests when contracting with private companies that provide waste management services.

The guide's best practices include the following and more:

- Establish the conditions and grounds on which the city may terminate a contract.
- Outline contractor fines for performance issues or failures.
- Require the contractor to hire locally and pay the local prevailing wage.
- Include routing provisions to allow the city to control truck traffic and reduce excess air pollution.

The guide concludes with a list of "must-haves" regarding municipal control, good management, workforce stability, and environmental protections that policymakers and other stakeholders can use when exploring, evaluating, and negotiating municipal waste contracts.

REGISTER FOR THE PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP FORUM

Early bird registration discount ends March 31st



Join the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI) on July 25-26, 2017 at the Omni Parker House Hotel in Boston, MA for a [discussion-packed conference](#). This year's Forum will highlight current product stewardship trends in the U.S., focusing on packaging, pharmaceuticals, paint, electronics, HHW, and other priority products.

In classic PSI style, each session will be highly participatory, designed for multi-stakeholder discussion of cutting-edge topics. Global leaders will assess the successes and challenges of extended producer responsibility programs and provide the context needed to help us advance the product stewardship movement in the U.S.

[Registration](#) is now available on the PSI website, along with the [conference agenda](#) and [sponsorship opportunities](#). Please contact PSI's [Suzy Whalen](#) with questions at (617) 236-8293.



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