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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ILCSWMA Members,

Recently the ILCSWMA Board has confirmed our 2012 conference for the Hilton Garden Inn in Champaign on October 4th and 5th. With this being the first time ILCSWMA has held a conference in the Champaign/Urbana area, it should provide new opportunities such as potential speakers, tour locations, etc. Please plan ahead and mark your calendars now.

For our affiliate members, we are always looking for different locations to hold our regional meetings. If you would like to showcase improvements to your facility or demonstrate what services you have to offer, please contact one of our regional board members to inquire about hosting a meeting. For those who have not attended a regional meeting in the past, they occasionally include a tour of a facility and they provide a venue to share news, information, and ideas with solid waste professionals throughout your region.

Lastly, this is my final column as President of ILCSWMA. It has been a rewarding seven years on the Board, serving as President

the last four. I have learned a lot from my fellow Board members, past and present, as well as from our many involved members around the State. While the conference planning has always been a challenge, the end result has always been enjoyable with the camaraderie of meeting members that I may not have seen since the last conference.

I greatly appreciate all the assistance over the years, especially from the other Board members and our Administrative Coordinator, Bart Hagston. Even though I will be available to assist the Board when needed, I'm confident that the remaining and new Board members will continue promoting the mission of ILCSWMA and striving to make the Association stronger. Thanks everyone and I'll see you at the next conference or workshop.

Best Regards,  
Dave Hartke

**ATTENTION:** Please return ILCSWMA election ballots to the Association's Secretary by Sep. 15.

## *ASSOCIATION NEWS*

### **ILLINOIS LINING UP FOR PAINT LEGISLATION IN 2013**

Given the successful enactment of paint industry supported legislation in Oregon and California, ILCSWMA members are working on enacting similar legislation in Illinois. The Oregon and California legislation is based on the concept of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) also known as Product Stewardship, which makes manufacturers of products jointly responsible (along with consumers, collectors, recyclers and government) for the end-of-life management of their products. A great example of this concept is the e-scrap legislation in Illinois which has led to a significant increase in the recycling of electronic devices in Illinois and meaningful job creation.

ILCSWMA, under Dave Hartke's leadership, got the ball rolling about two years ago when it helped fund participation with an organization called the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI). Through this interaction we became aware that Illinois EPA had been involved (along with eight other states) in a product stewardship initiative lead by PSI with the paint industry (American Coatings Association or ACA) going back to 2003. Unfortunately, Illinois EPA dropped out of this initiative due to funding issues and Connecticut took its place. This is important because the ACA entered into a formal MOU with the 9 states (not including Illinois at that time) in 2007, which laid out a timeframe for these states to move forward with paint legislation that had been worked out with the nine states and PSI.

Fortunately, by getting involved with PSI, Illinois has been able to "get back to the table" and the ACA has given informal approval for Illinois to attempt to run paint legislation in 2013. Illinois' original involvement and funding was recognized as being valuable and helped us get back on track with the other MOU states.

ILCSWMA members are taking the lead in preparing for this legislative initiative in the spring of 2013. On

recent calls of the Illinois Product Stewardship Initiative, ILCSWMA members along with PSI staff have developed a game plan for moving forward on getting the groundwork done in 2012 so we are ready to move forward with legislation in 2013. We all recognize the funding issues that IEPA is experiencing and its long term ability to continue to fund HHW programs is in question (or at least SWALCO believes this to be the case and we are trying to find other ways to fund our HHW program, which includes one of the four permanent sites in Illinois). We have already witnessed the impact funding has had on the Partners for Paint program and the single-day HHW events that were once held in Illinois. If paint legislation is enacted in Illinois and an upfront fee or eco-fee similar to Oregon's (\$0.75 per gallon) is enacted, it will generate over \$10 million in revenue to divert both latex and oil-based paints from our landfills.

I encourage ILCSWMA members to get involved in these calls with PSI. Our **next call is September 20, 2011 at 9 am**. If you have not been involved with these calls, but would like to be, please email Caitlin Campbell at [Caitlin@productstewardship.us](mailto:Caitlin@productstewardship.us).

Finally, PSI does not provide services for free. We are attempting to work together to fund the \$15,000 annual fee and I want to recognize those that have committed either \$500 or \$1,000 to the cause: Ogle County, Kendall County, Will County, Jackson County, DeKalb County, City of Chicago, SWALCO and Veolia ES. We are still short on what we need and it is my hope that other counties will join in the funding. The long term goal is to establish a sustainable funding mechanism and then start thinking about forming a stewardship council here in Illinois to continue the push for EPR solutions to our waste/material management issues.

Regards, Walter S. Willis, Executive Director, SWALCO, 847/336-9340 x 2, [wwillis@swalco.org](mailto:wwillis@swalco.org)

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## **MEMBER NEWS**

### **MACON COUNTY**

Event recycling in Macon County has been in full swing. Although Decatur Celebration has been a thriving street festival every summer for 25 years, recycling was a big hit for the first time. The three day event required long hours, a 'green team' of volunteers, sponsors, the support of Decatur Celebration Director, and of course the cooperation of festival attendees. In total, 200 recycling containers were utilized to collect 710 lbs. of fiber, 1,380 lbs of co-mingled recyclables resulting in 50 CY of material diverted from the local landfill, Veolia ES Environmental. One contributing factor to the success of this program has been overwhelming support of sponsors and the cooperative efforts of Midwest Fiber and Veolia ES Valley View Landfill personnel.

From a marketing perspective, the 200 recycling containers spread throughout the streets for three days proved to be the impetus for increased event recycling in Macon County. In terms of the success/failure of event recycling, it is always difficult to predict the various organizations, villages, and community groups who will be motivated to seek out recycling for their event as well as support and encourage its success. Suffice it to say, our staff has been very busy and have met a lot of great people in the process.

Future plans for Macon County event recycling successes lie in developing procedures for allowing other communities in our region the ability to rent recycling containers for their own events without incurring the capital investment for every community.

Recently, Macon County was fortunate enough to welcome another Farm Progress Show. Our office once again handled the recycling at this event utilizing 150 recycling containers and a 40-yd roll off for co-mingled fiber.

### **SAINT CLAIR COUNTY**

The St. Clair County Health Department is sponsoring a campaign during the months of September and October to reduce the health hazards of leaf burning in our communities. Residents are asked to voluntarily fill out a form pledging not to burn. The forms will be collected by the Health Department and used in a live drawing at the Belleville Farmers Market on October 15. Grand prize is a mulching mower donated by Waste Management. Other prizes include backyard compost bins, leaf rakes and leaf bags.

St. Clair County also collected 57,000 lbs of telephone books for the Spring 2011 Recycling Collection. Schools in St. Clair County participated in a recycling contest with a monetary award donated by Illinois American Water. The top school was St. John the Baptist of Smithon with 6,500 lbs.

### **SOLID WASTE AGENCY OF NORTHERN COOK COUNTY**

The SWANCC Board of Directors recently appointed David Van Vooren to serve as its new executive director. SWANCC is an intergovernmental agency that delivers waste hauling and a host of recycling and educational programs to residents in 23 north and northwest suburban communities.

Prior to accepting his new post, Mr. Van Vooren served as the Director of Public Works for the City of Naperville where he managed a \$22 million department with 105 employees. Prior to his work for the City of Naperville, he served as the Village Administrator in Plainfield (1991-1996), the Deputy Village Manager in Downers Grove (2001-

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## ***MEMBER NEWS continued***

### **SWANCC continued**

2005) and the Executive Director for the Northwest Water Commission (1996-2001), an intergovernmental agency created to deliver potable water to its member communities in Northwest Cook County.

The SWANCC Executive Committee conducted a national search for a new executive director and received scores of resumes from candidates in 15 states. Mr. Van Vooren will replace acting executive director, Steven Schilling, a 14-year veteran of SWANCC.

“The Executive Committee and Board of Directors also thanks Steve for guiding the Agency with a very steady and skilled hand these past several months,” said Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen, chairman of SWANCC’s Executive Committee. “He, more than anyone else, is

responsible for helping us stay focused on our mission during a period of transition for the Agency.”

Mr. Van Vooren will begin on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **CITY OF URBANA**

At the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Urbana Sweetcorn Festival, City staff set up stations to collect bottles, cans and cups for recycling and to collect corn husks and cobs for composting. Each recycling station was signed and staffed by volunteers. Over 800 pounds of recyclables were collected and 15 cubic yards of corn husks and cobs were collected. A “Green Alley” was also set up for various organizations to distribute environmental program information to festival attendees.

## ***MISCELLANEOUS NEWS***

### **SUSTAINABLE UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES SYMPOSIUM ON OCT 28**

Governor Quinn's Green Government Coordinating Council, the Illinois Green Economy Network, and Heartland Community College invite you to participate in the 2011 Sustainable Universities and Colleges Symposium on Oct. 28th in Normal.

This annual free symposium is an opportunity for college and university administrators, engineers, architects, professors, and student leaders to exchange ideas in the effort to enhance sustainability at Illinois institutions of higher learning and identify new programs to apply at your institution. The annual event also seeks to empower students to pursue green jobs and make an investment in the sustainability of our state and our planet.

**Call for proposals:** Proposals are sought for panelists for the Symposium. They are looking for speakers that can cover topics such as sustainable renovation and construction, energy efficiency, transportation, renewable energy, geothermal systems, conservation, environmental education and service learning, water and waste reduction, student engagement in greening the campus, applications of benchmarking and reporting tools like the Illinois Campus Sustainability Compact, STARS, ACUPCC and more.

**Deadline to submit proposals is September 20, 2011. Please submit proposals to [Gabriel.Sulkes@Illinois.gov](mailto:Gabriel.Sulkes@Illinois.gov)**

**Registration:** Registration for this symposium is free and can be found at [Green.Illinois.Gov](http://Green.Illinois.Gov)

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## ***MISCELLANEOUS NEWS continued***

### **STATE ELECTRONICS LAW EXPANDED**

Gov. Quinn recently signed SB2106 which expanded the Electronic Products Recycling & Reuse Act in a number of ways (see the last edition of this newsletter for details). Two details are probably of greatest interest to our local government members:

- 1) the expanded list of electronic items which will be banned from landfills as of January 1, 2012;
- 2) the establishment of \$2,000 grants to county recycling coordinators to help increase community awareness of electronics recycling options.

Prior to the signing of SB2106, the electronic items to be banned from landfills included computers, monitors, printers, and TVs. Now the list includes keyboards, fax machines, VCRs, DVD players/recorders, video game consoles, mice, scanners, digital converter boxes, cable/satellite receivers, small scale servers, and portable digital music players.

A number of local government solid waste/recycling officials are concerned about the impending ban and the absence of a coordinated, statewide effort to educate residents, businesses and waste haulers about the ban. Some local governments, for example, are currently surveying waste haulers to measure their level of awareness about the ban and their intention for handling electronics set out by their customers after January 1. Discussions amongst these officials will hopefully lead to some direction for other local governments to follow. ILCSWMA will soon be providing information via email to its local government members to help them prepare for the landfill ban.

In regard to the grants, the legislation requires IEPA to make available \$2,000 grants to county recycling coordinators for electronics recycling education efforts. It is unclear at this time what the process will be for requesting the grants, as the law did not address appropriation. ILCSWMA will pass along any information as it becomes available.

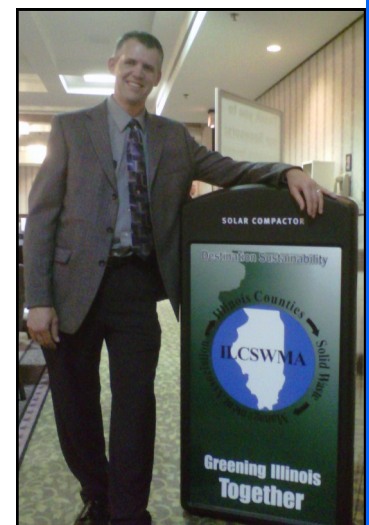
### **GOVERNOR'S SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS**

The University of Illinois Sustainable Technology Center will be hosting the Annual Governor's Sustainability Award ceremony in Champaign on October 27<sup>th</sup>. 2011 commemorates the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the award. As part of the celebration, the distinguished Dr. Robert "Doc" Hall will join us at the ceremony to talk about sustaining business and the environment in the United States. The program will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Champaign. For more details see [www.istc.illinois.edu](http://www.istc.illinois.edu) or contact Deb Jacobson at [djacobson@istc.illinois.edu](mailto:djacobson@istc.illinois.edu).

### **THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT**

*The Association's Board of Directors would like to thank Dave Hartke for his leadership the past four years.*

*Your contributions have been numerous and are greatly appreciated.*



## LEGISLATIVE NEWS

### 2011 ILLINOIS BILLS OF INTEREST

The bills below are ones which passed both legislative chambers this year and may be of interest to ILCSWMA members. To view the bills, visit [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov).

| <b>Bill #</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Issue/Topic</b>                                                                                                     | <b>Last Action</b>          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| SB41                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Township leaf/brush collection                                                                                         | Public Act 97-0417          |
| SB1213                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Mercury devices                                                                                                        | Public Act 07-0459          |
| SB1357                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Compliance Commitment Agreements                                                                                       | Public Act 97-0519          |
| SB1652                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Electric Utilities – renewable energy                                                                                  | Sent to Governor            |
| SB1929                                                                                                                                                                                                              | C&D recycling, beneficial use as landfill ADC                                                                          | Public Act 97-0230          |
| SB2062                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Clean Coal Future Gen project                                                                                          | Amendatory Veto by Governor |
| SB2106                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Amends Electronics Act                                                                                                 | Public Act 97-0287          |
| Link to News Release: <a href="http://www.illinois.gov/PressReleases/ShowPressRelease.cfm?SubjectID=29&amp;RecNum=9612">http://www.illinois.gov/PressReleases/ShowPressRelease.cfm?SubjectID=29&amp;RecNum=9612</a> |                                                                                                                        |                             |
| SB2193                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Creates Environmental Justice Act                                                                                      | Public Act 97-0391          |
| Link to News Release: <a href="http://www.illinois.gov/PressReleases/ShowPressRelease.cfm?SubjectID=29&amp;RecNum=9641">http://www.illinois.gov/PressReleases/ShowPressRelease.cfm?SubjectID=29&amp;RecNum=9641</a> |                                                                                                                        |                             |
| SB2288                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Refuse derived fuel standards                                                                                          | Veto by Governor            |
| HB166                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Creates Higher Ed Green Jobs & Technology Act                                                                          | Public Act 97-0241          |
| Link to News Release: <a href="http://www.illinois.gov/PressReleases/ShowPressRelease.cfm?SubjectID=3&amp;RecNum=9601">http://www.illinois.gov/PressReleases/ShowPressRelease.cfm?SubjectID=3&amp;RecNum=9601</a>   |                                                                                                                        |                             |
| HB1297                                                                                                                                                                                                              | IEPA online permitting                                                                                                 | Public Act 97-0095          |
| Link to News Release: <a href="http://www.illinois.gov/PressReleases/ShowPressRelease.cfm?SubjectID=1&amp;RecNum=9538">http://www.illinois.gov/PressReleases/ShowPressRelease.cfm?SubjectID=1&amp;RecNum=9538</a>   |                                                                                                                        |                             |
| HB1326                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Shingle recycling & use in pavement                                                                                    | Public Act 97-0314          |
| Link to News Release: <a href="http://www.illinois.gov/PressReleases/ShowPressRelease.cfm?SubjectID=29&amp;RecNum=9626">http://www.illinois.gov/PressReleases/ShowPressRelease.cfm?SubjectID=29&amp;RecNum=9626</a> |                                                                                                                        |                             |
| HB1359                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Fire dept. restrictions on open burning                                                                                | Public Act 97-0488          |
| HB1458                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Renewable energy                                                                                                       | Public Act 97-0491          |
| HB1487                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Renewable Energy Production District Act                                                                               | Public Act 97-0265          |
| HB2001                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Criminal penalties for illegal dumping                                                                                 | Public Act 97-0286          |
| Link to News Release: <a href="http://www.illinois.gov/PressReleases/ShowPressRelease.cfm?SubjectID=29&amp;RecNum=9646">http://www.illinois.gov/PressReleases/ShowPressRelease.cfm?SubjectID=29&amp;RecNum=9646</a> |                                                                                                                        |                             |
| HB2056                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Prescription Pill & Drug Disposal Fund                                                                                 | Public Act 97-0545          |
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| HB2902                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Electric vehicles advisory council                                                                                     | Public Act 97-0089          |
| HB2903                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Electric vehicle grants to car sharing organization                                                                    | Public Act 97-0090          |
| HB3090                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Medication collection at City Halls & Police Depts.                                                                    | Public Act 97-0546          |
| Link to News Release: <a href="http://www.illinois.gov/PressReleases/ShowPressRelease.cfm?SubjectID=2&amp;RecNum=9678">http://www.illinois.gov/PressReleases/ShowPressRelease.cfm?SubjectID=2&amp;RecNum=9678</a>   |                                                                                                                        |                             |
| HB3371                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Contaminated soils                                                                                                     | Public Act 97-0137          |
| HB3414                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Governor to chair Green Government Coordinating Council and requires annual sustainability plans for each State agency | Public Act 97-0573          |
| HB3620                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Use of coal combustion by-products as structural fill                                                                  | Public Act 97-0510          |