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## **Legislative Trash Talking Comes to an End**

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The regular session of 82<sup>nd</sup> Texas Legislature came to a close on Monday, May 30th. A total of 5,796 House and Senate bills were filed and 1,379 passed during the regular session.

As you may recall from the beginning of the session, the state was faced with a budget deficit of approximately \$27 billion, so the legislature had to make some tough budget cuts. The House and Senate passed a budget for the 2012-2013 biennium totaling \$172.3 billion, which includes \$80.6 billion in General Revenue. 45.8% of the General Revenue Fund is for public education; 14.7% goes to higher education; and 27.8% for health care—totaling \$71.1 billion.

Another hot ticket item was redistricting. For the first time in twenty years, the Texas Legislature passed House and Senate maps during the regular session. To find out if you are in a new district, the maps can **be seen at the Texas Legislative Council's website at:** [www.tlc.state.tx.us/tlc.htm](http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/tlc.htm).

Legislative leaders considered dozens of bills that would have impacted the Texas solid waste industry. **The lion's share of those would have harmed landfill owners and operators in some form or fashion. TxSWANA's legislative team worked on over 100 bills during the regular session of the legislature to attempt to protect members' interests. The new laws outlined below are some of the many bills with direct impacts to the solid waste industry that emerged from the ses-**

**sion and made it past the Governor's desk. Those that died in the process are too numerous and voluminous to include here.**

The summaries below only present an abbreviated highlight of each piece of legislation, the full text of the particular measure should be consulted to determine the full extent of its impacts or applicability at [www.capitol.state.tx.us](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us). For questions, please contact our Government Relations Practice Group.

**Demolition Waste in Small Cities:** SB 1258 (Relating to the disposal of demolition waste from abandoned or nuisance buildings in certain areas; by Sen. Duncan and House sponsor Rep. Hardcastle – effective immediately). Grants the TCEQ the authority to issue a permit by rule to authorize a city or county with a population of 10,000 or less to dispose of demolition waste from an abandoned building or building found to be a nuisance if the disposal occurs on land that the city or county owns or controls and the land would qualify for an arid exemption under TCEQ rules. The new law only applies to an abandoned or nuisance building that the city or county has acquired through bankruptcy, tax delinquency, or condemnation where the previous owner was not financially capable of paying the costs of demolition and disposal (including transportation to a disposal facility). Requires TCEQ, in order to protect public and private property, rights-of-way, groundwater, and any other right, to adopt rules to

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## Message from the President

*By Brenda Haney*

Howdy TxSWANA Professionals!

First, Kudos to the City of Dallas Team for all of their hard work and efforts on the Road-E-O! I hated to miss it but heard it was a huge success and lots of fun. The competition was tight and competitive as always. This year we will again be sending some of the best operators Texas has to the National Road-E-O – **go get'em guys and show them how it's done!**

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature session and Special Session is over – check out the legislative report by Brian Sledge for a wrap-up of everything that happened this session.

In addition, if you have not heard there has been some reorganization at the TCEQ. Most notably for us is that there is now an Office of Waste. The Office of Waste will be comprised of the Waste Permits Division, Remediation Division, Radioactive Materials Division, and the Permitting and Registration Support Division. Brent Wade is being appointed as the Deputy Director. We welcome Mr. Wade and look forward to working with him in the future.

Also, we are working with the State of Texas Alliance for Recycling (STAR) on a joint steering team to define and develop a statement of what items should be included in a Statewide recycling study and make recommendations to the TCEQ. If you have any thoughts on the matter, I would love to hear from you or you may contact any of the Board with your thoughts and we will work to get your ideas included.

Election time is upon us again for the Board. Please keep an eye out for your ballot – we will send the out via email and will put it on our website as well. Please complete your ballot and get it back to us – this is your association.

Finally, the Texas summer is in full swing and it is hot, hot, hot. Please take care of yourselves will you are out in this heat serving the residents of Texas – drink lots of fluids and watch out for the signs of heat stress or exhaustion including profuse sweating, weak or tired, nausea, normal or slightly higher body temperature, and pale, clammy skin (sometimes flushed).

Be safe out there and have a terrific summer!

***Brenda Haney***



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## **Garland Picks Up Honors at Keep Texas Beautiful Conference**

The City of Garland and Keep Garland Beautiful took home several honors at the Keep Texas Beautiful conference, held June 20 – 23 in Austin.

Os Rodriquez, Field Supervisor in the Code Compliance Department, was recognized by KTB as the top Code Enforcement officer in the state when he received the Ed Davis Litter Law Award. This once-in-a-lifetime award recognizes an individual law enforcement professional who goes above and beyond the call of duty in their approach to the enforcement of environmental laws **and regulations. Several of Os' co-workers** traveled to Austin to celebrate the award with him.

Jim Harmon and Glenna Brown picked up the first place award in the Electronic Media category **in recognition of the “Race to Save Space” video. Jim, a video producer in the Office of Public and Media Affairs,** filmed and edited the video, and Glenna wrote the script and directed. The video depicts a child teaching adults about the importance of separating brush from other bulky items so that the clean brush can be ground into mulch and returned to Garland residents.

Keep Garland Beautiful and the City of Garland received third place recognition for the Governor's Community Achievement Award. **Keep Garland Beautiful was also honored with Silver Star** affiliate status, which recognizes KGB accomplishments. KGB is an affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful. Board members Betty Roberts, Sandra Purdom and Barbara Powers were on hand to receive the Silver Star award.



Glenna Brown and Jim Harmon accept first place Keep Texas Beautiful award



Os Rodriquez accepts Ed David Litter Award from John Howard, President of Keep Texas Beautiful Board of Directors

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control the collection, handling, storage, processing, and disposal of demolition waste from buildings under the new law.

**TV Recycling:** SB 329 (Relating to the sale, recovery, and recycling of certain television equipment; providing administrative penalties; by Sen. Watson and House sponsor Rep. Chisum – effective 9/1/2011). Amends Chapter 361, Health and Safety Code, to establish a comprehensive program for manufacturers for the recycling of television equipment. Requires TCEQ to develop an informational website and hotline to inform and educate the public about the program, and to establish an annual statewide recycling rate for television equipment. Authorizes TCEQ to audit, inspect, and enforce against retailers and recycling facilities implementing the program and requires TCEQ to provide an annual report to the Legislature regarding the program. Creates a Recycling Leadership Program that television manufacturers may enter into in lieu of submitting recovery plans to the commission. Also exempts from the definition of "retailer" a person engaging, in the ordinary course of business, in lease or rental purchase agreements for such equipment. Requires that the commission, in addition to annual reporting to the legislature, also submit a progress report in 2017 regarding the implementation and success of the program. Creates a Television Recycling Account to be deposited into the general fund. It changes the annual report to a biennial report to be submitted no later than March 1 on even-numbered years.

**Metal Recycling:** SB 694 (Relating to the regulation of metal recycling entities; providing penalties; by Sen. West and House sponsor Rep. W. Smith). This bill amends various codes to attempt to address metal recycling entities and theft of metals. First, adds various items, including fire hydrants, an item with the logo of a governmental entity or utility, and wire that has been burned to remove the insulation, to the list of regulated metals under state law. Also provides that a county, city, or other political subdivision may require the record of purchase of regulated metals to contain a clear and legible thumbprint of a seller, and provides that a county, city, or other political subdivision that issues a license or permit to a metal recycling entity must issue a notice to an owner or operator that is operating without the license or permit informing the owner or operator that the owner or operator may be subject to criminal and civil penalties if the owner or operator does not submit an application for the appropriate license or permit.

Bill provides that a person who owns or operates a metal recycling entity and does not submit an application for the appropriate license or permit has committed a misdemeanor offense. Also authorizes DPS to enter into contracts relating to the operation of the statewide electronic reporting system and database and requires the department to make available on its Internet website a publicly accessible list of all registered metal recycling entities. Provides that DPS by rule

must establish and implement a grant program to provide funding to assist local law enforcement agencies in preventing the theft of regulated metals from fines collected under the program. Requires DPS to establish an advisory committee relating to regulation of metal recycling entities. Requires DPS to include local law enforcement on that committee. Prohibits a metal recycling entity from paying for a purchase of regulated material in cash if the entity does not hold a certificate of registration and does not hold (if applicable) a license or permit required by a county, city, or other political subdivision, or has been prohibited by the department from paying cash. Prohibits a county, city, or other political subdivision from adopting or enforcing a rule, charter, or ordinance or issuing an order or imposing standards that limit the use of cash by a metal recycling entity in a manner more restrictive than provided, above, unless the rule, charter, ordinance, or order was in effect on January 1, 2011. Authorizes county, city, or other political subdivision to enjoin the business operations of a business owner or operator of a recycling entity if the owner or operator has not submitted an application for a certificate of registration or, if applicable, a license or permit required by a county, city, or other political subdivision. Authorizes cities and counties to retain 10 percent of fines collected due to metal recycling violations.

**State Purchase of Recycled Products:** HB 3395 (Relating to state purchasing preferences for recycled products and to the efficient operation of certain telecommunications entities; by Rep. Callegari and Senate sponsor Sen. Lucio – effective immediately). Amends Chapter 2155, Government Code, which requires state agencies to give purchasing preference to recycled, remanufactured, or environmentally sensitive products, by limiting the preference requirement only to situations where the average price of the product is not more than 10 percent greater than the price of comparable nonrecycled products. It also creates standards for the efficient use of telecommunication systems.

**TCEQ Sunset:** HB 2694 (Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and abolishing the On-site Wastewater Treatment Research Council; by Rep. W. Smith and Senate sponsor Sen. Huffman – effective 9/1/11). This is the TCEQ Sunset bill. Continues the TCEQ for 12 more years. Prohibits TCEQ commissioners from accepting campaign contributions. Transfers responsibility for making groundwater protection recommendations related to oil and gas activities from the TCEQ to the Railroad Commission. Transfers public assistance and public access functions from the Office of Public Interest Counsel (OPIC) to the Executive Director, and refocuses OPIC's mission to the representation of the public as a party in matters before the TCEQ. Substantially overhauls the compliance history classification process and how com-

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pliance history is used in enforcement proceedings. **Changes TCEQ's penalty caps to a range of penalty amounts** (including certain increases). Authorizes TCEQ to approve Supplemental Environmental Projects for local governments that would bring them into compliance or that is necessary to remediate environmental harm caused by the violation, but also requires TCEQ to develop a policy to prevent entities from avoiding compliance through SEPs. Provides numerous other changes not directly related to solid waste issues.

**Aggregate Production Operations:** HB 571 (Relating to the regulation of certain aggregate production operations by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; providing penalties; by Rep. Huberty and Senate sponsor Sen. Williams – effective 9/1/11). Adds Chapter 28A to the Water Code to authorize registration and inspection of aggregate production operations by the TCEQ to ensure compliance with applicable environmental laws relating to water and air quality. The bill excludes from the definition of "aggregate production operation" a site at which the materials that are being removed or extracted from the earth are used or processed for use in the construction, modification, or expansion of a solid waste facility at the site or another location.

**Air Quality:** SB 493 (Relating to the idling of motor vehicles; by Sen. Fraser and House sponsor Rep. W. Smith – effective immediately). Amends Chapter 382, Health and Safety Code, by allowing "clean idle" engines (those that emit not more than 30 grams of NOx per hour when idling) to idle in this state as an exception to the rules relating to the idling of motor vehicles. Defines "idling" as allowing an engine to run while the motor vehicle is not engaged in forward or reverse motion. Prohibits TCEQ from prohibiting or limiting the idling of any motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 8,500 pounds that is equipped with a 2008 or subsequent model year heavy-duty diesel engine that has been certified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or another state environmental agency to emit no more than 30 grams of nitrogen oxides emissions per hour when idling.

**Air Quality:** HB 3272 (Relating to the low-income vehicle repair assistance, retrofit, and accelerated vehicle retirement program; by Rep. Burnam and Senate sponsor Sen. Deuell – effective 9/1/11). Amends Chapter 382, Health and Safety Code, to add electric vehicles and natural gas vehicles to the list of replacement vehicles eligible for the low-income vehicle repair, assistance, retrofit and retirement program. Also adds that vehicles which have been certified to meet federal Tier 2, Bin 3, or a cleaner Bin certification are eligible as

replacement vehicles. Also provides that TCEQ shall establish a partnership with representatives of the steel industry, automobile dismantlers and scrap metal recyclers to ensure that vehicles are scrapped or recycled.

**Municipal Setting Designation:** HB 2826 (Relating to the issuance of a certificate for a municipal setting designation; by Rep. Murphy and Senate sponsor Sen. Huffman – effective 9/1/11). Amends the Health and Safety Code, in provisions of the Solid Waste Disposal Act relating to notice of an application for a municipal setting designation, to require a notice to include a statement that an affected municipality or public utility has 120 days from the date of receipt of the notice to pass a resolution opposing the application for a municipal designation setting if the property for which the municipal setting designation is sought is located in a municipality that has a population of two million or more and the applicant intends to comply with the requirements for issuance of a municipal setting designation certificate. Establishes that if the property for which a municipal setting designation is sought is located in a municipality that has a population of two million or more and the applicant has complied with applicable requirements, the applicant is considered to have complied with the requirements for eligibility for a municipal setting designation certificate if the applicant provides specified documentation.

#### **SPECIAL SESSION**

There is only one item that is mandated by the Texas Constitution that legislators must act on each biennium, which is the state budget. A key fiscal matters bill that was necessary to balance the budget failed to pass during the regular session, so the Governor called a special session that began May 31. Each special session can last up to 30 days, and addresses only those issues that are placed on "the call" by Governor Perry. Other items may be filed, but are subject to a point of order at any time during the process. The 1st Special Session was initially called via the Governor's Proclamation and it was open to the fiscal matters necessary for the implementation of the budget, as well as legislation relating to health care services and cost. As the Special Session went on, the Governor added Congressional Redistricting, Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA), sanctuary cities and security procedures at the airports. Efforts regarding the last two measures did not pass, but all other items on the call did. No measures directly related to municipal solid waste issues were considered during the Special Session.

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# TORNADO SAFETY

**In the US, tornadoes have occurred in every month.** Approximately a thousand tornadoes touch down in the US each year with 153 tornadoes in **Texas**. Tornadoes have occurred in every month, but occur most often during April, May and June between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Texas is 11th among the 50 states in density of tornadoes with an average of 5.7 tornadoes per 10,000 square miles per year. The U.S. record for the fastest tornado winds occurred at **Wichita Falls** on April, 2 1958 with a top wind speed of 258 mph.

The most important things you can do to prevent being injured in a tornado is to be **ALERT** to the onset of severe weather. Most deaths and injuries happen to people who are unaware and uninformed. If you don't regularly watch or listen to the weather report, but strange clouds start moving in and the weather begins to look stormy, turn to the local radio or television station to get the weather forecast. Check [The Weather Channel](#) for additional information.

To learn a little more about these violent storms, here are some facts that illustrate how destructive tornadoes can be, where they can occur and how to prepare for them.

## 1. How do tornadoes form?

Tornadoes form where warm moist air is trapped underneath a layer of cold, dry air. This instability is upset when the warm bottom layer gets pushed up — either by heating near the ground, or by an influx of cold air. As the moist air rises, it cools, forming clouds and thunderstorms. If the conditions are right, the rapidly rising air will spin around a central funnel, at speeds sometimes exceeding 250 mph. A tornado technically is born when the funnel cloud touches down on the ground.

## 2. Where do tornadoes form?

Tornadoes can occur almost anywhere in the world, but the United States is the country with the highest frequency of tornadoes. Twisters touch down predominantly along Tornado Alley — a flat stretch of land from west Texas to North Dakota. The region is ideal for tornadoes, as dry polar air from Canada meets warm moist tropical air from the Gulf of Mexico.

## 3. What month has the most tornadoes?

May is typically when most tornadoes occur, followed by June. The record for most tornadoes in any month (since record keeping began in 1950) was set in May 2003, with 543 tornadoes confirmed in the final numbers.

## 4. How much damage can tornadoes cause?

That depends on how big the storm is and how fast its winds are whipping around. The Fujita scale, named for the scientist who developed it, ranks tornado strength based on the damage they cause. The scale runs from F0 to F5; the most violent tornadoes, F4 and above, account for less than 1 percent of all tornadoes, but account for 70 percent of tornado-related deaths. These terrifying twisters

can level a house and lift up a car and fling it 100 yards away. F2s and F3s can tear off roofs, destroy mobile homes and lift cars off the ground. F0s and F1s will break tree branches, damage signs and take off a few roof shingles.

## 5. What's the difference between hurricane and tornado damage?

It's mostly a matter of scale. Tornadoes have much higher wind speeds, so most of the damage wrought by them is wind-related. But they are much smaller and so cause damage over a smaller area than hurricanes. Most damage from hurricanes comes from flooding and storm surge.

## 6. What city has been hit by the most tornadoes?

Oklahoma City is in the lead, followed by Huntsville, Ala.

## 7. What's the difference between a tornado watch and a tornado warning?

A tornado watch defines an area (usually displayed on meteorologists' maps) where tornadoes and other kinds of severe weather are likely in the next few hours. If you're in such an area, be alert. Austin has an average of 12 tornado watches each year.

A warning means that a tornado has been spotted or that radar has shown circulation in a storm that could spawn a tornado. Warnings mean you should seek shelter immediately.

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# What should I do during a tornado?

**If you are under a Tornado WARNING, seek shelter immediately!**

If you are in:	Then:
A structure (e.g. residence, small building, school, nursing home, hospital, factory, shopping center, high-rise building)	Go to a pre-designated shelter area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar, or the lowest building level. If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck. Do not open windows.
A vehicle, trailer, or mobile home	Get out immediately and go to the lowest floor of a sturdy, nearby building or a storm shelter. Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes.
The outside with no shelter	<p>Lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands. Be aware of the potential for flooding.</p> <p>Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You are safer in a low, flat location.</p> <p>Never try to outrun a tornado in urban or congested areas in a car or truck. Instead, leave the vehicle immediately for safe shelter.</p> <p>Watch out for flying debris. Flying debris from tornadoes causes most fatalities and injuries.</p>



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### 8. What should I do to prepare for a tornado?

- During any storm, listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio to stay informed about watches and warnings.
- Pick a safe room in your home where family and pets may gather during a tornado. This should be a basement, storm cellar or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows. Make sure everyone knows what to do if a tornado is approaching.

- Prepare for high winds by removing diseased and damaged limbs from trees annually.
- Move or secure lawn furniture, trash cans, hanging plants or anything else that can be picked up by the wind and become a projectile.
- Stop moving vehicles and head for a sturdy shelter or a lie down in a low, flat spot and cover your head. Don't take shelter under a bridge. Never try to outrun a tornado.



- Prepare a disaster supplies kit to keep in your shelter area to include a first aid kit with essential medication, canned food, bottled water, a battery powered radio, flashlight, and extra batteries.
- Write down instructions on how to turn off your utilities.

Consider having your safe room reinforced. Plans for reinforcing an interior room to provide better protection can be found on the FEMA Web site at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/rms/rmsp453.shtm>.

- **Watch for tornado danger signs:**
  - Dark, often greenish clouds-a phenomenon caused by hail
  - Wall cloud-an isolated lowering of the base of a thunderstorm
  - Cloud of flying debris
  - Large hail
  - Funnel cloud-a visible rotating extension of the cloud base
  - A strange quiet followed by a roaring noise

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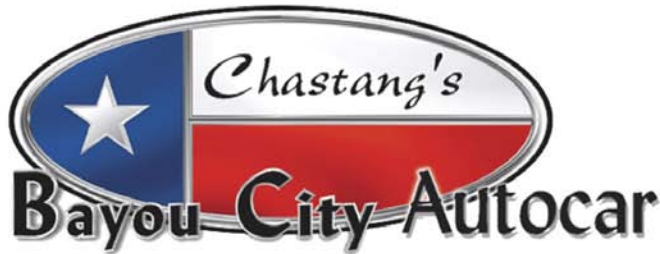


The **Safety Management and Resource Team** is a network of Safety professionals organized to effectively share methods of injury and collision prevention. Contact David Vartian at 214-671-0229 to obtain safety support, exchange safety strategies, or to arrange an onsite audit of your work practices.

# 2011 TxSWANA State Road-E-O

The 2011 TxSWANA Equipment Road-e-o was a great success. Thank you to all 157 attendees for supporting your road-e-o participants. We had a great day for the event, and we saw some excellent competition. I appreciate the support from all of the cities that sent 75 competitors from all around our great state to merge and compete here in Dallas. A great big thank you goes out to everyone that participated in the planning and staging of this event, everyone that has held one of these competitions know how much behind the scenes work it takes to have a successful competition. In addition, we always want to be sure and give a great big thank you to our sponsors. We look forward to seeing our top guns at the National Rodeo, "Good Luck" to all of you.

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- 1st Place—Randy Jones, Richardson
- 2nd Place—Julian Ramirez, Bryan
- 3rd Place—Shawn Speigel, Garland

**REAR LOADER**

- 1st Place—Sergio Mendoza, Plano
- 2nd Place—James Perez, Bryan
- 3rd Place—Allen Byrne, Plano

**AUTOMATED SIDE LOADER**

- 1st Place—Brad Robertson, Plano
- 2nd Place—Hiram Nimmons, Houston
- 3rd Place—Chris Guerrero, Austin

**ROLL OFF**

- 1st Place—Ron Keller, Richardson
- 2nd Place—Luis Torres, El Paso
- 3rd Place—Adrian Martin, Irving

**DOZER**

- 1st Place—Dean Muahinski, BVMSWA
- 2nd Place—Gabriel Rodriguez, Denton
- 3rd Place—Martin Olivas, El Paso

**COMPACTOR**

- 1st Place—Ryan Stoker, BVSWMA
- 2nd Place—Antonio Trivizo, El Paso
- 3rd Place—Arturo Garcia, Denton

**TRACTOR TRAILER**

- 1st Place—Raul Perez, San Antonio
- 2nd Place—Armando Oyervidez, Houston
- 3rd Place—Bobby Brown, Austin

**MECHANIC**

- 1st Place—Jason Vallair, Houston
- 2nd Place—Mike Robicheaux, Dallas
- 3rd Place—Cesar Zendejas, Houston

**RUBBER TIRE LOADER**

- 1st Place—Antonio Payan, El Paso
- 2nd Place—Roberto Reyes, Dallas

**SWANA-TEXAS LONE STAR CHAPTER  
NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

In accordance with Article VII of the Bylaws of the Texas Lone Star Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America, an election of Directors and Officers will take place during the **Chapter's Annual Business Meeting on September 16, 2011 in Dallas, Texas**. Members in good standing may vote in person at the Annual Business Meeting, or by absentee ballot. **In accordance with the Bylaws, Article 7.5, "A valid ballot will include a member's identification number."** Members who are unable to locate their SWANA member number may obtain their member number by emailing a request for same to the TXSWANA Newsletter Chairman at [txswana@amarillo.gov](mailto:txswana@amarillo.gov), and a member's identification number may also be found on the mailing label of ballots received by USPS mail. All ballots must be received not later than 10 days before the date of the Annual Business Meeting. Ballots may be submitted electronically to [txswana@amarillo.gov](mailto:txswana@amarillo.gov), or ballots may be sent by US mail to the address listed at the bottom of this ballot.

The Nominating Committee has recommended the following Slate of Directors for 2011-2012, beginning September 1, 2011 to serve a two years term. Questions concerning this election, including write in votes, may be directed to Michael Rice at (806) 378-9337.

**SWANA-TEXAS LONE STAR CHAPTER  
NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS  
FISCAL YEAR 2011-2013**

**Director:**  
James Ballowe  
University of Houston

**Director:**  
Lonnie Banks  
City of Garland

**Director:**  
Pete Caler  
City of College Station

**Director:**  
Hector Chavez  
City of Eagle Pass

**Director:**  
Harry Hayes  
City of Houston

**Director:**  
Richard McHale  
City of Austin

**Director:**  
Lawrence Miolajczyk  
City of Corpus Christi

**Director:**  
Mary Nix  
City of Dallas

**Director:**  
Bengy Williams  
City of Beaumont

**SWANA – TEXAS LONE STAR CHAPTER  
ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR 2011-2013  
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

**VOTE FOR RECOMMENDED SLATE OF DIRECTORS  
AND OFFICERS (CHECK BOX)**

**MEMBER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBER NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY/COMPANY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL COMPLETE BALLOT TO:  
CITY OF AMARILLO  
ATTN: MICHAEL RICE  
P.O. BOX 1971  
AMARILLO, TEXAS 79105**

**July 16, 2011**



**2011 TXSWANA  
Jack C. Carmichael, P.E.  
Scholarship Winners**

*During the last TxSWANA Board of Directors meeting in Austin, the TxSWANA Scholarship committee recommended, and the TxSWANA Board of Directors approved the following individuals for \$1,250 Scholarships. We hope to provide pictures of each recipient in the October newsletter. Congratulations to each !!!*

[Anthoni Richard Cognasi](#)  
TxSWANA Sponsor-Rick Cognasi  
Amarillo, TX

[Julie Elizabeth Fisher](#)  
TxSWANA Sponsor-Risa Weinberger  
Dallas, TX

[Anatasia Valentina Grinaldi](#)  
TxSWANA Sponsor-Geri Strong  
Dallas, TX

[Miranda Faye Reinhard](#)  
TxSWANA Sponsor-Jon Reinhard  
Corpus Christi, TX

# Congratulations!

TxSWANA is proud to report that Ms. Richa Vijay Karanjekar was awarded the SWANA International Scholarship Committee's Robert P. Stearns/SCS Engineers Scholarship of \$5,000. Richa is currently attending the University of Texas at Arlington. Congratulations Richa!!

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# MEMBERSHIP

## We Welcome the Following New Members (Through July 13, 2011)

- Robert Alford - Tetra Tech Inc.
- Brandon Bennett - City of Fort Worth
- Ron Chandler - Yokogawa
- Dave Freeman - Freeman Engineered Products
- Pedro Fuentes - City of Deer Park
- Ewe-Leng Lim - Institute of Information Technology Inc.
- Buster Perry - City of Plainview
- Jennifer Russell - City of Brownwood
- Rodolfo Sanchez - Plasma Gasification Corp.
- Rick Venegas - City of El Paso

## Calendar of Events

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS	
August, 2011	WASTECON Nashville, TN
Sept. 16, 2011	Dallas
Oct. 21, 2011	University of Houston Houston
Nov. 18, 2011	El Paso

<b>2011 SWANA International Road-e-o</b> Sept. 3, 2011 Dublin, Georgia
<b>2012 TXSWANA Annual Conference</b> Garland, TX
<b>2012 TXSWANA Road-E-O</b>