



**SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA
OHIO BUCKEYE CHAPTER**

**2024 ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM
NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS**

This packet of nomination instructions is for the 2024 Buckeye SWANA Chapter Awards. A copy is available on the Chapter's website at: www.swanaohio.org.

1. SWANA Ohio Buckeye Chapter James S. Bridges Solid Waste Professional of the Year

The James S. Bridges Solid Waste Professional of the Year Award shall be considered, but not necessarily awarded each year, **to members of the Chapter**. An individual's employer shall also be recognized at the presentation of the Award.

Nominees shall have provided valuable services and exemplary contributions to the Chapter and the field of solid waste management. The length, depth and breadth of continual contributions and services to the Chapter and the field of solid waste management shall be given consideration in selecting the Nominees.

Determination of this Award shall reflect the candidate's service, achievements and contributions to the field of solid waste management. Consideration shall also be given to community service.

2. SWANA Ohio Buckeye Chapter Kevin M. Bonzo Solid Waste Innovator Award

The Kevin M. Bonzo Solid Waste Innovator Award shall be considered, but not necessarily awarded each year, **to members of the Chapter**. An individual's employer shall also be recognized at the presentation of the Award.

Nominees shall have demonstrated unusually noteworthy achievements and/or highly significant contributions in his/her field of solid waste management that has resulted in an innovative solution to the management of solid waste. Innovative solutions can include new operational techniques, use of technology, development of efficiencies in collection, recycling, disposal and/or handling of solid waste and implementation of new programs and or services for solid waste management that are unique and cutting edge.

3. SWANA Ohio Buckeye Chapter Michael D. Long Solid Waste Operator Award

The Solid Waste Operator Award shall be considered, but not necessarily awarded each year, **to a member of the Chapter** who as an operator, manages either a landfill, transfer station, material recovery facility, hauling operation, compost facility or special waste collections and processing facility (i.e., HHW, electronics, white goods, industrial solid waste, etc.).



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Nominees shall be an operator in the field of solid waste management who has demonstrated unusually noteworthy achievements and/or highly significant contributions to the solid waste management industry.

4. SWANA Ohio Buckeye Chapter Special Recognition Award

The special recognition award shall be considered, but not necessarily awarded each year, to a solid waste professional, government agency, non-profit organization or company who has demonstrated unusually noteworthy achievements and/or highly significant contributions to the management of solid waste in Ohio. This award is meant to account for awardees that do not qualify for the other awards offered or are non-members of SWANA. **Awardees can be SWANA members or non-members.**

5. SWANA Ohio Buckeye Chapter Young Professional of the Year

The Young Professional (YP) of the Year Award shall be considered, but not necessarily awarded each year, **to members of the Chapter** who meet SWANA's criteria as a Young Professional and who are current SWANA members. An individual's employer shall also be recognized at the presentation of the Award.

A "Young Professional" is defined as an individual in the solid waste industry aged 35 or younger. The Board will recognize an outstanding YP who represents the future of the solid waste industry. Examples of this may include but are not limited to:

- Demonstrating passion for the environment, our industry, and helping each other succeed.
- Providing advice, brainstorming ideas, developing solutions, and sharing in the struggles and triumphs of working in this business.
- Contributing to innovations, programs, or projects that facilitate the growth of our industry or achievement of common industry goals.
- Representing the next generation of SWANA through leadership, involvement, and dedication.



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6. Excellence in Safety Award

The Excellence in Safety Award shall be considered, but not necessarily awarded each year, **for members of the Chapter and non-members** who demonstrate any or all of the following:

- Implemented or developed an innovation in safety in the nominee's workplace and/or in the solid waste industry.
- Implemented or developed significant safety improvements in the nominee's workplace and/or in the solid waste industry.
- Assisted or acted on the prevention of a near miss or accident that could have resulted in personal injury to the nominee's co-workers, clients or customers.
- Demonstrating passion for operating safely and helping others operate safely.
- Providing advice, brainstorming ideas, developing solutions, policy development and sharing of working in the solid waste management business in a safe manner.

An individual's employer may also be recognized at the presentation of the Award. The Chapter may also select multiple applications annually for awards.

The postmark deadline for submitting applications to the Buckeye Chapter of SWANA is **July 31, 2024** and should be submitted to Jaime Shepherd, SWANA Awards Committee Chairperson, using the following address:

Email:
jshepherd@mcohio.org

or mail to:

Montgomery County Solid Waste District
2500 Sandridge Drive
Moraine, Ohio 45459



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Award Application Instructions

Eligibility: All active SWANA members are eligible to enter. Self-nomination is not permitted.

What to Submit: A completed nomination form attached to these instructions covering the following information:

- Name and contact information for nominee.
- Name and contact information for nominating SWANA Buckeye Chapter Member.
- Type of award.
- Narrative to be limited to the attached nomination form and should include the following information:
 - ✓ **Overview** – brief description of the applicant you are nominating and a summary of why they are being nominated for the award.
 - ✓ **Contributions to Industry** – a brief summary of the applicant’s career and contributions to the solid waste industry.
 - ✓ **Leadership Qualities** – outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing progressive management techniques in the area of solid waste management.
 - ✓ **Innovation** – employment of new and innovative ideas and technology in advancing the effectiveness of solid waste management.
 - ✓ **Community Service** – promotion of the field of solid waste management in the community served.
 - ✓ **Other Qualities** – as defined by the nominating person as it relates to the award being applied for.
 - ✓ **Professional Growth** – examples of how the applicant stays professionally prepared and up-to-date in solid waste management as well as a discussion of the applicant’s participation in professional organizations.
- **Supporting Materials** – such as photographs with captions, news articles, and other items can be included in the nomination application.



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Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Employer of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

State/Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Nominating Member/Director Name: _____

Employer of Nominating Member/Chapter: _____

Address: _____

State/Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Nomination for the Following Award (Select One)

- A. James S. Bridges Solid Waste Professional of the Year _____
- B. Kevin M. Bonzo Solid Waste Innovator Award _____
- C. Michael D. Long Solid Waste Operator Award _____
- D. Special Recognition Award _____
- E. YP of the Year Award _____
- F. Excellence in Safety Award _____

Nomination Proposal: (Attach extra sheets if space is inadequate.)



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Signed by Nominating Member/Director:

_____ **Date:** _____

Received by Awards Committee:

_____ **Date:** _____

Recommendation
