WEF Residuals and Biosolids Committee Meeting
Specialty Conference Subcommittee

WEFTEC 2012
Morial New Orleans Convention Center
New Orleans, LA
Tuesday, October 2, 2012
10:00 - 11:30 pm
MCC - Room 242

Greg Woodward, ***Chair***
Jeff LeBlanc, *Vice-Chair*

MEETING NOTES

1. Introduction & Welcome – Greg Woodward
2. Review of Meeting Notes from 2012 RBC Specialty Conference in Raleigh, NC
   - There were no comments from the March 27, 2012 meeting notes.
3. Review of 2013 RBC Specialty Conference – Bob O'Dette/Laura Herman
   - Nashville, TN – May 6-8, 2013
     - Significant progress has been made over the last couple weeks to develop the program.
     - The conference will be held in conjunction with the Energy conference. The RBC will be held from Sunday to Wednesday (typical format) and the Energy Conference will be held from Monday to Thursday. Registration for either conference will allow you to attend either conference's technical sessions. There will be a slight increase in registration if you would like to attend all four days. The details of registration are still being worked out.
     - The local program committee is looking at a single combined session later in the conference to allow all attendees to be in one room to listen to a panel type discussion. Topics are being discussed.
     - Special Event: Bob is looking at an option of having 'Always Patsy Cline' performance as the special event. Location is being identified but it will be very close to the conference center. Issues that need to be worked out is

attendance limits, how the sponsorship will be managed. WEF staff is looking at this being part of the registration.

- There will be a golf outing that is being scheduled and managed by the local MA. It is likely that this will be held in the afternoon on Saturday allowing for persons to fly in on Saturday morning and still make the event.
- The Wastewater Challenge will NOT be held this year in conjunction with the RBC Conference. WEF staff are evaluating this program and how / when / where the event will occur in the future. The RBC is still committed to being the sponsor for this event.

4. Review of Proposed Conference Sites and Selection Process

- Confirmed 2014 Location and Dates:
  - o Austin, TX (May 18-21, 2014) Chair: Lynne Moss
    - The local planning committee has been formed and the time schedule for all activities has been developed.
    - Lynne has been attending the conference calls for Nashville to get a sense of how the program and details of the conference come together.
    - It is the intent to have the upcoming year's chair(s) participating in the planning calls for the current year's conference. This will help more in the transition of responsibilities and keep a level of continuity of planning.
- Suggested Future Locations
  - o Virginia Beach, VA 2015 Todd Williams / Rhonda Bowen
  - o West Coast Location 2016 TBD

Other Future Considerations:

- o St. Louis, MO
- o Milwaukee, WI
- o Louisville, KY

It was noted that WEF staff and the RBC Leadership have been working together to develop a standard set of policies, responsibilities and procedures relating to the efforts of developing the RBC Conferences. These documents will address protocol for identifying and selecting future conference locations. It is still intended that we will move the conferences from East Coast to West Coast and between but the exact locations will be selected based upon other criteria.

5. WEFTEC Technical Program Committee Coordination Report

- No update provided.

6. RBC Specialty Conference Programs Subcommittee – Greg Woodward

The current standing program committee includes:

- Research and Development – Sudhir Murthy; Jim Smith
- Hot Topics – Tim Shea, Bill Toffey, Mike Scharp
- Regional Issues – Chair's Selection
- Thermal Process (potential two sessions) – Jim Welp, Ben Wester, Bob Williamson
- Marketing of Biosolids Products – Bob Pepperman, John Donovan, Jeff LeBlanc
- Biosolids Case Studies Stories – Dick Christy, Lita Laven, Lori Stone, Todd Williams, John Hoff, Dave Brewer
- Stabilization Technologies and Digestion (two sessions) – K. Richard Tsang, Dave Oerke, Michele Hetherington, Dick Schlemmer, John Willis
- Management & Economic Competitiveness – Lynne Moss
- Politics and Public Acceptance – Steve Frank
- Land Application Systems – Steve Wilson, Mike Scharp, David Quarles
- Odor Control & Pathogens Issues – Matt Higgins, Bob Reimers
- International – Bob Forbes, Bob Reimers
- Manufacturers Forum – Paul Christy
- Regulatory Issues – Bob Bastian
- Thickening and Dewatering Technologies – Bob Gillette, Todd Warrix, Jim Medlock
- Facility Tours – Chair
- Social Events – Dick Christy, Mark Lang
- Ag Residuals / Industrial – Kari Brisola, Matt Higgins
- Sustainability / Renewable Technologies / EMS – Bill Toffey, John Willis, Greg Woodward, Sam Hadeed, Mike Moore
- Microconstituents – Todd Williams, Steve Wilson, Scott Carr, George O'Connor
- Opening General Session – Chair

In the process of the development of the new WEFCOM.com website and its' intended use as the basis for communication of the various subcommittees and the main RBC we are planning to set up a specific group for the RBC Conference Planning committee. This will require all members to be not only WEF members but also members of the committee. Currently there are a number of individuals noted above that are not part of the RBC Committee. This would also likely extend to many other individuals who are not members of the RBC but participate in their activities. When the new WEFCOM.com site is used for communication to committee's those not signed up will not receive these communications. Therefore, it will be imperative that each

person signs up for the committee. The Chair of the RBC will be sending an email out regarding this issue in the near future.

7. Review of YP Involvement

- WEF is continuing to look for increase YP involvement in all Committees. It appears there is ~10 YP papers selected for presentation at the Nashville Conference.
- The future of the Wastewater Challenge will also be led by the YP and Student Committees.

8. RBC Co-sponsorship Update – Jeff LeBlanc

- Discussion with these organizations should be on-going looking for ways to partner with them and provide information to a wider cross section of members within each organization.

Entity	Entity Contact Person	Committee Member
AWWA		**Greg Woodward**
IWA		
ASCE		
Air & Waste Management	--	**Laura Herman**
U.S. Composting Council	Michael Virga	**Todd Williams**
BioCycle	Nora Goldstein	**Bill Toffey**
American Society of Agronomy		**Nick Basta or George O'Connor**
NACWA		**Tim Williams**
ASME Incineration Group		
Farm Bureaus		
Air Quality Organizations		
Soil and Water Conservation Society		**Diane Garvey**
Solid Waste Association of NA		**Matt Higgins**

9. Other Old Business

- There was no other Old Business discussed.

10. New Business

- A general question was asked about what should we be working on as a committee other than those aspects that we have already and consistently addressed.
- One aspect that Sam noted was that our committee should be looking at providing suggestions for Webcasts for the following year. We will add this to the discussions of the committees reviewing the abstracts. It was noted that there likely would be very timely and topical discussions that could be drawn from the list of abstract submitted each year.
- No other items were discussed but this will be a point of discussion with the RBC Leadership team.

11. Schedule of Next Meeting – RBC 2013 Specialty Conference - Nashville, TN May 5-8

12. Adjourn