WEF Residuals and Biosolids Committee Meeting
Specialty Conference Subcommittee

RBC 2012 SPECIALTY CONFERENCE
Raleigh Convention Center
Raleigh, NC
Tuesday, March 27, 2012
12:30 - 2:00 pm
RCC - Room 306A

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

AGENDA

1. Introduction & Welcome – Jeff LeBlanc
2. Review of Minutes from 2011 WEFTEC – Jeff LeBlanc
3. Review of 2012 RBC Specialty Conference – Richard Tsang/Laura Herman
    - March 25-28, 2012
4. Review of Proposed Conference Sites and Selection Process – Jeff LeBlanc

The following conference locations have been identified as possible sites for future years:

- Nashville, TN – May 6-8, 2013
    - Chairs: Bob O'Dette, Doug Yarosz
    - Call for Abstracts: Raleigh Specialty Conference – late March 2012
    - Deadline for Abstract/Workshop Submittals: August 1, 2012
- Austin, TX 2014 Lynne Moss
- Virginia Beach, VA 2015 Todd / Williams / Rhonda Bowen
- West Coast Location 2016

Other Future Considerations

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

5. WEFTEC Technical Program Committee Coordination Report – /T. Williams

6. RBC Specialty Conference Programs Subcommittee – Jeff LeBlanc

The program committee includes:

- Research and Development – Sudhir Murthy; Jim Smith
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- Regional Issues – Chair's Selection
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- 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 Fitzmorris, 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

7. Review of YP Involvement – Jeff LeBlanc

8. RBC Co-sponsorship Update – Jeff LeBlanc

Would each individual who had volunteered to communicate with another organization about co sponsorship of conferences please provide an update as to the level of contact and intent to further discussions.

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IWA		
ASCE		
Air & Waste Management	--	**Laura Herman**
U.S. Composting Council	Stu Buckner	**Todd Williams**

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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 – Jeff LeBlanc
10. New Business – Jeff LeBlanc
11. Schedule of Next Meeting – RBC 2012 WEFTEC - New Orleans, LA Sept. 29-Oct. 3,
12. Adjourn

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WEFTEC 2011
Los Angeles Convention Center
Los Angeles, CA
Tuesday, October 18, 2011
10:00 - 11:30 am
Room 501A West

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

MEETING NOTES

1. Introduction & Welcome
2. Review of Minutes from 2011 RBC Specialty Conference- Mike Moore/Bob Gillette
    - Kudos from Bob Reimers and the entire RBC Specialty Conference Committee on the exceptional job done by Mike Moore and Bob Gillette on the Sacramento conference.
3. 2012 RBC Specialty Conference Update- Raleigh, NC – Richard Tsang

    March 25-28, 2012

    - Conference is organizing well. Opening General Session is still a work-in-process and Richard is awaiting a few confirmations along with the amount of money that is available for OGS speakers;
    - Social Event – "Southern style Pig Picking". There will also be a band and the event will be within walking distance of the conference center.
    - Golf Tournament – there will be a golf tournament on Saturday prior to the conference to benefit "Water for People". Registration will be handled by WEF staff.
    - Tour – Raleigh Neuse River Plant (aerobic digestion, belt press and centrifuge dewatering, conveyance system (fairly complex screws, horizontal and vertical, with storage hoppers for truck loading, Class A alkaline treatment, and then to Cary South Plant, rotary drum dryer.

- Workshops – All to be held on Sunday: Two (2) Full-Day and one (1) Half-Day workshops;
- There was discussion on the National Biosolids Partnership (NBP) having a 1 to 2 day meeting at the beginning or end of the Raleigh conference. NBP is leaning more towards back-end of conference. NBP meeting will be for Southeast Region participants. The intention is to not interfere with the RBC meeting and / or limit participants ability to attend either event. The intent of this meeting is a follow-up to the meeting that was held earlier in 2011 the provided insight into the critical issues of Biosolids programs are to be faced with in the next 20 years.
- Please note, there will be NO Wastewater Challenge at the Raleigh conference as was originally planned. Although a success at the Sacramento conference, WEF felt there were significant flaws and insufficiencies that were not part of a major WEF event. For the Raleigh conference, there were Work plans that were not in the hands and reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee prior to making a go-forward decision for Raleigh. This is a "one-time issue" and Bob Wimmer and his committee are actively pushing for Nashville conference.

4. Review of Proposed Conference Sites and Selection Process – Greg Woodward

- The Phoenix location originally planned for 2013 was "officially" dropped due to immigration law conflicts and lack of Phoenix leadership.
- Nashville, TN – has been selected by WEF and will be co-located with Energy Conference. The dates are May 5-8, 2013 and is awaiting final contract with the hotel. It is intended that there will be shared exhibit space and the Wastewater Challenge. A recommendation from the Tennessee MA was to include Doug Yaroz from Brown & Caldwell in the planning of the conference. There was discussion about having a member of the RBC be involved in the conference planning specifics. As no one at the meeting (later John Willis noted his knowledge of Doug) knew who Doug is and the knowledge of the conference issues that have been dealt with over the past many years. Discussion was held about having a co-chair for the conference working with Doug if that is his intent. Mike Moore will contact Bob O'Dette (TN Regulator) to see if he would have interest as well.
- Do to the shifting of the conference from Phoenix to Nashville there was a potential of having two conferences (Nashville and Louisville, KY) in two consecutive years. Our general approach is to move the conferences around the country to allow different groups of individuals local to that site attend the conference. Shown below is the current anticipated rotation and group of sites / MA's who have expressed an interest in hosting future RBC Conferences.

  Future Conference Locations:

Location	Year	Chair/Co-Chair
Raleigh, NC	2012	Richard Tsang
Nashville, TN	2013	TBD
Austin, TX	2014	Lynne Moss
Virginia Beach, VA	2015	Todd Williams/Rhonda Bowen
West Coast Area	2016	TBD

Milwaukee, WI

Ann Arbor, MI

Louisville, KY

St Louis, MO

- Speaker Honorarium – There was discussion regarding the amount of money WEF budgets for speakers at the conferences. WEF staff stated that there is generally budgets of $2K to $5K for each conference; however, it is subject to change depending on WEF's budget and the overall approach to all specialty conference during that upcoming fiscal year. The Committee made the recommendation to WEF staff that it would like keep the $5K amount for this conference for all future years.
- There was also discussion on whether our conference should be looking at being a "Co-located Conference" or a "Super Conference". Much discussion was on this topic, especially as we prepare for the Raleigh Co-Located Conference. WEF staff stated that WEF is committed to review this opportunity of having a single conference and expanding the program to allow for both to be held concurrently. This actually follows one of the main aspects the committee has been trying to expand upon, the broadening of our audience to the conference and joint working relationships with other similar / complimenting organizations. (Item 6 below)

5. WEFTEC Technical Program Committee Coordination Report – M. Moore /T. Williams

No report.

6. RBC Specialty Conference Programs Subcommittee – Greg Woodward

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7. Review of YP Involvement – Greg Woodward

Greg noted that there continues to be a push to include YP's in our many activities. This year the YP's once again participated in the abstract reviews and development of the program. Additionally, the RBC had a booth at the YP and Student Career Fair. There were a number of interested individuals who signed up to obtain more information about our committee and potentially become 'involved'. Todd Williams will be following up with each of these individuals.

8. RBC Co-sponsorship Update – Greg Woodward

- Greg Woodward will communicate with Committee Members regarding the status of their communication with the Co-Sponsorship opportunities.

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11. Schedule of Next Meeting – RBC 2012 Specialty Conference (Raleigh, NC)

    March 25-28, 2012

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