

# WEF Residuals and Biosolids Committee Meeting Specialty Conference Subcommittee

### **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* 

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Introduction & Welcome
- 2. Review of Minutes from 2011 RBC Specialty Conference- Mike Moore/Bob Gillette
- 3. 2012 RBC Specialty Conference Update Richard Tsang
  - March 25-28, 2012
- 4. Review of Proposed Conference Sites and Selection Process Greg Woodward

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

- Nashville, TN
- San Antonio, TX
- St. Louis, MO
- Milwaukee, WI
- Louisville, KY
- 5. WEFTEC Technical Program Committee Coordination Report M. Moore /T. Williams
- RBC Specialty Conference Programs Subcommittee Greg Woodward

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- 7. Review of YP Involvement Greg Woodward
- 8. RBC Co-sponsorship Update Greg Woodward

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.

Entity	Entity Contact Person	Committee Member
IWA		
ASCE		
Air & Waste Management		Lara Hughes
U.S. Composting Council	Stu Buckner	Todd Williams
BioCycle	Nora Goldstein	Diane Garvey
American Society of Agronomy		Nick Basta or George

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		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 Greg Woodward
- 10. New Business Greg Woodward
- Schedule of Next Meeting RBC 2012 Specialty Conference (Raleigh, NC)
   March 25-28, 2012
- 12. Adjourn



# WEF Residuals and Biosolids Committee Meeting Specialty Conference Subcommittee

# 2011 RBC Specialty Conference

Sacramento, CA
Tuesday, May 24, 2011
12:30 – 2:00 pm
Room 217-218

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

## **MEETING NOTES**

- 1. Introduction & Welcome
- 2. Review of Minutes from 2010 New Orleans, LA WEFTEC Conference Meeting There were no comments to the previous meetings minutes.
- 3. 2011 Sacramento Specialty Conference Update Mike Moore / Bob Gillette

The Sacramento Conference was a big success with high attendance and special congratulations and a job well done should go to both Mike Moore and Bob Gillette and their committee, along with WEF Staff. Overall conference attendance was higher than 2010 Savannah, GA conference.

The conference breakdown was provided by Laura Herman:

Breakdown: ~850 Total Attendance

288 Full Conference

73 Students

264 Exhibitors in total

69 Company Exhibits (utilizing 86 booth spaces)

Mike Moore and Bob Gillette gave thanks and praise to all of the folks who assisted with the success of the conference.

4. 2012 Raleigh Specialty Conference Update – Richard Tsang

March 25-28, 2012

Call for abstract is out and is due June 24, 2011.

Richard stated that he and his steering committee have been working diligently on the Raleigh conference, specifically, the Social Event, Facility Tours, Workshop and identifying the Key Note Speaker(s).

Social Event – Richard and Tim Woody are considering repeating the social event that is being done at the Collections conference in Raleigh this summer. A pig roast, along with a local brewery tasting is being done at the Collections conference. The results and costs will be reviewed to determine if this is an acceptable event once the Collections system conference is complete.

Workshops – Richard has identified 3-4 potential workshops and has discussed with potential workshop leaders the need to submit a workshop abstract. Workshops discussed were a Value-Added Workshop (Bob Reimers), Public Outreach Workshop (Ned Beecher), Bio-Energy Workshop (Dave Parry). In addition, a potential workshop may be done on Training via NC State University. Laura Herman stated WEF would like to have three ½ day workshops; however, there is some flexibility. It was noted that the workshops must submit their concepts just as those submitting abstracts for presentations. There is a separate form for submission of a workshop and Laura will distribute this shortly.

Facility Tours – Potential tours being considered are Raleigh's Class A Alkaline Stabilization facility and the City of Cary, NC dryer facility. In addition, there is an attempt to include NC State University on the tour as well to show what they currently do.

Key Note Speaker(s) – Richard is considering a couple of individuals and is hoping to have identified by WEFTEC-Los Angeles. Richard inquired about the amount of money that is available to cover travel and miscellaneous expenses. Laura said money is budgeted and was unsure of the amount. There was discussion of getting a sponsor to assist in covering these costs as well.

Richard and his committee are also considering a Saturday *Water for People Golf Tournament* and having the tournament at one of the local golf courses that use Raleigh's reuse water.

Discussion was had on whether the Wastewater Challenge would be included at the Raleigh conference. WEF board will be making the decision in July 2011 of making this event a permanent part of the RBC Specialty Conference. There was also discussion regarding sponsors of the Wastewater Challenge and Social Event was in conflict at the Sacramento conference and we will need to do a better job for Raleigh if we proceed, as expected.

The Sheraton will be the Host Hotel and the set up is similar to the Sacramento conference which was very convenient. A Marriott hotel is also nearby.

#### 5. 2013 Phoenix Conference Update

The Phoenix location is no longer being considered for 2013 due to the immigration law along with California and other States boycotting travel.

New locations being considered for 2013 or future conferences are Milwaukee (via Rusty Schrodel), San Antonio (via Patricia Scanlon/Lynne Moss), Nashville, St Louis and Puerto Rico. In addition, moving up Louisville (2014) and Virginia Beach (2015) a year is also a possibility.

A final decision for 2013, along with a Chair, will be determined no later than WEFTEC 2011.

Puerto Rico garnered much discussion. San Juan would the airport and location where the conference would be. A WEFMAX conference was there and was a huge success along with a WEF YP Summit. Greg had spoken to some PR delegates and they are "begging" for a Specialty conference and fell they could bring 2-300 people alone and would be potential Committee Chairs. The biggest issue is that public employees will have a hard time with traveling. Sam mentioned the issue about being on an island if there was an emergency situation.

6. Review of Proposed Conference Sites and Selection Process – Greg Woodward The following conference sites have been identified:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Chair</u>
TBD	2013	TBD
Louisville, Kentucky	2014	TBD
Virginia Beach, VA	2015	Todd Williams/Rhonda Bowen
Ann Arbor, Michigan	2016	TBD
Milwaukee, WI	Future	
San Antonio, TX	Future	
Nashville, TN	Future	
St. Louis, MO	Future	
San Juan, PR	Future	

Further discussion and selection of future sites will be conducted at the meeting to be held during the WEFTEC in Los Angeles.

7. WEFTEC Technical Program Committee Coordination Report – M. Moore /T. Williams
The WEFTEC Program had a "poor" showing of abstracts and quality was down. The
reduction in quality may be an economic one as Mike Moore believes with tighter
budgets more folks are focused on Specialty Conference.

Ironically, three workshops have been included in WEFTEC and are very strong.

John Willis is responsible for coordination and development of the workshops for RBC.

In addition, Todd Williams mentioned that Paul Bizier is the "new" liaison between WEFTEC and the RBC.

8. RBC Specialty Conference Programs Subcommittee – Greg Woodward

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- 8 Wastewater Challenge Megan Yoo On Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>, the Wastewater Challenge took place at the Sacramento Convention Center. There were 12 teams and over 60 individuals attending the conference that were associated with the teams. Teams were judged on a Design Report, a presentation and their ability to solve a defined problem. This was a National Competition.

There were a number of sponsors for the Challenge and they received much value and recognition throughout the conference.

The winner of the Challenge was Cal State-Fullerton. (They won by 0.63 over Cal-Irvine)

Future goals of the WW Challenge are to increase sponsorship and to create Local competitions that will lead to a National Competition.

Todd Williams stated that WEF and Jeanette Brown would like to make this a permanent part of the RBC Specialty Conference. A decision will be made by the WEF Board in July

2011. Todd and the RBC fully support including this as part of the RBC Specialty Conference.

## 9. RBC Co-sponsorship Update – Greg Woodward

The USCC was our first co-sponsor and exhibited at the Sacramento conference. Todd William was going to check with Stu Buckner, Executive Director, to see how it went and whether they benefited.

Provide updates to the contacts listed below:

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IWA	reison	Steve Detel	
ASCE		Richard Tsang	
Air & Waste Management		Lara Herman	Moving forward
U.S. Composting Council	Stu Buckner	Todd Williams	Finish in June 2010
BioCycle	Nora Goldstein	Diane Garvey	
American Society of Agronomy		Nick Basta or George O'Connor	
NACWA		Tim Williams	
		Bob Dominik	
		Dave Taylor	
ASME Incineration Group			
Farm Bureaus		Jeff LeBlanc	
Air Quality Organizations			
Soil and Water Conservation Society			
American Society of Agricultural Engineers			
Solid Waste Association of NA		Matt Higgins	
National Food Processors Association		Bon Bastian	
Renewable Fuels Group?			

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Each individual noted herein will be asked to speak with these organizations and extend an invitation to see where and how we can partner for future events.

- 10. Other Old Business Greg Woodward
- 11. New Business Greg Woodward

Greg brought up the AWWA Co-Sponsor issue now that WEF and AWWA have created a "working agreement". With the intent to work back together there is a specific focus on YP involvement, Common message to the Public and greater involvement between staff.

Greg volunteered to start discussions to get AWWA involvement back (not for Raleigh) for future conferences. In addition, Richard Tsang will assist as he was the past chair of the AWWA Residuals Committee.

- 12. Schedule of Next Meeting WEFTEC 2011 Los Angeles, CA
- 13. Adjourn

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