WSWS Officer and Committee Report
2019 Annual Meeting – Denver, CO

Office or Committee Name: Education & Regulatory
Officer or Chairperson Name: Brian Schutte
Date of Preparation (include year): March 4, 2019

Activities during the year:

Symposia
Two symposia will be held at the 2019 Annual Meeting:

- "Integrated Pest Management Research in the West" moderated by Kassim Al-Khatib on Wednesday, March 13
- "Rights-of-Way – Beyond Integrated Vegetation Management to Integrated Habitats!" moderated by Sandra McDonald on Thursday, March 14

Pesticide applicator continuing education credits

- The 2019 Annual Meeting was approved for credits from California, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, and Wyoming.
- Credits pending from Arizona, Idaho and Washington
- The meeting did not accommodate credit requirements from Oregon and Colorado.
    - Oregon. The Oregon Department of Agriculture, Pesticides Program requested abstracts with the application packet. However, abstracts were not available when the application was submitted (February 6).
    - Colorado. The Pesticides Program Manager expressed concern for attendees moving in between sessions and requested strict monitoring of attendance. Considering my meeting activities, I could not guarantee close surveillance of those seeking pesticide applicator credits, and thus, I withdrew the application for credits. In the withdraw notice, I indicated that previous and future Education and Regulatory Section Chairs were, and will be, better able to monitor attendance at WSWS meetings.
- As noted in previous years:
    - Several states require applications 30 days prior to meeting.
    - Several states require speaker biographies. However, credits were approved without biographies. Further, the absence of speaker biographies was not a concern from states that did not approve the initial application for credits.

- Thanks to Beth Fowers for obtaining credits from Wyoming and Kai Umeda for pursuing credits from Arizona. Bill Cobb, who previously obtained credits from Washington, indicated that he is ready to pass this responsibility to the Education & Regulatory Committee Chair. Thanks to Bill Cobb for his assistance with establishing contact with the Washington State Department of Agriculture, Pesticide Management Division, as well as his efforts in obtaining Washington credits in previous years.

Suggestions for the Future:

- For the 2019 Annual Meeting, biographies were requested during title and abstract submission. Consider mechanism for compiling biographies so that this information can be included easily in applications for continuing education credits.

Recommendations for Board Action:

Budget Needs:

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