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91st Central Plant Board Annual Meeting

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture invites you to attend the 91st Annual Meeting of the Central Plant Board, to be held April 13 – 16, 2015 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Included is a draft conference agenda, registration, and hotel and shuttle information.

Meeting Registration

Please complete the registration form as soon as possible, and no later than March 20, 2015. Registration for the full conference is \$250 if received by March 20, 2015. A late fee of \$75 per registration will apply for registrations received after that date. A one-day registration is available for \$100. Checks should be made out to *Central Plant Board c/o Nebraska Department of Agriculture*

Registration mailing address:
Nebraska Department of Agriculture
ATTN: Julie Van Meter
301 Centennial Mall South
PO Box 94756
Lincoln, NE 68509-4756

A draft agenda is included with this announcement. The agenda and meeting information is also available on the National Plant Board web site at <http://nationalplantboard.org/npb-related-meetings/>

The registration table will be open beginning Monday, April 13 from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm and continuously during the conference. Payment will be accepted by check only. We are unable to process credit cards.

Accommodations

This year's event will be held at The Cornhusker, a Marriott Hotel. The hotel is located at 333 S 13th St, Lincoln, NE. A block of rooms have been reserved for participants at the rate of \$83 a night, plus tax. The rate is good for three days prior and three days after the meeting, in the event you want to capitalize on a longer stay to enjoy the area's attractions.

The Cornhusker has just finished a complete renovation. Complimentary internet access is provided in all hotel rooms and public spaces.

The hotel is in the heart of downtown Lincoln, within walking distance of local shops and restaurants. The nearby Haymarket District is also within walking distance. The hotel also offers complimentary shuttle service throughout the downtown/Haymarket area.

Reservations can be made by calling the Hotel at 1-866-706-7706 or use the link below:

[Book your group rate for 2015 Central Plant Board Meeting](#)

Rooms must be reserved no later than Friday, **March 20, 2015**. Ask for the CPB Meeting room block to reserve at the reduced rate. Please make your reservations early to ensure accommodations.

Onsite parking is available in a city garage adjacent to the hotel. The fee is \$9 per day for self-parking, and \$16 per day for valet parking. There is also a \$12 per day option that allows in/out privileges for hotel guests. This is available at the front desk.

Transportation/Directions

If you plan to fly

- The Lincoln airport is a 10 minute drive from downtown Lincoln. The hotel offers a complimentary shuttle service to and from the Lincoln Airport. Vehicle rental is also available.
- The Omaha airport is approximately 60 miles from the Cornhusker Hotel. Vehicle rental is available. Another option is the OmaLink Shuttle, which runs between Lincoln and Omaha. The rate is estimated at \$49 one-way, and reservations can be made on their web site at <http://omalink.com/> or by calling (402)-475-LiNK (5465)

If you plan to drive

- From the north, east or west, coming into Lincoln on Interstate 80:
Take exit 401 for Interstate 180 South/US-34 East toward 9th Street/Downtown.
Continue onto Interstate 180 South/US-34 East for 3.2 miles, which will become 9th

Street. Continue to O Street and turn left. Travel 0.3 miles to 13th Street and turn right. The hotel will be three blocks ahead on the right.

- From the south, via Hwy 2:
Hwy 2 will take you through Lincoln, eventually becoming 10th Street as it turns north (do not follow Hwy 2 west at Van Dorn St). Take 10th Street to M Street and turn right. Travel 0.3 miles to South 13th Street and turn right. The hotel will be on the right.
- From the south, via Hwy 77:
From Hwy 77, exit east onto Rosa Parks Way. This will take you into downtown Lincoln. Turn left (north) onto 10th Street and go north 2 blocks to M street. Turn right onto M street. Travel 0.3 miles to South 13th Street and turn right. The hotel will be on the right.

Exhibit Displays

If you would like to bring a display and need a table, please indicate this on your registration form. An area will be available for table top or floor displays.

State Reports

A representative from each state is asked to provide a short, 5 minute summary of significant activities during the meeting. Each state should also bring 25 copies of the written report, which will be available for distribution at the meeting. Alternatively, you can e-mail a PDF of your written report to julie.vanmeter@nebraska.gov by April 8, 2015, and the copies will be made and brought to the meeting for you.

Attire

Nebraska weather is notoriously fickle. We may be blessed with spring weather in the 50s and 60s, but could also have winter weather, or summer heat for that matter. Be prepared is not just a scout motto; pack with layers in mind.

For additional local information, visit these web sites:

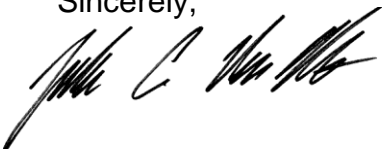
The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/lnkfs-the-cornhusker-a-marriott-hotel/>

Lincoln Airport: <http://www.lincolnairport.com/>

Omaha Eppley Airport: <http://www.flyoma.com/>

We hope to see you in Lincoln!

Sincerely,



Julie Van Meter
Nebraska Department of Agriculture
Host State