The Indiana Department of Natural Resources, the Central Plant Board, and PPQ-IN, look forward to showing you some ‘Hoosier Hospitality’ at the 93rd Annual Meeting of the Central Plant Board. This year’s meeting will be in Indianapolis, Indiana Monday April 17 through Thursday April 21, 2017. Enclosed is a registration form, hotel and shuttle information, and a draft conference agenda. The deadline for returning registration forms is Friday March 17th.

ACCOMMODATIONS

This year’s event will be at the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel, 31 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN http://www.sheratonindianapoliscitycentre.com/. Guests must make their own reservations by contacting the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel at https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1610207284&key=38351811 or by phone at 1-888-627-8186 or 1-317-635-2000. The Central Plant Board group rate is $121 per night, plus tax. Complimentary internet access is available in all hotel rooms and meeting spaces.

The hotel reservation deadline to receive the Central Plant Board group rate is 5:00 PM, March 24th. After this date, rooms not booked through the above conference reservation links will be released. At that point, rooms may be more expensive or unavailable. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS IMMEDIATELY!!! Reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. Individual reservations must be canceled at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to arrival date and cancellation number must be obtained by guest or a one night charge will be applied.

LOCATION

The Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel is located close to the city center and is just blocks from several attractions including: White River Canal and State Park, the Indianapolis Zoo, White River Botanical Gardens, The Eiteljorg Museum, The Indiana State Capital, Monument Circle and Museum, the Indianapolis Arts Museum and Gardens, The Indiana State Museum, The NCAA National Headquarters and Museum, Circle Center Mall, and several other venues. For more information on nearby attractions visit the following website: www.visitindiana.com. Downtown Indianapolis also has every type of restaurant and eatery that you can imagine https://visitindiana.com/food-and-drink.

MEETING REGISTRATION

Complete the registration form and return no later than Friday, March 17, 2017. Registration is $250.00 if received by March 17th or $350.00 after March 17th. Guest registration is $150. One-day attendance registration is available for $100.00 and must be received before the conference begins. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources is in charge of the on-site logistics for the meeting and will be coordinating registration. Registration forms should be mailed or faxed to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources – Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology (information provided below). Checks should be made payable to “Central Plant Board – Indiana”. A copy of the registration form and draft agenda can also be found on the following website http://nationalplantboard.org/npb-related-meetings/.

A registration table will be open on Monday April 17th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. It will then open again all day Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Please check in upon arrival to receive meeting materials.

REGISTRATION MAILING ADDRESS

IDNR – Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology
Attn: Megan Abraham - CPB
402 West Washington RM W290
Indianapolis, IN 46204

MEALS

Meals included with registration are:
Breakfast– Tuesday through Thursday
Lunch – Tuesday & Wednesday
Dinner – Tuesday
A choice of three different options will be offered for the banquet dinner on Tuesday. Please ensure that choices are clearly marked on the registration form. Any dietary needs should be brought to the attention of the meeting planners prior to the start of the meeting.

TRANSPORTATION

Indianapolis International Airport is 20 minutes from the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel. Suggested transportation from the airport to the hotel is through Go Express Travel; advance reservations are highly recommended and can be made through the following website http://goexpresstravel.com/indy_expression. Rates are $10.00 per person one way. Alternate ground transportation includes taxi which is approximately $40.00 each way. Parking at the hotel is also available at a rate of $25.00 per day for self-parking.

TOUR

Included in the registration is a field trip on Wednesday, April 19th. This year we will be touring one of the country’s oldest mills. Indiana Veneer will host our field trip and give us a tour of their facility. Indiana Veneer has been producing quality veneer since 1892 and has the capacity to produce more than 900,000 square feet of veneer daily. For more information about this company please visit the following website http://www.indianaveneers.com/.

EXHIBITS

Limited exhibit space will be available on a first come first serve basis. Please indicate your needs (table, electricity, etc.) on the Registration Form.

AREA HIGHLIGHTS

www.visitindy.com
www.indyIndians.com
https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g37209-Activities-Indianapolis_Iniana.html

Contact Megan Abraham at (317) 232-4189 or MAbraham@dnr.IN.gov with any questions or concerns.

I look forward to seeing you all in April!

Sincerely,

Megan Abraham
State Entomologist
Indiana Department of Natural Resources