

We Applaud...

By Monroe S. Miller

It is time to get caught up on thank yous to those people who made our businesses and profession better in the last while. We are indeed lucky to benefit from the efforts of the fine people noted here.

In fact, next time you see one of these individuals, offer up your own pat on the back. I know it will be appreciated by each and every one of them.

Governor Tommy Thompson: We owe thanks to our top elected state official for signing into law the legislation which gives the state pre-emption in matters of pesticide regulation. It is a relief to know that common sense and fairness has prevailed, and that Thompson had the courage to ignore the doom rhetoric from extremists. Really, it is no wonder the governor is so popular and has now held the gov-

ernorship longer than anyone else in our state's history. I love this guy!

Kudos, too, for those legislators in the Senate and Assembly who voted for uniformity. We appreciate it.

Russ Weisensel: This well known and very well-liked executive director of the F/RoW/T Coalition and the WABC was a key hitch pin in getting the pre-emption bill to the governor's desk. Five pens were used to sign the bill, and Governor Thompson gave one of them to Russ. Well deserved! Thanks from us, Russ.

Jennifer Eberhardt: What a difference this talented gal has made in our chapter publication. Her artistry has dressed THE GRASS ROOTS up in a 1990s style that is pure enjoyment. All I can hope is that she starts her career after graduation this spring in the Madison area.

Diane Haas and Marilyn Gaffney: We should thank these two people on a daily basis for all they do to keep our organization running along so smoothly. And they do it with a cheerfulness and professional touch absolutely non-existent anywhere else. They are, to put it simply, the best.

Larry Lennert: For several years now Larry has graciously kept track of THE GRASS ROOTS articles that appear in each calendar year. And at the end of the year he organizes that inventory and presents it for publication. Editors are really grateful for work like Larry's, and I'm no exception.

A big thank you, Larry.

EXPO 94 Committee Members: I am still hearing good things about EXPO 94. It was a huge improvement over our previous winter conferences and a giant step into the future.

And, as usual, it didn't just happen. It took a ton of work to plan and pull it off, and most will agree that Dr. Frank Rossi was pivotal in both leadership and execution.

But he had lots of assistance from the planning committee. So let's applaud Frank and other WGCSA members who provided us such an excellent opportunity: Wayne Otto, Fred Fabian, Curt Larson, Wayne Kussow, Pat Norton, Randy Smith, Greg Youngs, Wayne Horman, Ed Devinger, Julie Meyer, Bob Vavrek, Steve Bailey, Chris Wendorf, Chuck Koval, Mike Handrich and Bill Vogel.

Your job next year will be tough— EXPO 94 will be a tough act to follow.



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