ICCA Exam and Procedures

- Updated POs (NM and S/W)
- Updated Exam for 2014
- Staff changes – Dawn Gibas and Michele Lovejoy
- Implementing Authorwise – new exam development software
- All local board exams and POs are also in Authorwise
  - Local boards will be able to do their development in Authorwise
  - Leads us closer to computer delivery
- Exam numbers continue to grow in 2013
Exam Review Progress

• All local board exam contact people were given background information about the exam process and connection details to the web page resources
• All 2013 exams and POs have been loaded into Authorwise
• 11 local boards were contacted (email/phone) to begin inventory of where they were at in the exam development process
  • 4/11 have completed all steps and documentation
  • 7 need to do update and/or segments of the process
• Now follow up and detailed work needs to begin
  • We got delayed by staff changes
“new” Exam and Procedures Committee Structure

• 5 (min) committee members
• At least one CCA
• Other 4 – one from each of the 4 modules
• One is chair who also sits on the local board, other members do not have to be on the local board
• ICCA office helps with training, communications, Authorwise use
Credential Review

• Applicant is the staff agronomist for a large farming operation
• Currently, do not require certain number of customers, acres, farms
• Board in past – allowed to be certified, still today
• Implications
  • References - one employer, one client – client could have same employer
  • Example: Agronomist works for ABC Farms – 25,000 acres diversified vegetables, fruits, row crops; agronomist provides advice on pest and nutrient management to farm operators; all work for ABC Farms
  • Conflict of interest?
  • Regulatory Community?
  • Any changes needed?