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2010 National Plant Board Officers

President	Carl Schulze, NJ
Vice President	Michael Cooper, ID
Secretary-Treasurer	Geir Friisoe, MN
Past President	Walker (Gray) Haun, TN

2010 National Plant Board Board of Directors

Central Plant Board	Geir Friisoe, MN - Secretary Treasurer Bob Dahl, WI Vacant Phil Marshall, IN - Alternate
Eastern Plant Board	Carl Schulze, NJ - President Gary Gibson, WV Victoria Smith, CT Faith Kuehn, DE - Alternate
Southern plant Board	Gray Haun, TN - Past President Sancho Dickinson, OK Terry Walker, AR Wayne Dixon, FL - Alternate
Western Plant Board	Mike Cooper, ID – Secretary/Treasurer Lyle Wong, HI Doug Warner, AK Dan Hilburn, OR - Alternate

2010 NPB ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE ASIGNMENTS

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Members

Gary Gibson, WV – Chair
Bob Dahl, WI

Sancho Dickinson OK

Assignment: Audit NPB Financial Records and report to the NPB membership at the Thursday business meeting.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

Members

Ann Gibbs, ME – Chair
Vacant (CPB)

Larry Nichols, VA
Vacant (WPB)

Assignments:

1. Identify previous members and colleagues that have passed away and prepare suitable acknowledgements.
2. Identify retirees and propose suitable means of recognition.
3. Determine if there are other awards that should be considered by the members
4. Report to the membership at the Thursday business meeting

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Members

Ken Rauscher, MI – Chair Terry Walker, AR
Gray Haun - TN

Assignment: Nominate new slate of officers and report to the NPB membership at the Thursday business meeting

POLICY AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Members

Collin Wamsley, MO - Co-Chair

Geir Friisoe, MN

Lyle Wong, HI

Carl Schulze, NJ - President

Ann Gibbs, ME

Dan Hilburn, OR

Gene Cross, NC - Co-Chair

Gary Gibson, WV

Sancho Dickenson, OK

Assignment:

1. Determine which of the 2008 RPB resolutions should be considered by the NPB for approval, edit them as needed, and present them to the membership at the Thursday business meeting
2. Determine if any new resolutions are needed, draft them, and present them at the Thursday business meeting
3. Determine if there are any policy topics that should be addressed by the NPB. If so, present them for action/approval for assignment to the Policy Committee at the Thursday business meeting
4. Review and recommend changes as appropriate to NASDA's Plant Health Protection and Disease Control Policy.

2010 National Plant Board Standing Committees

COMMITTEE NAME	REGIONAL PLANT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES				Other
	Central Plant Board	Eastern Plant Board	Southern Plant Board	Western Plant Board	
Quarantine and Nursery Standards and Certification	Vacant	Ann Gibbs ME	Tad Hardy LA Chair	Daniel Hilburn OR	Craig Regelbrugge ANLA Mike Lidsky USDA-APHIS-PPQ (ad hoc)
Finance	Geir Friisoe MN	Carl Schulze – NJ Chair	Gray Haun TN	Mike Cooper ID	Aurelio Posadas Executive Secretary
Policy & Resolutions	Geir Friisoe MN	Ann Gibbs ME	Gene Cross NC Co-Chair	Lyle Wong HI	Carl Schulze NJ President
	Collin Wamsley MO Co-Chair	Gary Gibson WV	Sancho Dickinson OK	Dan Hilburn OR	
2010 Annual Meeting Program	Geir Friisoe MN Secretary Treasurer	Carl Schulze NJ President	Sancho Dickinson OK	Donna Rise MT	Megan Abraham IN Anni Self TN
	Phil Marshall IN	Vicki Smith CT	Harry Fulton MS	Mike Cooper ID Chair	P. Henstridge Shanna Bradshaw USDA, APHIS, PPQ
2010 Nominations	Ken Rauscher MI - Chair	Vacant	Terry Walker AR Gray Haun TN	Vacant	
2010 Audit	Bob Dahl WI	Gary Gibson WV Chair	Sancho Dickinson OK	Vacant	Geir Friisoe Secretary- Treasurer (ad hoc)
2010 Awards & Service Recognition	Vacant	Ann Gibbs ME Chair	Larry Nichols VA	Vacant	Aurelio Posadas Executive Secretary
Interstate Pest Control Compact Advisory	Julie Van Meter NE	Dick Bean MD	Benny Graves MS	John Caravetta AZ	Dr. Charlie C. Coffman, Executive Director IPCC
	Bryan Kuhn WI	Vacant	Mike Evans GA	Clair Allen UT	
Legislative Analysis			Richard Gaskalla FL		

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General Proceedings

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SUNDAY
 July 25, 2010

Time	Topic
	Travel
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	NPB Board of Directors Meeting
1:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Registration
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	National Plant Board 101 – For New NPB Members <i>This is a National Plant Board orientation that is open to meeting attendees, especially for new SPROs and SPHDs. The presentation will cover the structure and function of the National Plant Board.</i> <i>Carl Schulze, Gray Haun, Aurelio Posadas, Rebecca Bech, Brad White, Carol Holko</i>
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception
8:00 – 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality

MONDAY
 July 26, 2010

Time	Topic
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet (<i>provided</i>)
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	MONDAY MORNING SESSION
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	NAPPO Meeting – Ian McDonell, NAPPO
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	PPQ Employee Meeting – Rebecca Bech, USDA APHIS PPQ
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	DHS CBP Meeting – Kevin Harriger, US DHS-CBP
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	National Plant Board Business Meeting -NPB Members only please
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	National Plant Board Regional Breakout Groups EPB CPB SPB WPB (Regional Members Only)
10:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 - 11:00 a.m.	National Plant Board Regional Breakout Groups (cont'd)
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	National Plant Board Committee Representatives Report-Outs NPB Members only
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch (<i>provided</i>) <i>Social Networking - Presentation on Twitter - Scott Davis, Indiana Dept. Natural Resources, Division of communications</i>
1:15 – 5:00 p.m.	MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION Aurelio Posadas - Moderator
1:15 – 1:20 p.m.	Welcome/Opening Remarks - Carl Schulze, NPB President - NJ
1:20 – 1:30 p.m.	Roll Call - Geir Friisoe, NPB Secretary-Treasurer - MN
1:30 – 1:45 p.m.	State Welcome - Indiana Department of Natural Resources

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1:45 – 2:00 p.m.	State of the National Plant Board - Carl Schulze, NPB President - NJ
2:00 – 2:20 p.m.	Remarks by PPQ Deputy Administrator - Rebecca Bech <i>USDA APHIS PPQ</i>
2:20 – 2:40 p.m.	Remarks from DHS/CBP – Kevin Harriger, Acting Executive Director, <i>Agriculture Policy and Trade Liaison, Customs and Border Protection</i>
2:40 – 3:00 p.m.	US Forest Service - U.S. Forest Service activities on P. ramorum, EAB, ALB, Thousand cankers, and policy on firewood - <i>Robert Mangold, Director, Forest Health Protection, U.S. Forest Service</i>
3:00 – 3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15 – 3:20 p.m.	Door Prizes
3:20 – 3:40 p.m.	Canadian Nursery Audit Program and Program Updates - Dr. Greg <i>Stubbings - CFIA</i>
3:40 – 4:00 p.m.	Mexico Challenges or Concerns for Mexico imports and transshipments - Dr. Javier Trujillo Arriaga, Director General de <i>Sanidad Vegetal, Mexico</i>
4:00 – 4:20 p.m.	NAPPO hot topics pertinent panel progress reports <i>Ian McDonnell – Executive Director, NAPPO</i>
4:20 – 4:40 p.m.	American Farm Bureau Federation – NPDES, Export and Invasive Species Issues – Justin Schneider, Staff Attorney, Indiana Farm Bureau
4:40 – 5:00 p.m.	NASDA – NPDES and EPA Spray Drift Rules – Amy Mann, Director <i>Legislative and Regulatory Affairs</i>
	Dinner on your own
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Resolution Committee Meeting – Room TBA
8:00 – 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality

TUESDAY
July 27, 2010

Time	Topic
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	TUESDAY MORNING SESSION Shanna Bradshaw - Facilitating
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	PPQ Budget Update - Terri Burrell for Paul Eggert, Associate Deputy <i>Administrator, USDA APHIS PPQ</i>
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Remarks by BRS Deputy Administrator environmental assessment, pilot projects - Michael Gregoire, USDA APHIS BRS
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Methyl Bromide QPS and CUE Update - Teung F. Chin, Ph.D., <i>Biologist, Office of Pest Management Policy USDA-ARS</i>
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	ANLA Update - Craig Regelbrugge, Vice President, Government <i>Relations and Research</i>
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Break

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10:30 – 11:15 a.m.	NPDN and IPM PiPe Transparency in the Release of State Survey and Detection Information <i>Mitch Yergert, NPB - CO, Marty Draper-NIFA, Ray Hammerschmidt, NPDN, Michigan State University, Eileen Luke, NPDN, Perdue University (Anni Self – Facilitating)</i>
11:15 – 12:00 a.m.	Fostering Multi-Agency Cooperation to Safeguard our Borders From Biological Invaders – Panel Discussion on information sharing. <i>Kevin Harriger-DHS/CBP, Bill Thomas, USDA APHIS PPQ, Jose Ceballos, USDA APHIS PPQ SITC, Dorthea Zadig, NPB - CA (Shanna Bradshaw – Facilitating)</i>
12:00- 1:15 p.m.	Lunch (provided) <i>Social Networking - Presentation on Facebook - Scott Davis, Indiana Dept. Natural Resources, Division of Communications</i>
1:15 – 5:00 p.m.	TUESDAY AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS
1:15 – 3:00 p.m.	Potato State Issues – <i>Jeanne Van Dersal, USDA APHIS PPQ, Jonathan Jones, USDA APHIS PPQ - Robert Bailey, USDA APHIS PPQ, Mike Cooper, NPB –ID, Geir Friisoe, NPB- MN, National Potato Council Representative - TBA.</i>
1:15 – 3:00 p.m.	1,000 Canker Disease – <i>Colin Wamsley, NPB – MO, Bruce Moltzan USFS, Dr. Steven Seybold, USFS, Scott Pfister, USDA APHIS PPQ, (Anni Self – Facilitating)</i>
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Break
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Audit based Nursery Certification Pilot program <i>Carl Schulze NPB – NJ, Dan Hilburn NPB – OR, Sam Johnson, USDA APHIS PPQ, Craig Regelbrugge, ANLA, (Anni Self – Facilitating)</i>
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Fire Wood Policy and Outreach – <i>Ann Gibbs, NPB –ME, Jacob Hegeman USDA APHIS, Rob Mangold, US Forest Service, Leigh Greenwood Nature Conservancy, Roger L. Presl and Andy Ayres, HearthGlow Inc., Industry Representatives (Shanna Bradshaw – Facilitating)</i>
5:00 – 5:45 p.m.	National Plant Board Committee Meetings
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Awards Banquet (Dinner Provided)
9:00 – 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room

WEDNESDAY

July 28, 2010

Time	Topic
7:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Registration
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
	WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION Anni Self - Facilitating
8:00 – 11:30 a.m.	PPQ Leadership Team Meeting
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	NPB Mediation Process - Gray Haun, NPB Past-President – TN

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8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Mind Manager 8.0 Break Out Session - Camille Morris, Senior Regional Program Manager, USDA APHIS PPQ – SITC, Paul L. Hornby, USDA-APHIS-PPQ, SPHD – FL
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Bio-Control Break Out Session – Ken Rauscher, NPB - MI, Alan Dowdy, USDA APHIS PPQ, (Shanna Bradshaw – Facilitating)
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Pest Risk Assessment Process 101 - Barney Caton, USDA APHIS PPQ - CPHST
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Field Trip Phil Marshall, NPB - IN
	Dinner w/ Field Trip (provided)
8:00 – 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality

THURSDAY
July 29, 2010

Time	Topic
7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Registration
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	THURSDAY MORNING SESSION Shanna Bradshaw – Facilitating
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	PCIT Update and Future implementation of Excerpt - Michael J. Perry, USDA APHIS PPQ
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	iPHIS Update and Implementation Timelines - Todd Schroeder, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Farm Bill 10201 Project Update and Process - Matthew H. Royer, USDA APHIS PPQ
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	National Seed Health System – Audit Update – Terry Walker, NPB – AR, Sam Johnson, USDA APHIS PPQ Breakout Sessions– Report Outs
10:00 – 10:20 a.m.	Break
10:20 – 10:30 a.m.	Door Prizes
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.	Phytophthora ramorum Working Group Report to the NPB Membership – Prakash Hebbar, USDA APHIS PPQ, Gray Haun, NPB-TN
11:15 – 12:30 p.m.	General Business – Carl Schulze, NPB President - NJ,
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:30 – 5:00 p.m.	NPB BOD / PPQ Leadership Team (This meeting will be open NPB members (SPRO's) and PPQ employees as observers only)
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	NPB BOD Meeting

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2010 Agenda Committee

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Michael E. Cooper, ID, NPB Vice- President, *Chair*

Geir Friisoe, MN, NPB Secretary-Treasurer CPB Representative

Phil Marshall, IN, Local Host

Harry Fulton, MS, SPB

Vicki Smith, CT, EPB

Donna Rise, MT, WPB

Aurelio Posadas, NPB Executive Secretary

Paula Henstridge, USDA APHIS PPQ

Shanna Bradshaw, USDA APHIS PPQ - DC

Anni Self, TN – NPB Meeting Facilitator

NATIONAL PLANT BOARD MEETING – JULY 26, 2010
Roll Call of States

State	Present	Absent
Alabama	X	
Alaska	X	
Arizona		X
Arkansas	X	
California		X
Colorado	X	
Connecticut	X	
Delaware		X
Florida	X	
Georgia	X	
Hawaii	X	
Idaho	X	
Illinois		X
Indiana	X	
Iowa	X	
Kansas		X
Kentucky	X	
Louisiana	X	
Maine	X	
Maryland	X	
Massachusetts		X
Michigan	X	
Minnesota	X	
Mississippi	X	
Missouri	X	
Montana	X	
Nebraska	X	
Nevada		X
New Hampshire		X
New Jersey	X	
New Mexico		X
New York		X
North Carolina	X	
North Dakota		X
Ohio	X	
Oklahoma	X	
Oregon	X	
Pennsylvania		X
Puerto Rico		X
Rhode Island		X
South Carolina	X	
South Dakota		X
Tennessee	X	
Texas	X	
Utah	X	
Vermont		X
Virginia	X	
Washington		X
West Virginia	X	
Wisconsin	X	
Wyoming		X
Total (51)	32	19

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Section II

General Business Meeting & Committee Reports

**National Plant Board
Pre-Board of Director's Meeting
Indianapolis, IN
July 25, 2010**

President Carl Schulze (NJ) called the meeting to order at 2:30p.m. Vice President Mike Cooper (ID), Secretary Treasure Geir Friisoe, (MN), Past President Gray Haun, (TN), Executive Secretary Aurelio Posadas and the following Board of Directors (BOD) were present:

Gary Gibson, WV
Lyle Wong, HI
Phil Marshall, IN

Vicki Smith, CT
Doug Warner, AK
Sancho Dickinson, OK

Terry Walker, AR
Bob Dahl, WI

Agenda Item:

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:30pm by President Schulze
2. **Roll Call:** President Schulze took roll and 11 members were present with two arriving late.
3. **Local Arrangements Committee Update:** Phil Marshall IN provided a current update on local arrangements. He reported that things were going well with 120 full meeting registrations not including guests and single day registrations.
4. **Agenda Committee Update:** Mike Cooper (ID) reported everything okay and thanked the committee members in the development of the agenda. Some changes were made to the agenda to deal with Facilitator Richard Miranda (FL) having to cancel his attendance. And Dorthea Zadig (CA), also, had to cancel her attendance and participation on the AQI Panel. Gray Haun (TN) agreed to take her place on the panel.
5. **Minutes from last meetings:** None
6. **Secretary/Treasurers Report:** Secretary Treasurer Geir Friisoe and Executive Secretary Aurelio Posadas presented the 2010 proposed agenda to the board for discussion. President Schulze discussed the possibility of not raising the NPB dues this final year of increase. The board agreed to leave the dues at \$950 per member state. The BOD agreed to send the proposed budget to the General membership for a vote.
7. **Executive Secretary Contract:** The Executive Secretary is not asking for any increases this year; the contract would remain the same at 37.50/hour for 1440 hrs. and office space at 4.75/hr for hrs worked at home.

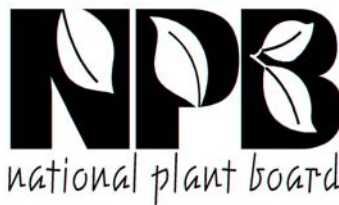
- 8. Farm Bill Meeting:** President Carl Schulze (NJ) discussed the Farm Bill and the process that we went through this year. He thanked the Farm Bill Committee for there hard work on the Farm Bill proposal process this year.
- 9. NPB Strategic Plan:** President Schulze and Vice President Gray Haun led a discussion the strategic plan work to date. The board assignments on strategic plan goals were reviewed and changes were agreed upon. Next steps were identified for this update process.
- 10. Monday's Agenda items:** Monday's agenda was reviewed. It was agreed to adjust the agenda to allow more time for the General Business meeting.
- 11. Thursday's NPB/PPQ Joint Meeting Agenda Items:** President Schulze led a review and discussion of Thursday's agenda in preparation for the meeting with PPQ leadership.
- 12. Next Year's Meeting:** Colorado (WPB) will be hosting the 2011 Annual Meeting. The city of Denver will be the first consideration to host our Annual Meeting. EPB will host the following meeting (2012). The state of Connecticut has stepped forward to host the 2012 NPB Annual Meeting.
- 13. Other Items:** None
- 14. Closing Remarks:** President Carl Schulze thank the Board and adjourned the meeting at 5:00pm
- 15. Meeting Adjourned**

Date: August 11, 2011

Motion to Adopt: Geir Friisoe, MN

Seconded by: Victoria Smith, CT

Vote: Motion Passed



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**National Plant Board General Business meeting
 Indianapolis, IN
 July 26, 2010**

1. President Carl Schulze (JN) called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.
2. Secretary Treasurer Geir Friisoe (MN) conducted the roll call. The roll call indicated thirty-three states being present.
3. **Secretary-Treasurer's Report:** Secretary-Treasurer Geir Friisoe (MN) presented to the membership the Secretary-Treasurer's Report and the 2011 NPB Budget. Ken Rauscher (MI) made the motion to accept the report, and Gray Haun (TN) seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **Nominations Committee Report:** Chair Ken Rauscher (MI) provided the report making the following nominations:

President: Carl Schulze (NJ)
Vice President: Mike Cooper (ID)
Secretary/Treasurer: Geir Friisoe (MN)
- Ken made the motion to accept the nominated slate of officers and Clair Allen (UT) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
5. **Farm Bill Update:** President Schulze provided the membership an update on the Farm Bill. The Farm Bill suggestion review occurred during the week of July 12 with eleven NPB representatives participating in the review process. All suggestions are not going to be funded and some are not going to be happy about the results. Carl suggested that states need to look at multistate or regional projects that would give their suggestions a higher ranking and a better chance of being funded. Carl thanked the members that participated in the suggestion review process for their hard work.
6. **National audit-based Nursery Certification Program:** President Schulze provided an update on this project. He gave an over view of the NPB survey conducted by the National audit-based Nursery Certification work group. Noting that 39 states responded to the survey and that the majority were open to an audit based nursery certification with caveats. The majority of the responders were unsure what an audit based nursery certification would look like. Carl informed the members that there is more to come as this work group has just begun work on this effort. And that the purpose of this work group is to identify whether a voluntary audit based nursery certification program is feasible.

7. General MOU Issues: President Schulze briefed the membership on a couple of General MOU Issues: Section 1619 and right of entry. He asked the members to be aware of these issues as some states are having trouble getting their MOUs signed because of them.

8. Delisting actionable pests established in the U.S.: This is a new effort being led by Diane Schuble, PPQ and CPHST. The formal name is “De-Evaluation of Established Pests” (DEEP). PPQ wants to evaluate pests currently not being allowed into the U.S. They would like input from the states as to whether they actually are of concern and should continue to be stopped at our international borders or not. The process will go thru the Board of Directors and then out to the regions. According to Diane, if even one state has an issue with a pest it will continue to be regulated at the U.S. border. Be on the look out for pests to evaluate. There should be 4-6 pests per quarter to be evaluated by the NPB membership.

9. General Pest Permits by Regulation: President Schulze discussed this General Pest Permits by Regulation being considered by PPQ. He asked members to give some thought to this and provide input to their Board members. Additional, information was going to be sent out to members to give them a better picture of what pests are to be considered.

10. Official Control: President Schulze provided the membership an update on the program which is also being led by Diane Schuble. The new name for Official Control, arrived at following input by the NPB, is Federally Recognized State Managed Phytosanitary Program (FRSMP—pronounced “free-stamp”—). The membership was informed that the board of directors had an Official Control work shop during February of this year. And the presentations by Diane and Joe Cavey helped to bring the board to a better understanding of this program. There is still more work to be done before this program can be launched. The board of directors will continue working with Diane.

11. Dutch Preclearance Issues: Ken Rauscher (MI) presented issues that Michigan has been having with the Dutch Preclearance Program. He also provided a slide presentation on his trip to review the Dutch program. He asked the membership for any information on issues other states maybe having with this program for a workshop tentatively to be scheduled in Michigan.

12. CWR: President Schulze discussed Chrysanthemum White Rust as it is still an issue. The hold up according to PPQ is the lack of data on state impact. He encouraged members to provide any data to Lin Schmale, Society of American Florists to help move this issue along.

13. Other: None

14. Adjourned to Regional Break out Groups at 9am.

Date: August 11, 2011

Motion to Adopt: Geir Friisoe, MN

Seconded by: Victoria Smith, CT

Vote: Motion Passed

NATIONAL PLANT BOARD MEETING – JULY 26, 2010

Roll Call of States

State	Present	Absent
Alabama	X	
Alaska	X	
Arizona		X
Arkansas	X	
California		X
Colorado	X	
Connecticut	X	
Delaware		X
Florida	X	
Georgia	X	
Hawaii	X	
Idaho	X	
Illinois		X
Indiana	X	
Iowa	X	
Kansas		X
Kentucky	X	
Louisiana	X	
Maine	X	
Maryland	X	
Massachusetts		X
Michigan	X	
Minnesota	X	
Mississippi	X	
Missouri	X	
Montana	X	
Nebraska	X	
Nevada		X
New Hampshire		X
New Jersey	X	
New Mexico		X
New York		X
North Carolina	X	
North Dakota		X
Ohio	X	
Oklahoma	X	
Oregon	X	
Pennsylvania		X
Puerto Rico		X
Rhode Island		X
South Carolina	X	
South Dakota		X
Tennessee	X	
Texas	X	
Utah	X	
Vermont		X
Virginia	X	
Washington		X
West Virginia	X	
Wisconsin	X	
Wyoming		X
Total (51)	32	19

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

2010 National Plant Board

The National Plant Board (NPB) Audit Committee for the 2010 NPB Annual Meeting consisted of Gary Gibson, WV, Sancho Dickinson OK and Bob Dahl, WI. The committee met with Geir Friisoe, NPB Secretary -Treasurer and Aurelio Posadas, NPB Executive Secretary to review the financial information.

Geir Friisoe and Aurelio Posadas provided the Audit committee with the NPB Check Ledger and bank statements for the previous year. Based on the review of the financial records, the Audit Committee found them to be in order and recommended that the NPB accept the report as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Gibson, WV
Audit Committee Chair

**NATIONAL PLANT BOARD AWARDS AND RECOGNITION
COMMITTEE REPORT 2010**

NPB 2010 Award Nominees Summary:

Carl Carlson Award:

Walt Blosser PA – EPB Award was presented at the NPB meeting in Indianapolis, IN
on July 27, 2010

Susan Ehlenbeck MO – CPB David Blackburn AR – SPB
Clinton Burfit UT - WPB

NASDA Award:

Gray Haun TN – SPB NPB Nomination submitted to NASDA July 29, 2010

Dave Nelson ND – CPB

APHIS Administrators Award:

Ann Gibbs ME – EPB Award was presented at the NPB meeting in Indianapolis, IN
on July 27, 2010.

NPB President's Partnership Awards:

Dorthea Zadig CA These awards were presented at the NPB
Paul Eggert, USDA APHIS PPQ meeting in Indianapolis, IN on July 27, 2010

Retirement Certificates

Randy Ciurlino – DE, EPB Tom Durkis NH, EPB Harry Fulton MS, SPB
Richard Gaskalla – FL, SPB Bob Mungari NY, EPB

Respectfully submitted by,



Ann Gibbs, Chair, EPB - ME

Secretary/Treasurer's Report Geir Friisoe

Please find attached the summary of NPB transactions for the past year. Despite some overall reductions in USDA support, the National Plant Board remains on firm financial footing. Aurelio Posadas has been instrumental in working directly with USDA APHIS in securing and administering resources from this important partner. Despite considerable financial hardships in most of the NPB states, we are fortunate to continue to maintain a strong and successful organization.

The Board of Directors' meetings and conference calls held this year includes:

Post Conference BOD Meeting – July 29, 2010, Indianapolis, IN
BOD Meeting – March 22 and 23, 2011, Miami, FL
BOD Conference Calls are held once a month on the third Thursday of the month.

The Secretary/Treasurer's report has a total of three NPB financial reports. (Note: These reports are based on the combined NPB Checking and Money Market Accounts.)

The first report is the **NPB Financial Report 1: FY 2010 Final Statement**. This statement indicates that the NPB ended fiscal year 2010 (9/1/09-8/31/10) with an account balance of \$152,763.61. It shows actual income and expenditures during the 2010 fiscal year. It also shows that we have not yet collected all funds from the prior year cooperative agreements during 2010. The Safeguarding Cooperative agreement with USDA-APHIS-PPQ began November 2010; the BRS Pilot Inspection cooperative agreement began during September 2010 and was extended thru March 2011. The Traceability Technology cooperative agreement was revised to add \$10,000 and then extend to September 2011. All cooperative agreements are for a twelve month period.

The second financial report is titled **NPB Financial Report 2: FY 2011 (Actual)**. This is an actual accounting of finances through May 31, 2011 for the current fiscal year. This statement indicates the NPB received funds from various current cooperative agreements this year and from prior year Safeguarding and BRS cooperative agreements. At the end of May, there was a balance of \$172,896. However, there were several outstanding travel reimbursement checks which will reduce this balance.

The third financial report is titled **NPB Financial Report 3: FY 11 Budget Comparison and Proposed Budget for FY 12**. This is a comparison of the current FY 2011 estimated ending budget against the approved proposed FY 2011 budget. The third budget column is the proposed FY 2012 budget.

The Executive Secretary has renewed the BRS Pilot Inspection Cooperative agreement for \$29,000 and together with President Schulze is currently working with PPQ to renew a new Audit Based Nursery Certification (aka SANC) Agreement. Additionally, Gene Cross (NC) is working with CPHST to renew a Traceability Technology cooperative agreement for an amount of \$232,688 with a name change (Tracking Technology) as that project moves forward. He is also in the process of submitting bills for BRS Training, Safeguarding and SANC cooperative agreements. Currently, it appears that the NPB will have four cooperative agreements in place next year and they are estimated to total around \$639,000.

The final billing and payment of the 2010 cooperative agreements will occur in the next fiscal year, FY 11-12.

Respectively submitted:

Geir Friisoe,
National Plant Board
Secretary/Treasurer

National Plant Board Financial Report 1: FY 2010 Final Statement
September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010

	NPB	FY 2009 SFG	FY 2010 SFG*	FY 2010 New Tr. Tech.*	FY 2008 BRS Statues	FY 2009 BRS Pilot*	Total
Beginning Balance 09/01/09							\$158,275
Income:							
Interest	101						101
Contributions	250						250
Dues	48,450						48,450
Reimbursement	0	112,450	109,800	7,873	2,500	0	232,623
2009 Annual Mtg.	6,432						6,432
Miscellaneous	359						359
Total Income	55,592	112,450	109,800	7,873	2,500	0*	288,215
Expenses:							
Bank Fees	0						0
Accounting Fees	(1,746)						(1,746)
Meetings	(6,501)		(6,890)				(13,391)
Travel	0	(39,652)	(156,822)	(1,710)	(0)		(198,184)
Awards	(1,377)						(1,377)
2009 Annual Mtg.	(657)						(657)
NAPPO Dues	(250)						(250)
Website	(72)		0				(72)
USPS/Shipping	(157)	(85)	(546)				(788)
Communications	(1,022)	(514)	(3,571)				(5,107)
Miscellaneous	(702)		(0)	(15,873)			(16,575)
BRS Pilot Inspection	0				(0)	(7760)	(7760)
2009 WPB Mtg.	0						0
Exec. Secretary	(70,815)		20,000	1,820	0	0*	(48,995)
Total Expenses	(82,013)	(40,251)	(148,738)	(15,763)	0	(7761)	(294,902)
Income/Expenses Balance	(26,414)	72,199	(38,938)	(7890)	2,500	(7761)	(6687)
Ending Bank Balance 08/31/10							\$152,764

* Billed in FY10-11

National Plant Board Financial Report 2: FY 2011 (Current Status)
September 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011

	NPB	FY 2010 SFG	FY 2011 SFG	FY 2011 SANC	FY 2009 BRS	FY 2010 BRS*	FY 2010 Trace Tech	Total
Beginning Balance 09/01/10								\$152,764
Income:								
Interest	102							102
Contributions	0							0
Dues	48,450							48,450
Reimbursement	0	62,394	97,000	0	15,107	20,540	11,210	206,251
2010 Annual Mtg.	257							257
Miscellaneous	577							577
Total Income	49,386	62,394	97,000	0	15,107	20,540	11,210	255,637
Expenses:								
Bank Fees	0							0
Accounting Fees	(581)		(1,524)					(2,105)
Meetings	(479)		(3,021)					(3,500)
Travel	(3,304)		(147,952)	(6,833)		(2,941)		(161,030)
Awards	0							0
2010 Annual Mtg.	(257)							(257)
NAPPO Dues	0							0
Website	(115)							(115)
US Postal Service	(113)							(113)
Communications	(562)		(2,246)					(2,808)
Miscellaneous	(577)					0		(577)
BRS Pilot/Trng	0					(9,044)		(9,044)
SANC Pro Assoc	0			(4,000)				(4,000)
Exec. Secretary	(40,056)					(11,900)		(51,956)
Total Expenses	(46,044)	0	(154,743)	(10,833)	0	(23,885)	0	(235,505)
Income/Expenses Balance	3,342	112,450	(63,063)	(10,833)	15,107	(3,345)	0	20,132
Ending Bank Balance 05/31/11								\$172,896

*FY10 BRS: Pilot (extended to 3/11) and 2010 BRS Training CA has not been billed

National Plant Board Financial Report 3
FY 11 Budget Comparison and Proposed Budget for FY 12

	FY 2011 (Estimate)	FY 2011 Budget	FY 2012 Proposed
Income:			
Interest	130	200	150
Member Dues	48,450	48,450	48,450
Annual Meeting	5,000	0	5,000
Safeguarding	277,000	180,000	200,000
BRS	58,050	63,000	34,050
Tracking Technology CA	15,550	140,000	231,288
Systems Approach CA	85,000	140,000	144,000
Coop. Agr. Admin Fees	48,720	55,000	42,350
Miscellaneous	0	0	0
Total Income	537,900	626,650	705,288
Expenses:			
Bank fees	0	(100)	0
Accounting Fees	(2,000)	(2,460)	(2,000)
Meeting Expenses	(1,500)	(5,000)	(1,500)
Travel	(3,000)	(10,000)	(3,000)
Awards	(1,500)	(2,000)	(1,500)
Annual Meeting Expenses	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)
NAPPO Dues	(250)	(250)	(250)
Communications/Website	(1,500)	(3,000)	(1,500)
Misc: shipping, USPS, Supplies, etc.	(1,000)	(2,150)	(2,000)
Safeguarding CA	(277,000)	(180,000)	(200,000)
BRS Pilot Inspections CA	(34,050)	(27,000)	(34,050)
BRS Training CA	(24,000)	(36,000)	0
Tracking Technology CA	(15,550)	(145,000)	(231,288)
National Nursery Cert Program Pilot	(85,000)	(145,000)	(144,000)
Executive Secretary Contract			
Salary	(72,000)	(57,600)	(70,000)
Office Overhead	(6,840)	(6,840)	(6,840)
Total Expenses	(527,850)	(629,200)	(702,928)
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Income/Expenses	10,050	(2,550)	2,360

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

2010 National Plant Board

The Nominations Committee of the 2010 National Plant Board submits the following slate of officers for nomination to the National Plant Board (NPB) leadership in 2010-2011:

President: Carl P. Schulze, New Jersey (EPB)

Vice President: Michael E. Cooper, Idaho (WPB)

Secretary / Treasurer: Geir Friisoe, Minnesota (CPB)

The nominations were passed unanimously by the National Plant Board membership present at the 2010 NPB Annual Meeting.

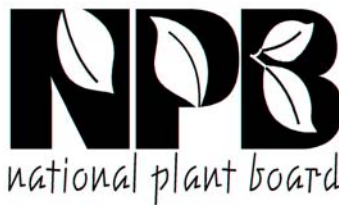
Respectfully submitted by:

2010 Nominating Committee:

Ken Rauscher, MI - **Chair**

Terry Walker, AR

Gray Haun, TN



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1. President Carl Schulze (NJ) called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.
2. Executive Secretary Aurelio Posadas conducted the roll call. The roll call indicated twenty-nine states being present.

Committee Reports:

a. Audit: Chair Gary Gibson (WV) provided the audit reported. The Audit committee met with Geir Friisoe (MN) Secretary-Treasurer and Aurelio Posadas Executive Secretary and reviewed the NPB finances and ledgers. The NPB finances and ledgers were determined to be in order. Gary Gibson (WV) made a motion to accept the Audit Report, and Ken Rauscher (MI) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Policy and Resolutions – Co-Chairs: Collin Wamsley (MO) and Gene Cross (NC) The resolution, support letters and one NPB Policy was reviewed with the membership and then voted on. Following are the results.

Resolution 1: Thanks to The Indiana Department of Natural Resources for Hosting the Annual Meeting: This resolution was motioned to be accepted by the membership by Ken Rauscher (MI), seconded by Julie Van Meter (KS), and the motion passed.

Support letter to USDA regarding Western Corn Root Worm Varian: This support letter was motioned to be accepted by the membership by, Robin Pruisner (IA), seconded by Phil Marshall (IN), and the motion passed.

Support letter to USDA regarding Citrus Nursery Stock: This support letter was motioned to be accepted by the membership by, Sancho Dickinson (OK), seconded by Christel Harden (NC), and the motion passed.

Support letter to USDA regarding Boll Weevil: This support letter was motioned to be accepted by the membership by, Gray Haun (TN), seconded by Craig Roussel (LA), and the motion passed.

Support letter to USDA regarding Biocontrol: This support letter was motioned to be accepted by the membership by, Gary Gibson (WV), seconded by Sancho Dickinson (OK), and the motion passed.

Support letter to USDA regarding Pest Exclusion: This support letter was motioned to be accepted by the membership by, Ken Rauscher (MI), seconded by Carol Holko (MD), and the motion passed.

Support letter to USDA regarding Irradiation Quarantine Facilities: This support letter was motioned to be accepted by the membership by, Ken Rauscher (MI), seconded by Bob Dahl (WI), and the motion passed.

Support letter to USDA regarding Phytosanitary Certificates: This support letter was motioned to be accepted by the membership by, Robin Pruisner (IA), seconded by Shashank Nilakhe (TX), and the motion passed.

Support letter to USDA regarding Formic Acid: This support letter was motioned to be accepted by the membership by, Sancho Dickinson (OK), seconded by Ken Rauscher (MI), and the motion passed.

NPB Policy Letter supporting the National Firewood Task Force Recommendations: This Policy letter was motioned to be accepted by the membership by, Mike Cooper (ID), seconded by Gary Gibson (WV), and the motion passed.

6. Old Business: NONE

7. New Business:

a. 2011 Annual Meeting: Mitch Yergert (CO) informed the membership that Colorado (WPB) was interested in hosting the 2011 Annual Meeting at Denver. Mitch's goal is to hold the meeting the 1st or 2nd week of August. Clair Allen (UT) motion to hold the 2010 meeting at Denver, Gary Gibson (WV) seconded and the motion passed.

b. NPDN/IPIPe Data Sharing Issue: President Schulze discussed this issue with the members. It keeps coming up and the NPB needs to develop a policy to handle it. It does not seem to be an issue with NPDN as we have an agreed upon guideline to address it. It is when non-NPDN (i.e. extension, etc.) get involved that issues arise because they are not familiar with the data sharing guidelines.

c. MeBr Issues: President Schulze updated the membership on the methyl bromide issue and the efforts the NPB has been involved with. He informed the membership of a tentative plan to meet the State Department. And he asked members to provide data on Methyl bromide use within their states. He also asked members to contact him if they were interested in volunteering for the meeting with the State Department.

d. Other: President Schulze shared New Jersey's experience and outcomes with a PPQ audit on their ALB cooperative agreement. He cautioned all to keep their files in order.

8. President's Closing Remarks: The President thanked everyone for attending and participating.

10. Meeting Adjourn at 12:40PM

Date: August 11, 2011

Motion to Adopt: Geir Friisoe, MN

Seconded by: Victoria Smith, CT

Vote: Motion Passed

NATIONAL PLANT BOARD MEETING – JULY 29, 2010
Roll Call of States

State	Present	Absent
Alabama	X	
Alaska		X
Arizona		X
Arkansas	X	
California		X
Colorado	X	
Connecticut	X	
Delaware		X
Florida		X
Georgia	X	
Hawaii	X	
Idaho	X	
Illinois		X
Indiana	X	
Iowa	X	
Kansas		X
Kentucky	X	
Louisiana	X	
Maine		X
Maryland	X	
Massachusetts		X
Michigan	X	
Minnesota		X
Mississippi	X	
Missouri	X	
Montana	X	
Nebraska	X	
Nevada		X
New Hampshire		X
New Jersey	X	
New Mexico		X
New York		X
North Carolina	X	
North Dakota	X	
Ohio	X	
Oklahoma	X	
Oregon	X	
Pennsylvania		X
Puerto Rico		X
Rhode Island		X
South Carolina	X	
South Dakota		X
Tennessee	X	
Texas	X	
Utah		X
Vermont		X
Virginia	X	
Washington		X
West Virginia	X	
Wisconsin	X	
Wyoming		X
Total (51)	29	22

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July 25 -29, 2010

Policy and Resolutions Committee Report

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Resolution No. 1

APPRECIATION TO THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The National Plant Board meeting, held on July 25-29, 2010 in Indianapolis, Indiana was wonderfully hosted, organized and implemented by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The entire Indiana staff was exceedingly accommodating, professional, and hospitable and significantly contributed to the productivity and success of the overall meeting.

RESOLVED, by the membership of the National Plant Board at its annual business meeting in Indianapolis on Wednesday, July 28, 2010 that we sincerely thank IDNR staff members Phil Marshall, Megan Abraham, Eric Bitner, Marcus McDonough, Scott Kinzie, along with Jodie Ellis of Purdue University and Alyese Warren of the Young Hoosier Conservation Corps for their outstanding work in the preparation and implementation of this meeting.

Motion to Adopt:

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Robert E. Carter, Jr., IDNR Director
Ron McAhron, IDNR Deputy Director, Regulatory Team
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Statement Regarding Organizational Support for Recommendations Developed by the National Firewood Task Force (NPB-2010-01)

September 30, 2010

Contact: Carl Schulze, National Plant Board President

Background and Status

Firewood remains a critical pathway for moving many invasive forest pests such as the gypsy moth, emerald ash borer, and Asian longhorn beetle. While the USDA regulates the movement of firewood at international borders, there are increasing threats of movement across state lines. With the increasing threats of pest introduction, individual states have initiated regulations governing the movement of firewood across state borders. The National Plant Board and the National Association of State Foresters developed resolutions in 2009 requesting that USDA APHIS address the issue of the domestic movement of firewood as a pathway for spreading invasive plant pests. USDA, APHIS subsequently held listening sessions on this topic and formed the National Firewood Task Force (NFTF) in October 2009.

The NFTF developed recommendations focusing on three interdependent activity areas for managing the firewood pathway. These included outreach, voluntary and regulatory approaches. The recommendations were finalized in March 2010 and presented at regional plant board and association of state foresters meetings and other venues.

National Plant Board – Policy Statement

The National Plant Board fully supports the NFTF recommendations and encourages USDA, APHIS to immediately begin implementing the recommendations, including promulgating regulations for the interstate movement of firewood,

adopting an industry certification program, and policies encouraging campers to use local firewood. To facilitate this implementation, a steering committee needs to be appointed to provide oversight and monitor progress. To keep interested parties informed of progress, the NPB requests that USDA APHIS provide reports at the regional and national plant board and association of state foresters meetings and other appropriate venues.

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Dear Rebecca:

The National Plant Board (NPB) is requesting for USDA, APHIS, PPQ staff to work cooperatively with other federal agencies with biocontrol responsibilities, including USDA, FS, ARS, and NIFA, along with the NPB to develop a national strategy that meets both state and federal biocontrol needs. Additionally, the NPB is requesting for USDA, APHIS, PPQ to identify budget needs and resources needed to meet this critical management need.

The management tools for dealing with invasive pests specifically exotic pests are becoming more limited. The use of pesticides, including mating disruption pheromones, especially in metropolitan areas, has become very challenging, if not impossible. Historically, biological control agents and sterile insects have been very good management options for a number of exotic pests including fruit flies, gypsy moth, and pink hibiscus mealy bug. With the loss of pesticides and other chemical solutions, biocontrol and sterile agents provide the needed long term, economically feasible, and socially acceptable solutions to managing some exotic pests.

Effective implementation of biocontrol and/or sterile insect programs is based on a collaborative effort between state plant regulatory officials and the federal agencies involved in biological control (USDA, APHIS, PPQ, FS, ARS and NIFA). The success of this effort would be greatly enhanced with a multi-agency strategic plan that includes a consideration of facilities (size and location), pest priorities, staffing, academic support, and budget needs.

Rebecca Bech
Biocontrol
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As such, I am committed to working with you and others to complete the development of this national strategy. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to share the concerns of the NPB and look forward to moving forward with this initiative.

Sincerely,

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Dear Rebecca:

The boll weevil has officially been eradicated east of the Mississippi River and eradication is projected in all states west of the river within the next 2-3 years. Despite this significant progress, the USDA-APHIS-PPQ has not yet adopted federal boll weevil regulations critical in preventing re-infestation from Mexico and with the interstate movement of regulated articles. When the full eradication effort is complete, the boll weevil will no longer be considered an established pest in the United States. Rather, it will be designated as an actionable pest.

Since original detection, billions of dollars have been spent on the eradication effort. To protect this investment of resources, it is imperative federal regulations be implemented to efficiently safeguard cotton production. While most cotton-producing states have enacted regulations, they do not appear to be uniform or fully adequate to prevent boll weevil introductions from other states. Likewise, some states lack adequate regulations to prevent the intrastate spread of boll weevil.

The National Plant Board requests USDA-APHIS-PPQ move forward and finalize federal regulations in advance of boll weevil eradication and to budget those funds necessary to provide for enforcement and to safeguard the industry from re-infestation.

The National Plant Board will also work to encourage all cotton-producing states to adopt standard regulations necessary to adequately restrict the interstate and intrastate movement of regulated articles and to protect their borders until such time as federal regulations become effective.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to share the concerns of the National Plant Board regarding this issue. If I can provide additional information or support, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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Dear Rebecca:

The purpose of this letter is to continue to emphasize the National Plant Board's (NPB) continuing support for the movement of certified citrus nursery plant material to non-citrus producing states and the continued funding of the Citrus Health Response Program

Citrus production remains important to the agricultural economy of citrus-producing states stretching from Florida through Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, and Arizona to California. It contributes \$9 billion annually to Florida's state's economy, nearly \$2 billion in California and over \$200 million in Texas each year. Citrus fruit, including oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, limes, lemons and satsumas are an important part of a healthy diet and enjoyed by people throughout the country. In some cultures, citrus is an important part of cultural traditions and ceremonies, including the giving bouquets of kumquats for Chinese New Year. Even in colder states, people enjoy having a citrus plant for their patio or greenhouse.

Unfortunately, this vital industry and the enjoyment of U.S.-produced citrus fruit and juice is threatened by the introduction and spread of serious exotic citrus pests and diseases such as citrus canker, citrus greening, citrus black spot and the Asian citrus psyllid, the vector for greening.

As part of the Clean Plant Health Network Continuum, the Citrus Health Response Program is proving to be a well-founded effort to minimize the transport of citrus pests in citrus nursery plant material. Plants derived from clean plant sources and then grown in approved screened greenhouses and under monthly inspections, such as is currently done in Florida, are practical safeguards to significantly mitigate the chance of moving citrus pests and pathogens.

The NPB has confirmed the threat of movement of non-certified plants, which are not grown under current adopted citrus health protocols, is high and likely leads to the establishment of citrus greening in several states. Conversely, allowing the movement of plants grown and certified under current protocols will reduce the overall likelihood that infested plants will be moved, particularly if citrus plant material movement is limited to non citrus-producing states.

The following recommendations were shared in earlier correspondence through the regional plant boards; however, the NPB would like to continue in further dialogue from a national perspective:

1. The NPB recommends the USDA-APHIS-PPQ Federal Order and regulations be amended to achievable standards as soon as possible to allow the movement of citrus nursery stock grown under the National Clean Plant Network standards and Citrus Health Response Program now in place to non-citrus producing states.
2. The NPB recommends USDA-APHIS-PPQ continue to fund the Citrus Health Response Program at a level that will allow for the movement of fresh citrus fruit in interstate and international commerce, provide adequate safeguards for clean citrus nursery stock production, and a level of general survey to detect exotic citrus pests and diseases should they be introduced into citrus-producing areas of the U.S.

If I can provide additional background regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to let me know. The NPB membership remains willing to work cooperatively with the federal agencies and member states to effectively address this critical issue.

Sincerely,



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Dear Rebecca:

The membership of the National Plant Board urges the USDA, APHIS, PPQ-Permit Unit to cooperate with states and industry to develop a policy that prevents the human-assisted movement of the western corn rootworm, *Diabrotica virgifera virgifera* LeConte variant life stages outside the generally-accepted infested area. In the development of this policy, the Permit Unit must incorporate sound regulatory principles to protect uninfested areas by focusing on permit activities for high-risk research material and eliminate the risk of artificial spread via intentional infestation of research and demonstration field releases.

D. virgifera is a major insect pest of corn, responsible for an estimated \$1.17 billion in lost yield and management costs each year. The *D. virgifera* variant has conquered the cultural control practice of rotating to soybean production every other year, by laying eggs in soybean fields, creating a problem when corn is rotated to the field the following year. This variant is indistinguishable morphologically from other *D. virgifera* and readily interbreeds. The variant is currently reported in northern and central Illinois, northern Indiana, southern Wisconsin, southern Michigan, eastern Ohio, and eastern Iowa.

D. virgifera eggs can be harvested in the lab or from field soil, and used to infest plant breeding field plots for research purposes. In recent years, state and federal regulators have become increasingly concerned the movement of *D. virgifera* eggs around the Corn Belt is spreading the variant at a rate faster than natural spread. Today, researchers have insect culturing facilities within the *D. virgifera* variant infested zone and wish to:

- Ship out or move both variant and non-variant through the same facilities for processing, and
- Deliberately move/release the *D. virgifera* variant for research and demonstration purposes.

In the development of the *D. virgifera* policy, the National Plant Board is requesting strong consideration be given to incorporation of the following elements:

- Granting authorization for interstate movement for laboratory studies; however, waste material from all cultures must be disposed of by autoclaving, deep freezing, or formally approved procedure.

- Granting permits for laboratory, greenhouse, and field studies with *Diabrotica virgifera* for a length of no more than two years. A time-limited issuance will permit re-evaluation of the infested zone in a timely manner.
- All sources of western corn rootworm for greenhouse field studies would be expected to go through the inspection and colony evaluation process. There are concerns some of these sources from outside of the infested zone may have received cultures from out of state. Such a policy could be announced this year with the idea of implementing the requirement for all new permits for the 2011 field season. This would provide time for suppliers to be inspected and start new cultures as necessary.
- Designate the State of Illinois as generally infested. This designation would permit the interstate movement of western corn rootworm from the continental United States into Illinois.
- Mandate inspections of companies within the infested zone who wish to ship stock to areas outside of the infested zone or to states partially infested with the variant for greenhouse and field studies. These companies have two options: First, insects may be collected in the state or county outside of the infested zone, brought back to the rearing facilities under permit, and their progeny may be released in the original state/country of origin. Standard operating procedures must be in place describing how cultures from individual locations will remain separate. Second, beetles may also be brought in from an approved source, such as the USDA, ARS facility in Brookings, SD, and cultured. Their descendants may then be sent to states inside or outside the infested zone under permit. Such cultures must have been established after August, 2008.
- Require companies who wish to deliberately culture the variant to declare their desire to do so on a separate permit application. Once the proper permits are in place, beetles may be collected in a given county, transported to an inspected containment facility for culture, and have their descendants released in the original county of collection. Standard operating procedures must be in place. Releases of the variant will only be made well inside the generally established infested zone, as determined by USDA, APHIS, so as to lessen the possible impact. This option is strongly preferred over allowing the release of these beetles into counties adjacent to the county of collection.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to share the concerns of the National Plant Board regarding this critical permitting issue with you. If I can provide additional information or support concerning this issue, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,



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Dear Rebecca:

The National Plant Board (NPB) requests that USDA, APHIS, PPQ re-evaluate its current position limiting the location of irradiation quarantine facilities in southern tier states and establish a regulatory framework for new facilities in the region that fully mitigates pest risk and provides for the safe movement of agricultural products into and of the United States.

The movement of fresh fruits and vegetables and other fresh agricultural products, including, cut flowers, foliage and potted plants, into the U.S. through Southern Border States presents a major pathway for the introduction and new pests into the U.S. Currently, USDA, APHIS, PPQ regulations prohibit the quarantine treatment of fresh fruits and vegetables by irradiation through irradiation facilities located in southern tier states, with the exception of facilities that may be established in Gulfport, MS, Wilmington, NC and Atlanta, GA under special conditions that allow for the safe transport of regulated articles to these treatment facilities. However, at the present time, these facilities have not been developed.

The utility of irradiation as a post-harvest quarantine treatment is now widely recognized by industry and there is growing interest in having treatment facilities at other strategic locations in the southern tier states to facilitate the safe movement of commodities entering and leaving U.S. under quarantine regulatory oversight.

These oversight procedures are now being developed to allow the movement of agricultural products into the U.S. through commercial irradiation facilities in Mexico, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, India and other areas.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to review this issue with you. If I can provide additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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Dear Rebecca:

The National Plant Board (NPB) is recommending that USDA, APHIS, PPQ continue and enhance exotic pest exclusion efforts by incorporating such efforts as extension of pre-clearance programs to other exporting countries where appropriate, developing science-based sanitation standards that ensure clean propagative material, and implementing improvements to the Offshore Pest Information System (OPIS) in order to expand to all trading partners. The NPB recommends USDA seed new revenue streams and political support from pest management partners, including NASDA, NASF, and others as needed to support this program. Finally, the NPB requests that USDA collaborate with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) to develop harmonized approaches to exclude pests which have a mutually destructive impact on North American agriculture.

International trade, travel, and accessing of plant propagation services offshore continue to expose U.S. agriculture to exotic invasive insects, diseases and weeds. These incursions of exotic species, with few if any natural enemies, place our food, ornamental, and fiber production at risk and threaten the security and independence of this country.

Since international travel, use of lower cost off shore labor for plant propagation, and increased importation of commodities from all over the world will likely continue to increase; it is imperative pest exclusion efforts are expanded to assist in other comprehensive management efforts. Monitoring, and managing plant pests in foreign counties before commodities arrive on our shores and in our production systems is the most economical and efficient approach.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to share the concerns of the NPB with you. If I can provide additional information or support concerning this issue, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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Dear Rebecca:

The National Plant Board (NPB) is requesting that USDA, APHIS, PPQ consider and adopt a regulation or policy requiring phytosanitary certificates from the country of origin for plant products shipped in personal baggage. Phytosanitary certification provides a method for safeguarding and mitigating pest risk for imported plant products. Such safeguards are needed in addition to port of entry inspection of plant products in order to eliminate pest introduction such as light brown apple moth (LBAM), gladiolus rust, and grape berry moth, which may enter the United States on regulated cargo or passenger baggage.

Requiring phytosanitary certification for commodity shipments is a common practice among our trading partners and under IPPC standards, it is the obligation of the National Plant Protection Organization of the exporting country. However, phytosanitary certificates have not been required to import fruits and vegetables into the United States. In the past, USDA, APHIS, PPQ officers and now, the Department of Homeland Security's CBP officers inspect imported produce and travelers' baggage for prohibited agricultural products.

In recent years, opportunities for international commerce and travel have reached unprecedented levels resulting in large volumes of commercial and noncommercial shipments of fruits and vegetables imported into the United States by shippers, travelers, and other individuals. Unfortunately, the number of potential pathways for the movement and introduction of foreign, invasive plant pests has increased with this boom in global trade and travel. More products grown under commercial practices are traded internationally and more products are being carried in passenger baggage, both posing risks to U.S. agriculture.

In 2001, APHIS published a proposed rule to require phytosanitary certificates for commercial shipments as well as shipments imported for personal use by airline passengers. However, the rule was subsequently withdrawn. In 2006, APHIS completed a draft pest risk assessment for passenger baggage, which demonstrated a relatively higher risk of produce in air passenger baggage as compared with commercial shipments and produce brought through land border ports. APHIS subsequently published a notice in the *Federal Register* making the risk assessment available to the public and requesting comment on the assessment and the intention to proceed with a final rule for only air passenger baggage. The rule however, was withdrawn again, over concerns about the impact on the travelling public.

Pest pathways are difficult to trace back once an outbreak occurs, but several very serious pests that now affect U.S. crops could potentially have entered the country through shipments of fruits and vegetables that may have been kept out, if they been inspected and obtained a phytosanitary certificate from the exporting country. As such, the NPB is requesting that USDA, APHIS, PPQ move forward with a rule to require phytosanitary certificates for plant products in passenger baggage, but to also explore requirements for phytosanitary certificates for commercial shipments of fruit, vegetables, and cut flowers.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to review this issue with you. If I can provide additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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**National Plant Board
Post-Board of Director's Meeting
Indianapolis, IN
July 29, 2010**

1. Call to Order: President Carl Schulze (NJ) called the meeting to order at 5:25p.m. Vice President Mike Cooper (ID), Past President Gray Haun (TN), Executive Secretary Aurelio Posadas and the following Board of Directors (BOD) were present:

Bob Dahl, WI	Gary Gibson, WV	Vicki Smith, CT
Terry Walker, AR	Donna Rise MT	Sancho Dickinson, OK
Phil Marshall, IN	Dan Hilburn, OR (for D. Warner AK)	

Absent: Secretary/Treasurer Geir Friisoe MN

Agenda Item:

2. Roll Call: Executive Secretary Aurelio Posadas took roll and 12 members were present, as listed above.

3. Introductions and Orientation of New Members: President Carl Schulze welcomed and introduced new members Donna Rise MT. Carl reviewed the following for the Board.

a. Monthly Conference Calls: The **NPB/PPQ Management Team** Conference calls are held every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. This call is specifically with the NPB Executive Committee (NPB President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Past President and Executive Secretary) and the USDA-APHIS-PPQ Leadership Team. Others can be invited to discuss specific topics. Agenda topics are requested by e-mail about a week from each conference call. BOD members will receive an e-mail request, from the Executive Secretary, for agenda items from them and/or their membership. Regional presidents are responsible for requesting topics from their members for this call.

The **NPB Board of Directors** has a monthly call on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The board was reminded that they are representatives of the regional members and need to stay in contact with them. Agenda topics are requested by e-mail about a week from each conference call. BOD members will receive an e-mail request, from the Executive Secretary, for agenda items from them and/or their membership.

b. Joint NPB/PPQ Meetings: Carl informed the board of two standing **NPB/PPQ Joint Meetings** held in the spring and fall of the year. The fall meeting will not be held this year. The spring meeting has not been scheduled as yet.

c. Board Meetings: During the NPB/PPQ Joint Meetings the board takes the opportunity to hold a half day BOD face to face Meeting.

d. Carl stressed the importance of BODs becoming familiar with the information provided on the NPB Website.

4. **Minutes from last meeting:** None at this time.

5. Upcoming BOD Meetings:

a. The North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) Meeting is attended by the NPB BOD. PPQ provides the funds to attend this meeting each year. The meeting location alternates with the NAPPO member countries which are the United States, Mexico, and Canada. This years meeting will be in the US. The entire board is allowed to attend the US meeting. PPQ funds eight members and the Executive Secretary to attend the out of country meetings

b. There is an Official Control Meeting being scheduled tentatively this fall. Aurelio will send specific details on this meeting to the board when meeting info is available.

c. The board discussed possible dates for a spring NPB/PPQ Joint Meeting. Board member calendars were reviewed and the month of March was identified as the best time for a spring meeting.

d. Other Meetings: None

6. Issues for the Board: The following issues/work were introduced and briefly discussed as itemd the board needs to work on.

a. NPB Strategic Plan Review – Board was briefed on the current work to update the strategic plan and reviewed assignments.

b. APHIS Budget – At this time looks good, but only time will tell. Stay tuned for more.

c. Farm Bill Meeting – is scheduled for Sept 12, 2009. The Executive Committee, FL, CA, and NY will be attending. Members were encouraged to submit suggestions the following week.

d. National Nursery audit-based Certification Program: President Schulze reviewed this cooperative agreement project. Dan Hilburn (OR) volunteered to host a planned fall/winter meeting in Oregon.

e. Official Control: President Schulze reviewed this program and the meeting for the board which is in the planning process. The board discussed the new names identified by PPQ. The board did not approve of the new suggested names for official control as they implied that PPQ had authority to approve state managed programs. Also, discussed were the Deregulation Evaluation of Established Pests (DEEP) and the process utilizing the board of directors and regional members to review the 4-6 pest evaluations every quarter.

f. Other: None

7. Resolutions to NASDA (for action on their part): Certain resolution subjects were identified to pass on to NASDA, including Phytosanitary certificates for Fruits and Vegetables, Pest Exclusion, and NPDES concerns. Aurelio and Carl will be working with Collin on this.

8. Other Items: NONE

9. President's Closing Remarks: President Schulze's closed the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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