

**CENTRAL PLANT BOARD
76TH ANNUAL MEETING**

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2000
LANSING, MICHIGAN**

Ken Rauscher called the business meeting of the 76th annual meeting of the Central Plant Board to order at 8:30 am on February 10, 2000.

Dave Nelson took the roll. All Central Plant Board states were present as follows:

Illinois – Stan Smith
Indiana Bob waltz
Iowa – John Haanstad
Kansas – Tom Sim
Kentucky – Joe Collins
Michigan – Ken Rauscher
Minnesota – Art Mason

Missouri – Mike Brown
Nebraska – Steve Johnson
North Dakota – Dave Nelson
Ohio – Dave Madison
South Dakota – Kevin Fridley
Wisconsin – Esther Chapman

TREASURERS REPORT. Dave Nelson presented the Treasurers report, which is attached to these minutes. Motion to approve treasurers report was made by Esther Chapman,, seconded by Bob Waltz. The motion passed unanimously

NATIONAL PLANT BOARD COUNCIL REPORT. Bob Waltz & Mike Brown presented the National Plant Board Council Report. The topics covered at the last NPB Council meeting were largely covered at the CPB meeting (NQRP, budget etc.)

Mike pointed out that NPB Council minutes are sent by email and are available on NPB website. The next NPB Council meeting will be the 1st week of March. The meeting will focus on strategic issues. Priorities and budgets will be drafted based upon this March meeting. The April meeting will deal with budgets. *Bob requested input from CPB members so the CPB representatives on the NPB Council can properly represent the CPB.*

A motion to accept the report was made by Kevin Fridley and seconded by Dave Madison
No discussion
The motion passed unanimously.

INTERSTATE PEST CONTROL COMPACT REPORT. Dave Madison & Dave Nelson
Dave Madison described the three requests to the compact that were made during the past year.

Jan	IL	\$100,000 for eradication of Asian Longhorned Beetle	Approved
Mar	MN	\$12,768 for common barberry survey.	Denied
May	FL	\$75,167 for research on Tomato Yellow leafcurl virus.	Approved

Dave Nelson described some areas of confusion regarding criteria of the IPCC project proposals and the role of the technical advisors.

First, weed proposals have been submitted and approved however weeds do not fall under the definition of plant pest in the IPCC guidelines. These projects are undoubtedly useful. Second, requests for funds aren't suppose to come from the state involved, but rather from neighboring states. This is not generally the way it works.

Finally, some project request research dollars. Some research proposals involve development of eradication treatments, others to develop management methods. What types of research proposals qualify?

Bill Metterhouse indicated that these issues have been discussed at the Board of Directors meeting and would be discussed further. He also observed that some of the research requests that have been granted have had some time of regulatory impact. Bill requested input on the guidelines as stated in the constitution and any changes that we would recommend. Dave Nelson encouraged CPB members to provide input.

A motion to accept the report was made by Art Mason and seconded by Esther Chapman. The motion passed unanimously.

AUDIT AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE REPORT. Dave Madison presented the Audit and Procedures Committee report. The books were in order with the exception of one check number that was entered incorrectly.

A motion to approve the report was made by Kevin Fridley and seconded by Mike Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

AWARDS AND NECROLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT. Tom Sim presented the Awards and Necrology report which is attached to these minutes.

A motion to accept the Awards and Necrology report and accept award nominees was made by Art Mason and seconded by Bob Waltz. The nominees are Larry Hanning, Missouri Department of Agriculture for the Carl Carlson Award and Esther Chapman, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, for the NASDA Regulatory Award.

Discussion: Bob Waltz encouraged any ESA members to become involved in ESA Regulatory Section. Too many ESA members on this committee are academicians with no background in regulatory work. *The opportunity is still open to select a nominee for the ESA award.* There may be staff persons who may be good candidates.

Motion to accept recommendations of nominees passed unanimously.

UNIFORM REGULATIONS COMMITTEE. Bob Waltz presented the Uniform Regulations Committee report. Bob discussed the HIS Inspection Guidelines. The understanding is that the guidelines are not intended to be mandatory but rather to be considered as recommendations.

Motion was made that Bob Waltz will draft a letter to HIS President, Nels Brostad, stating that the HIS Inspection Guidelines are to be considered to be recommended procedures but not mandatory was made by Art Mason and seconded by Stan Smith.

Discussion: Mike Brown pointed out that the HIS manual has recommended regulatory actions so having recommended inspection procedures would be consistent with this concept.

Motion that Bob Waltz draft letter to HIS passed unanimously.

A motion to accept the Uniform Regulations Committee report was made by Mike Brown, seconded by Steve Johnson.

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT. Esther Chapman presented the Resolutions Committee Report. Ken Rauscher stated that he received a letter from Craig Reed, APHIS Administrator, acknowledging receipt of the 1999 resolutions.

Report on 1999 Resolutions

1999 Resolution #1 - Streamlining and Enhancing Plant Quarantine Laws urged the passage of the Plant Protection Act. As of this meeting, the law is still pending.

1999 Resolution #2 - Biological Control urged USDA APHIS PPQ to increase its support for bio-control efforts including increased resources for laboratories and the National Biological Control Institute. The struggle to increase support for laboratories continues. No significant changes have been made.

1999 Resolution #3 - Golden Nematode urged USDA APHIS PPQ to support funding to continue the current quarantine and provide for aggressive regulatory activities and research. New York received an additional \$121,000 this fiscal year. \$50,000 of that went to Cornell for research. NY also conducted the most comprehensive survey since 1991, collecting 13,000 soil samples. No new finds have been discovered. New resistant varieties are proving to be popular with growers and users.

1999 Resolution #4 - Gypsy Moth Slow-the-Spread National Program urged implementation of the national strategy with an annual Forest Service budget of \$8.0 million. The program is being fully implemented this year with the \$8.0 million.

1999 Resolution #5 - Gypsy Moth Quarantine Standards urged PPQ to review standards, devise consistent criteria across states for determining quarantines and provide for periodic review to determine if consistency is being applied. PPQ has not completed a review of the existing guidelines, however, during this meeting, a brief description of possible standardized protocols was distributed by Christine Markham from PPQ to elicit input from the states.

1999 Resolution #6 - Emergency Funding for Forest Pest Suppression and Eradication Projects urged the Secretary of Agriculture to provide \$5.0 million in emergency funding to enable Forest

Service to meet pest prevention and suppression needs. The emergency funding was not approved. It apparently did not garner enough political support from the western states.

Proposed Resolutions

Plum Pox Eradication Proposed Resolution

Esther Chapman introduced the Plum Pox Eradication proposed resolution.

Discussion: Clerical corrections were made. Routing was amended to include NASDA (President, Executive Director, NASDA committee on Animal and Plant Health), and the National Peach Council.

CPB members were urged to discuss the issue with their own Secretary and suggest that he/she urge OMB to make funds available to compensate for production losses associated with eradication. Governors, congressional delegations and state secretaries of agriculture are the key influential parties. Good background information on plum pox is available through the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture WebPage and the emails that NPB President Bob Balaam has distributed.

It was suggested that President Ken Rauscher draft a letter to NASDA urging them to contact OMB to release compensation funds.

Motion to approve the Plum Pox Eradication proposed resolution as amended, including a letter from Ken Rauscher to NASDA urging contact with OMB to release compensation funds, was made by Kevin Fridley, seconded by Bob Waltz.

Resolution was approved unanimously as Resolution #1. *Ken Rauscher to send letter to NASDA.*

Black Stem Rust Proposed Resolution

Esther Chapman introduced the Black Stem Rust proposed resolution and recommended approval.

Motion to accept Black Stem Rust proposed resolution was made by John Haanstad, seconded by Steve Johnson.

Discussion: Clerical corrections were made. The routing was amended to include the CAPS National Program person, APS, HIS, and the Cereal Rust Lab director.

Resolution was approved unanimously as Resolution #2.

Enhanced Plant Protection Proposed Law Proposed Resolution

Esther Chapman introduced the Enhanced Plant Protection proposed resolution and recommended approval.

Motion to approve by Art Mason, seconded by Kevin Fridley.

Discussion: Clerical corrections were made. Routing was amended to include NASDA.

Resolution was approved as amended unanimously as Resolution #3.

Gypsy Moth Nursery Introductions Proposed Resolution

Esther Chapman introduced the resolution with the suggestion that there may be a more expedient way to address the concerns of this proposed resolution.

Motion to discuss the resolution was made by John Haanstad, seconded by Mike Brown

Discussion: Stan Smith commented that APHIS has no inspectors in newly infested states. In more eastern states, APHIS officers apparently handle the gypsy moth regulatory program. In New Jersey, APHIS inspectors handle GM spraying and certification. In Michigan, APHIS is not involved at all in the regulatory program.

A motion was made to accept the committee recommendation to not approve the proposed resolution.

Motion to not approve resolution passed unanimously.

A motion was made by John Haanstad that the Central Plant Board President appoint a committee to develop recommendations to modify the Gypsy Moth Program Manual to reflect concerns of the CPB (e.g. changes to compliance agreements) and that recommendations be forwarded to the APHIS Gypsy Moth Manual committee. Also the Central Plant Board should request that a CPB representative be added to the APHIS committee.

The motion was not seconded and died.

Steve Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mike Brown that the CPB President send a letter to the NPB President asking him to seek National Plant Board representation on a USDA-APHIS-PPQ committee to revise the Gypsy Moth Program Manual. The Central Plant Board President should provide the name of a Central Plant Board nominee to serve on such committee.

Motion passed unanimously. *Central Plant Board President to send letter to NPB President.*

Appreciation to Michigan Dept Agriculture Proposed Resolution

Esther Chapman introduced the resolution of appreciation to the Michigan Department of Agriculture for hosting the 76th Annual Meeting of the Central Plant Board.

Motion to approve was made by Art Mason and seconded by Stan Smith.

The resolution passed unanimously with applause as Resolution #4.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT. Kevin Fridley presented the nominations committee report. He presented a list of nominees for consideration for Central Plant Board officers and committees as follow:

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| Esther Chapman | CPB President |
| Dave Nelson | CPB Vice President |
| Mike Brown | CPB Secretary/Treasurer |
| NPB Executive Committee | Tom Sim and Ken Rauscher |
| NPB Council | Mike Brown and Bob Waltz |
| IPPC | Dave Madison and Dave Nelson |

Art Mason moved that the entire slate of nominees for Central Plant Board officers and national representatives be approved. Stan Smith seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT. John Haanstad presented the Meeting Arrangements Committee report. The following states, consistent with the scheduled rotation, have agreed to host annual Central Plant Board meetings for the next four years. Likely locations are listed.

Lexington, Kentucky	2001
Rapid City, South Dakota	2002
Springfield, Illinois	2003
Lincoln, Nebraska	2004

The Central Plant is scheduled to host the National Plant Board meeting in 2002. Minnesota and Indiana have expressed interest. *John Haanstad will pursue CPB host state to host 2002 NPB meeting so that the decision can be made by the August 2001 National Plant Board meeting.*

A motion to approve the Meeting Arrangements Committee report was made by Tom Sim and second by Mike Brown.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

National Plant Board Dues – Tom Sim

Tom Sim discussed the possible need to increase National Plant Board dues to support an executive director and the ramifications for the Central Plant Board. This issue had been discussed at a Central Plant Board conference call organized by President Ken Rauscher last June. Dues based upon a percentage (5 or 10%) of Interstate Pest Control membership contributions were discussed at this meeting. Other options were also discussed. *Central Plant Board states should begin considering building increased CPB membership dues into their budgets. Each state needs to determine what level of dues they would be able to support.*

Incorporation and Tax Status

Tom Sim discussed some the issues of tax status, incorporation, and liability. There is more investigation and legal advice that needs to be done to determine an appropriate course for the Central Plant Board.

Ken asked Tom to continue to look into tax status and incorporation (using legal counsel). Tom will work with Mike Brown and Scott Pfister, VT Department of Agriculture.

Electronic Nursery Bulletin (Directory)

Various options for providing access to state directories of licensed and certified nurseries were discussed. Some states have this information available on their state agriculture department website. Bob Balaam indicated the National Plant Board could also post directories or provide links to state webpages.

Member Medical Histories

Tom Sim described a situation with a staff member who was incapacitated while attending a meeting and the challenges this posed for colleagues. Tom suggested CPB members bring to future meetings a sealed brief medical history, medical card, living will, persons to contact, etc. so that if an emergency occurs that important information is available. *Tom will develop a form and send it to members. These procedures should be included in the Central Plant Board Procedures Manual.*

Letter of Confidence for Hotel

Difficulty arose this year in getting approval from the hotel for direct billing purposes. It was suggested and agreed that each year we should get a letter of good credit from the hotel. This should be included in the Central Plant Board Procedures Manual.

The Central Plant Board Business meeting adjourned at 11 am for an STS conference call and reconvened at 11:30 am.

Regulated Non-Quarantine Pests

Bob Balaam described the NPB Regulated Non-quarantine Pest Issue Paper (January 28, 2000 revision). He read new language under the Brief Description introductory paragraph of the proposed USDA regulations (November 19, 1999 Draft).

The following is a proposed Federal Rule for USDA recognition of state quarantines and regulated non-quarantine pests. The effect of USDA recognition would be “official control” of pests relative to plants for planting coming into the country. ~~The domestic movement of plants would not be affected.~~ *State requirements would not change, rather they would then apply to international movements as well. Thus requirements for domestic and international movement of plants would be the same. In the absence of USDA recognition states would be powerless to have requirements on international shipments.* The proposed regulation would provide the USDA with a simple, efficient mechanism to recognize and certify official control programs for state regulated non-quarantine pests and state quarantines. Approved state programs would be entered onto the USDA list of official control programs and would be made known to foreign countries exporting plants for plant to the United States.

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Official Control Committee meets March 23rd and the Regulated Non-quarantine Pest Committee meets in June. USDA will participate in these meetings and present the U.S. view on standards. The National Plant Board Council wants to present the NPB view at the next meeting of the PPQ Management Team on March 7th. *Bob Balaam advised states to direct their comments to Bill Callison. Comments should be cc'd to our NPC representatives and to other CPB states. Input on what should qualify as official control would be useful.*

Pine Shoot Beetle

Ken Rauscher will attend the U.S./Canadian meeting on Pine Shoot Beetle to be held March 1st in Windsor, Ontario. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss PSB regulations and compliance management program for Xmas trees and nursery stock - to develop harmonized regulations between the United States and Canada.

Program Priority Identification

Ken appointed a CPB Strategic Planning Committee consisting of Tom Sim, Steve Johnson, and Gary King to begin to develop a process/structure for identifying priority programs and set a timetable so that this input can be of value at the national level. This committee should report to the CPB at the NPB annual meeting.

National HIS Meeting

There was consensus that CPB supports the concept of a national HIS meeting and that it should be held as often as the Central HIS believes appropriate.

Tolerances Discussion

The concept of establishing tolerances for certain pests was discussed. The impending loss of certain chemical controls and likelihood of seeing more biological controls used for certain pests makes this issue particularly important. Criteria need to be established that are used to determine action policies.

The Uniform Regulations Committee was directed to work with NCR 193 to identify the seriousness of various pests and where tolerances may be appropriate. Esther Chapman will appoint Bob Waltz, Dave Madison and John Haanstad to the Uniform Regulations Committee.

Biocontrol/Invasive Species

Ken Rauscher invited other states to participate in the Midwest Invasive Species Consortium, which is under development. A handout entitled A Midwest Invasive Species Consortium describes the effort.

Central Plant Board Annual Membership Dues. A motion to set dues at \$200 was made by Mike Brown and seconded by Steve Johnson. The motion was passed unanimously.

USDA has instituted an Eastern Region conference call that occurs monthly. The next call will be held at 2 p.m. on February 14th that the Central Plant President may participate in.

Ken Rauscher was recognized for his outstanding service as President of the Central Plant Board and presented with a plaque.
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A motion to adjourn was made in unison by the Central Plant Board at 11:45 am and passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by David R. Nelson, Secretary.
February 10, 2000

**Treasurer's Report to the Central Plant Board
1999-2000**

Balance Brought Forward 2/3/99 **7,762.78**

Receipts

Registration fees 1999 Annual Meeting (cash less money order charge - \$985 - \$4)	981.00
Registration fees 1999 Annual Meeting (Checks)	2465.00
Annual Dues – 1999 (2 states missing)	2200.00

Total Receipts **5646.00**

Disbursements

Capitol Plaza Hotel	5,139.03
CPB Banquet - Boss Hawg	830.91
Stamps	26.40
The Printers – Proceedings	430.00

Total Disbursements **(6,426.34)**

Ending Balance 02/04/00 **6,982.44**

Submitted February 10, 2000
David R. Nelson
Secretary Treasurer

Awards & Necrology Report

Steve Johnson, Nebraska Department of Agriculture, received the NASDA Honor Award for Service in September of 1999.

The Awards & Necrology Committee respectfully nominates the following candidates for awards recognition:

Carl Carlson Award - Larry Hanning, Missouri Department of Agriculture. Larry was the recipient of the Robert MacAdams awards in the Central Chapter of the Horticulture Inspection Society.

NASDA Distinguished Service Award - Esther Chapman. Esther has provided excellent leadership to the Gypsy moth Slow the Spread Program.

The appropriate nomination paperwork for these individuals is being prepared for submission to the National Plant Board.

Unfortunately, the committee received no nominations for the ESA / ANLA award. It is becoming increasingly difficult to identify qualified candidates for this award. The committee is working on a mechanism to improve the Central Plant Board's ability to identify qualified candidates for this award.

The committee had the pleasure of arranging for a special service award for Art Mason, Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Art announced his retirement would be in the spring of 2000. Art was also presented with a "special barberry service award" made personally for him by Stan Smith. Stan also coordinated a "roast" for Art during the banquet. Bill Metterhouse provided a number of stories about Art. The moral of one story taught us all that leaving your room without the keys could have embarrassing consequences. In addition, Art displayed considerable agility, talent, and good humor and sportsmanship during the entertainment provided following the banquet. The committee couldn't come to agreement on the question whether or not Art hadn't missed his calling as a professional dancer/entertainer!

The committee also arranged for a special recognition award for Stan Smith for his efforts in the Asian Longhorned Beetle eradication program in Chicago.

The committee was informed of the retirement of Dr. Julie Nara of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture. Dr. Nara provided support to the department in her role as lead scientist for phytosanitary and regulated plant pest programs. Dr. Nara participated in many departmental; plant pest regulatory program including biological control, gypsy moth, Japanese beetle, and Christmas tree inspection and certification programs. Dr. Nara retired January 8, 2000 after 21 years of service.

Sadly, the committee was informed of the passing of John Dreeves, former director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture's Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division (PPPMD). John had been battling cancer for a number of years and passed away October 7, 1999. John was PPPMD director from 1983-1988 and previously served as assistant director of the PPPMD from 1967-1983. John is survived by his wife, Esther, and three daughters.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Sim, chair, Mike Brown, and Stan Smith