



CENTRAL PLANT BOARD

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Welcome to the 88th Annual Central Plant Board Meeting!

You are cordially invited to attend the 2012 Central Plant Board meeting, held at the Grand Traverse Resort near Traverse City, Michigan, on June 3-7, 2012. A great line up of speakers is being assembled by the program committee to discuss current and emerging topics in regulatory plant pest management.

Meeting Registration

Please complete the registration form and return it no later than May 15, 2012. Registration is \$250 per person, if received by May 15th or \$300 after May 15th. Single day registration is \$100 per day. Checks should be made payable to "Central Plant Board – Michigan." We cannot accept credit or debit cards, however, cash /check payments may be made on-site. Registration will be open beginning Sunday, June 3, 2012, from 4:00-6:00 pm and will remain open throughout the meeting.

Meeting Agenda

A link to the most current agenda is available at: <http://nationalplantboard.org/meetings/index>.

Accommodations – Grand Traverse Resort (GTR), Acme, Michigan

The meeting will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, Michigan. Guests may make reservations by calling the hotel directly at (800) 968-7352, and referencing "Central Plant Board," or on-line at <http://www.grandtraverseresort.com/promocode/index.cfm?promoCode=CPB0612>. The room rate for this meeting is \$77 per night plus the daily resort fee of \$14.95 and taxes of 11%. The hotel will honor this rate two days prior to and two days following the meeting. **The reservation deadline is May 11, 2012. Please make your reservations early to ensure accommodations!**

The GTR's mandatory, daily resort fee includes shuttle service to and from the Cherry Capital Airport, shuttle service to downtown Traverse City during the meeting, high-speed internet access in the hotel, unlimited use of the fitness center including cardiovascular and strength training equipment, whirlpools, saunas and indoor pools, in-room coffee, unlimited toll-free and credit card access phone calls, voicemail message service, daily newspaper upon request, use of safe deposit box, preferred car rental pricing through Enterprise in Traverse City, and parking.

Transportation

If you plan to fly – Traverse City's Cherry Capital Airport (TVC) is conveniently located approximately 10 miles from the GTR. The GTR will provide Airport Shuttle service to and from the airport. Please contact the GTR in advance of your arrival at 800-236-1577.

Cherry Capital Airport – Traverse City, MI <http://tvcairport.com/>

Gerald R. Ford International Airport – Grand Rapids (2.5 hours from Grand Traverse Resort)
<http://www.grr.org/index.php>

If you plan to drive –

From Detroit or Cleveland:

Take I-75 north through Saginaw, until you reach M-72. Go west on M-72 at the Grayling exit, then approx. 30-35 miles through Kalkaska into Acme. Go north on US-31 about 1/2 mile. The Resort will be on the east (rt.) side of the road.

From Lansing:

Take route 127 north to exit 254 this exit will turn into M-72. Go west on M-72 approx. 35-40 miles. Go north on US-31 about 1/2 mile. The Resort will be on the east (rt.) side of the road.

From Chicago and Milwaukee:

Take I-94 east through Indiana into Michigan. Exit on I-196 (north of Benton Harbor/St. Joseph) to Grand Rapids. Go north on US-131 to M-72 in Kalkaska. Go west on M-72 approx. 15 miles to Acme. Go north on US-31 about 1/2 mile. The Resort will be on the east (rt.) side of the road.

From Indianapolis:

Take US-31 north to 80/90. Go east on 80/90 to US-131. Go north on US-131 to M-72 in Kalkaska. Go west on M-72 approx. 15 miles. Go north on US-31 about 1/2 mile. The Resort will be on the east (rt.) side of the road.

If you're driving and coming from the west - consider one of the two ferries between WI and MI:

SS Badger Ferry – travels between Manitowoc, WI and Ludington, MI (146 miles to Traverse City)
<http://www.ssbadger.com/home.aspx>

Lake Express Ferry – travels between Milwaukee, WI and Muskegon, MI (92 miles to Traverse City)
<http://www.lake-express.com/>

Exhibit Displays

An area will be available for table top or floor displays. Please indicate any exhibit display needs on the registration form.

State Reports

A representative from each state should bring a short summary of notable activities in your state. Please provide 60 copies of your summary the day you register on-site. State report presentations during the meeting will be limited to 5 minutes.

Speaker Presentation Requirements

A standard laptop, projector, screen, and microphone, will be provided. If you need any equipment other than the standard equipment, please notify us at rosenbaumr@michigan.gov. It is preferred that presentations be provided at registration, but at the latest, should be given to the moderator the morning of your presentation.

Tour

A Wednesday afternoon tour will bring us to the Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore where you will be greeted by miles of sandy beach, bluffs that tower 450' above Lake Michigan, lush forests, clear inland lakes, unique flora and fauna which make up the natural world of Sleeping Bear Dunes. At the dunes we'll explore several natural resource concerns related to invasives (plant/animal/aquatic and forest pests). After we leave the dunes, we'll head north up the Leelanau Peninsula where we'll visit grape and hops growing operations to discuss certification issues and other challenges, and then finish off the day with dinner at Black Star Farms.

Attire

The weather in Michigan can be unpredictable at (most!) times but June in the Traverse City area is generally in the low to mid 70's during the day. Attire is business casual for the meeting and appropriate outerwear for the tour, which could include an optional sand dune climb. Bring a jacket or sweater if you plan to go out at night.

If you would like additional information regarding the meeting or the meeting site, please visit these websites:

Central Plant Board Meeting Information - www.nationalplantboard.org/meetings/index

Grand Traverse Resort - www.grandtraverseresort.com/

Pure Michigan – Traverse City – www.michigan.org/Partners/Traverse-City/Default.aspx

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore - <http://www.nps.gov/slbe/index.htm>

Black Star Farms - <http://www.blackstarfarms.com/>

For questions, please contact Robin Rosenbaum at rosenbaumr@michigan.gov or call (517) 335-6542.

Dates to remember:

- 2012 CPB Meeting Welcome Reception – June 3; 6:00-9:00 pm.
- 2012 CPB Annual Meeting – June 4-7, 2012
- Registration form and payment due date: May 15, 2012
- Hotel reservation deadline to assure the group rate: May 11, 2012