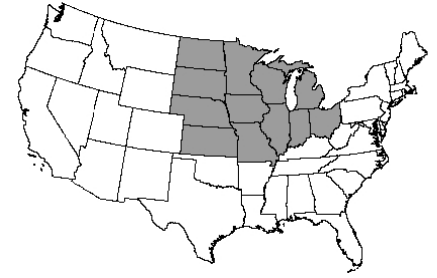




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Welcome to the 89th Annual Central Plant Board Meeting!

You are cordially invited to attend the 2013 Central Plant Board Meeting, held at the Four Points by Sheraton (Formally the Clarion) in Manhattan, Kansas on April 28 - May 2, 2013. 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 April 10, 2013. Registration is \$250 per person, if received by April 10th or \$300 after April 10th. Single day registration is \$100 per day. The \$250 registration fee will be honored if the registration form is submitted by April 10th but the check is hand delivered at the meeting. Checks should be made payable to "Central Plant Board – Kansas". We cannot accept credit or debit cards; however, cash/check payments may be made onsite. Registration will be open beginning Sunday, April 28, 2013 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.html>.

Accommodations – Four Points by Sheraton (formally the Clarion), Manhattan, Kansas.

Please call (785) 539-5311 for reservations and reference the "Central Plant Board Meeting" to receive the group rate. The room rate for this meeting is \$77 per night plus tax. The hotel will honor this rate two days prior to and two days following the meeting. **The reservation deadline is April 6, 2013. Please make your reservations early to ensure accommodations!**

The Four Points by Sheraton offers free shuttle service to Manhattan Regional Airport, free wireless internet access, hot tub, and indoor pool. Two restaurants are on site. The Plum tree offers your favorite breakfast dishes and you can grab a hearty lunch or dinner while watching the game at Paddy O'Quigley's Pub and Grille. You can visit their website: <http://www.starwoodhotels.com/fourpoints/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=3769> for more information but you will not be able to make reservations with the group rate online.

Transportation

If you plan to fly –

Manhattan Regional Airport (MHK) is conveniently located 5 miles from the Four Points by Sheraton. MHK offers direct flights to and from Dallas and Chicago several times daily. The hotel will provide airport shuttle service to and from the airport. Please contact the Four Points Sheraton in advance of your arrival at (785) 539-5311.

Manhattan is also a two hour drive from Kansas City International airport (MCI). If you choose to fly into Kansas City, the KCI Roadrunner offers shuttle service directly to the Four Points by Sheraton. Please visit their website www.kciroadrunner.com or by phone at (800) 888-8294.

Manhattan Regional Airport – Manhattan, KS <http://flymhc.com>

Kansas City International Airport, Kansas City, MO (2 hours from Manhattan) www.flykci.com

If you plan to drive –

From Kansas City:

Take I-70 west through Topeka, until you reach K-177, exit 311. Go north on K-177 8.5 miles and take the KS-18 ramp to Ft. Riley Blvd/Tuttle Creek Blvd. Turn right and continue 2.4 miles until you reach Richards drive. The Four Points by Sheraton will be on your right.

From Denver, CO:

Take I-70 east until you reach K-18, exit 303. Turn left on K-18 east and travel 11.8 miles until you reach Richards drive. The Four Points by Sheraton will be on your left.

From Lincoln, NE

Take US-77 south from Lincoln, NE. As you near Manhattan, turn right on K-113 South and travel 5.7 miles until you reach K-18 (Ft. Riley Blvd). Turn left on K-18 (Ft. Riley Blvd.) and travel 0.2 miles until you reach Richards drive. The Four Points by Sheraton will be on your left.

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 jeff.vogel@kda.ks.gov. It is preferred that presentations be provided at registration, but at the latest, should be given to the moderator at the morning of your presentation.

Site Visit

A Wednesday afternoon site visit is planned for the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve near Strong City, KS in the heart of the Flint Hills. We will take a bus tour through the preserve observing several different invasive species issues. On the return trip back to Manhattan, we will stop at the Hays House in Council Grove, the oldest continuously operating restaurant west of the Mississippi River.

Attire

In late April, the average high temperatures in Manhattan is near 70 and the average low is near 50 degrees. In spring, Kansas weather can be unpredictable and significant temperature swings can occur from day to day with gusty winds. Attire is business casual for the meeting and appropriate outerwear for the tour. Bring a jacket if you plan to go out at night.

For Questions, please contact Jeff Vogel at jeff.vogel@kda.ks.gov or call (785) 862-2180.

Dates to Remember

Hotel reservation deadline to assure the group rate: April 6, 2013

Registration form and payment due date: April 10, 2013

2013 CPB Meeting Welcome Reception – April 28; 6:00 – 9:00 pm.

2013 CPB Meeting – April 29 – May 2, 2013