MONDAY - April 3, 2000

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.   EPB Executive Committee Meeting

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.   Registration

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.   Hospitality Room

TUESDAY - April 4, 2000

7:45 - 8:15 a.m.   Registration

8:15 - 8:25 a.m.   Opening Remarks - Ann Gibbs (ME)
                    President, Eastern Plant Board

8:25 - 8:30 a.m.   Roll Call of States - Ruth Welliver (PA)
                    Secretary / Treasurer, Eastern Plant Board

8:30 - 8:45 a.m.   Welcome Address - Nathan L. Rudgers
                    Commissioner of NY State Department of Agriculture & Markets

8:45 - 9:00 a.m.   NY Nurseryman’s Association - Ed Dore, President
                    NY State Nursery & Landscape Association

9:00 - 9:30 a.m.   NPB President’s Report - Bob Balaam (NJ)

9:30 - 9:35 a.m.   NPB Delegates Report - Bob Mungari (NY)

9:35 - 9:40 a.m.   NPB Council Report - Don Eggen (DE)

9:40 - 9:45 a.m.   Interstate Pest Control Compact - Bill Metterhouse (NPB/PPQ Liaison)

9:45 - 10:00 a.m.  American Nursery & Landscape Association
                    Craig Regelbrugge, Director, Regulatory Affairs & Grower Services

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.   BREAK

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.  USDA / APHIS / PPQ Report
                    Mary Neal, Director, Plant Health Programs
                    Safeguarding implementation, SWPM rule and current organizational structure.
11:00 - 11:20 a.m. USDA / APHIS / PPQ Regional Headquarters Report
Al Elder, Eastern Regional Director
*Regional budget - how can the EPB provide input?*
*Regional pest priorities - how does PPQ see a collaborative process working within the region? USDA/APHIS/PPQ Updates & Issues.*

11:20 - 11:40 a.m. USDA / APHIS / PPQ Budget Report
Paul Eggert, Assistant Deputy Administrator

11:40 - 12:00 a.m. Update on APHIS Plant Health Investigative Activities
John Kinsella, IES Eastern Regional Director

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. LUNCH

1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Canadian Food Inspection Agency Report
Ken Marchant & Bob Dickhout, CFIA
*CFIA Update, Pine Shoot Beetle, Plum Pox, Blueberry Maggot.*

1:30 - 1:50 p.m. USDA Forest Service Report
Noel Schneeberger, USDA FS
*How can Agriculture Dept.'s provide input into Forest Service activities?*

1:50 - 2:20 p.m. Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Regional Management Plan
Phil Bryce, NH State Forester
*State Forester’s from the northeast would like to engage the Eastern Plant Board in the development of a regional management plan.*

2:20 - 2:45 p.m. Regulated Non-Quarantine Pests - Scott Pfister (VT)
*Learn how the IPPC definition of “Regulated Non-Quarantine Pest” will affect state plant health programs?*

2:45 - 3:00 p.m. Imported Fire Ant
Craig Regelbrugge, Director, Regulatory Affairs & Grower Services
*In the absence of federal funding, harmonized movement of regulated commodities is in jeopardy. Craig Regelbrugge will give an ANLA perspective on the challenges ahead and facilitate a discussion on the future of this program.*

3:00 - 3:30 p.m. BREAK
TUESDAY - April 4, 2000 (Continued) (FINAL, MARCH 10, 2000)

Invasive Species - Charlie Coffman (Facilitator)

3:30 - 3:40 p.m. National Invasive Species Council - Ann Gibbs (ME)
3:40 - 3:55 p.m. Current activities within PPQ - Mary Neal (PPQ)
3:55 - 4:30 p.m. State Activities & Discussion - Everyone

WEDNESDAY, April 5, 2000

Plum Pox - Ruth Welliver (Facilitator)

8:15 - 8:30 a.m. PPV Biology - Laurene Levy (PPQ)
8:30 - 8:45 a.m. Regional Federal Activities - Gary Clement (PPQ)
8:45 - 9:00 a.m. P.A. Activities - Ruth Welliver (PA)
9:00 - 9:15 a.m. International Trade Implications - Jonathon Jones (PPQ)
9:15 - 10:00 a.m. State Activities & Discussion - Everyone

10:00 - 10:30 a.m. BREAK

Regional Pest Survey Issues - Bill Gimpel (Facilitator)

There is an increasing need for states to conduct more surveys every year, many of which impact our industries ability to trade. With little state and federal money, can survey efforts be coordinated and prioritized within the region? Will CAPS be able to fill this void? The safeguarding review developed several specific recommendations for the future direction of this program. What progress has been made to date and what can we expect in the future?

10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Asian Longhorn Beetle - Bob Mungari (NY)
11:00 - 11:20 a.m. Cedar Longhorn Beetle - Carol Lemmon (CT)
11:20 - 11:50 a.m. Pine Shoot Beetle - Scott Pfister (VT), Chris Markham (PPQ)
11:50 - 12:30 p.m. Discussion
12:30 - 1:30 p.m. LUNCH
2:15 - 11:00 p.m. Educational Tour or Committee Meetings
THURSDAY, April 6, 2000

8:15 - 8:25 a.m.  ESA Pest List Nominations
                   Bill Gimpel, Maryland Department of Agriculture.

8:25 - 9:45 a.m.  Model Plant Pest Law & Model Nursery Law
                   Don Eggen - Delaware Department of Agriculture

9:45 - 9:15 a.m.  Regional & National Plant Board Strategic Planning
                   Bob Balaam - New Jersey Department of Agriculture

9:15 - 10:00 a.m. EPB State Issues Discussion
                   To include each state’s significant issues with participation from HIS members.

10:00 - 10:30 a.m. BREAK

10:30 - 12:00 noon EPB State Issues Discussion (continued)

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. LUNCH

1:00 - 2:15 p.m.  Business Meeting

2:15 - 2:30 p.m.  H.I.S. Report

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.  Business Meeting

3:30 p.m. Adjourn