

Western Plant Board Constitution and By-Laws

Preamble

We, the plant quarantine officials of the western states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, the Territory of Hawaii, District of Lower California, the Province of British Columbia here assembled in the first Western Plant Quarantine Conference in Riverside, California, May 26, 1919, for the purpose of discussing quarantine questions pertaining to promulgating and enforcing our various regulations, believing that uniformity of action is conducive to better results in our work, deem it advisable to form an organization for our mutual cooperation and understanding. For this purpose we hereby adopt the following Constitution and By-laws:

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Article I

Section 1. NAME: This organization shall be known as the Western Plant Board

Section 2. MEMBERS: The State Plant Regulatory Official (SPRO) from each of the following states and territories of the United States of America shall be entitled to membership on the Board:

Alaska	Arizona
California	Colorado
Hawaii	Idaho
Montana	Nevada
New Mexico	Oregon
Utah	Washington
Wyoming	

Members in good standing, represent their state in matters germane to the Board. Members have voting privileges.

Section 3. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Plant Regulatory Officials from organizations or agencies of similar interest and plant related industry organization representatives may become an associate member of the Board. Associate members are entitled to serve in an advisory capacity to the board but do not have voting rights and may not serve as an officer of the Board.

Associate membership requests shall be submitted to the President in writing and will be considered by the voting membership of the Board. A majority roll-call vote of the Board is required for approval.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. PURPOSE: It shall be the purpose of this organization to secure a greater understanding, closer cooperation and uniformity of action for the efficient protection of our plant industries against plant pests.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. VOTING: The State Plant Regulatory Official (SPROs) of each state or territory of the United States holding membership in good standing in this organization shall be entitled to one vote. Each SPRO may exercise the right to vote by formal proxy through another Western Plant Board SPRO.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. OFFICERS: The officers of the Board shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Officers shall be elected annually. State Plant Regulatory Officials (SPROs) from voting member states may serve as officers of the Board. States serving in the capacity of an officer must be a member in good standing of both the Western Plant Board and National Plant Board.

Section 2. NATIONAL PLANT BOARD of DIRECTORS DELEGATES: The Western Plant Board president, vice president, and an elected at-large member shall serve as delegates representing the Western Plant Board on the National Plant Board of Directors. The at-large delegate shall be elected alternate years from the membership, shall serve for a term of two years, and is eligible to serve more than one term. In the event that a National Plant Board of Director delegate resigns from service on the National Plant Board of Directors, the president shall appoint a replacement delegate until members elect a permanent replacement. When the president, vice-president, or at-large member serving on the National Plant Board of Directors cannot attend the National Plant Board meeting or National Plant Board of Director meeting, the Western Plant Board Executive Committee shall appoint an alternative. When a Western Plant Board member is serving as an officer of the National Plant Board, the member will also serve as the elected at-large member such that the Board would have no more than three members serving as representatives of the National Plant Board of Directors. The incumbent elected at-large member will serve as an alternate in the event the President, Vice President, or Elected Member At Large cannot participate.

Section 3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The Executive Committee of the Western Plant Board shall consist of the officers and the at-large delegate to the National Plant Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall function in all matters for the Board in the interim between meetings.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. Amendments: The Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting by three-fourths, roll-call vote of the states represented, provided that the proposed amendments have been submitted to each member thirty days before the meeting.

HIST: Enacted May 26, 1919; amd. Article 1, Sec 1: name changed from Western Plant Quarantine Board to Western Plant Board, 1940; amd. Article 1, Sec 2: Alaska added to membership, June 10, 1948; amd. Article 1, Sec 2: membership changed from District of Lower California to Republic of Mexico June 19, 1934; amd. Article IV, Section 2: National Plant Board Executive Committee and National Plant Board Advisory Council relationships to Western Plant Board incorporated, August 10, 2003; amd. Article 1, Sec 2: Plant Quarantine or Inspection Officers changed to State Plant Regulatory Officials and membership limited to states and territories of the United States, Article 1, Sec 3: associate membership established, Article 3, Sec 1: voting protocols clarified, Article 4, Sec 1: officer titles changed from chairman, vice chairman, and secretary-treasurer to president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, Article 4, Sec 2: representatives of the National Plant Board of Directors changed from president and two elected members to president, vice-president, and one elected member, Article 4, Sec 3: Western Plant Board Executive Committee changed to include all officers and the National Plant Board of Director elected delegate, August 8, 2011.

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1. When convened, this Board shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
2. Officers of this Board shall be elected by roll call vote.
3. The duties of the officers of this Board shall be such as are ordinarily performed by such officers in similar organizations.
4. Special meetings shall be called at the discretion of the Executive Committee or upon petition of four or more of the member states.
5. The By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a three-fourths vote of the states represented, or at any special meeting, provided the amendment or amendments have been submitted to each member thirty days before the meeting.
6. Western Plant Board dues shall be determined by majority vote at annual meetings. Members shall pay to the Western Plant Board Treasurer annual Western Plant Board membership dues of \$75, due April 1 of each year. The Treasurer shall, on behalf of the Western Plant Board, collect National Plant board dues from member states and territories and pay these dues to the National Plant Board. Associate members shall pay annual associate membership dues of \$25, due April 1 of each year. Use of Associate member dues shall be at the discretion of the Western Plant Board Executive Committee in meeting its goals and objectives. Such use shall be discussed and approved by member states at the annual meeting.

HIST: Enacted May 26, 1919; amd., July 7, 2002; amd., By-law 2: election by ballot changed to election by roll call vote, schedule of meeting removed (old By-law 4), and By-law 6: membership dues add, August 8, 2011.