

# National Plant Board 98th Annual Meeting

July 21 – July 25, 2024

Grand Rapids, Michigan

**SUNDAY**

July 21, 2024

Time	Topic
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b> <i>Registration - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>National Plant Board – Board of Directors Meeting</b> <i>Fine Arts - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Lobby Level</i>
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	<b>Welcome Reception</b> <i>Imperial - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Lobby Level</i>

# MONDAY

July 22, 2024

Time	Topic
6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	<b>Breakfast Buffet</b> <i>Ambassador - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b> <i>Registration - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>
<b>MONDAY MORNING SESSION</b> 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	<b>National Plant Board Huddle – Expectations for This Year’s Meeting</b> <i>National Plant Board Members Only</i> <i>Governor’s Room - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>United States Dept. Agriculture, Animal &amp; Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection &amp; Quarantine Employee Meeting</b> <i>Mark Davidson, Deputy Administrator, United States Department of Agriculture, Animal &amp; Plant Health Inspection Service, PPQ</i> <i>Ambassador - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Department of Homeland Security, Customs &amp; Border Protection Meeting</b> <i>Kevin Harriger, Executive Director Office of Field Operations, Agriculture Programs and Trade Liaison, US Department of Homeland Security, Customs &amp; Border Protection</i> <i>Vandenberg - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<b>National Plant Board Regional Breakouts</b> <i>Regional Members Only</i> <b>EPB</b> – Grand View A <b>CPB</b> – Heritage Hill <b>SPB</b> – Winchester <b>WPB</b> – Thornapple <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Conference Level</i>
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Break</b> <i>Center Concourse - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</i>
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<b>National Plant Board Regional Breakouts (cont’d)</b>
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>National Plant Board Regional Break-Out Reports</b> <i>National Plant Board Members Only</i> <i>Governor’s Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch (provided)</b> <i>Ambassador - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>

**MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

Facilitator – *Eric Biddinger*

*Ambassador - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level*

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

<b>1:00 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.</b>	<b>Welcome/Opening Remarks</b> <i>Mia Kirk, National Plant Board President, Natural Resource Manager II, Alaska Department of Natural Resources</i>
<b>1:10 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Roll Call</b> <i>Dan Kenny, National Plant Board Secretary-Treasurer, Plant Health Division Chief, Ohio Department of Agriculture</i>
<b>1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>State Welcome</b> <i>Dr. Tim Boring, Director, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development</i>
<b>1:30 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.</b>	<b>State of the National Plant Board</b> <i>Mia Kirk, National Plant Board President, Natural Resource Manager II, Alaska Department of Natural Resources</i>
<b>1:50 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.</b>	<b>Remarks by United States Department of Agriculture</b> <i>Dr. Mike Watson, APHIS Administrator Dr. Mark Davidson, PPQ Deputy Administrator</i>
<b>2:10 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Department of Homeland Security, Customs &amp; Border Protection</b> <i>Kevin Harriger, Executive Director Office of Field Operations, Agriculture Programs and Trade Liaison, US Department of Homeland Security, Customs &amp; Border Protection</i>
<b>2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Overview of the Concurrent Sessions: Working Together</b> <i>Mia Kirk, National Plant Board President, Natural Resource Manager II, Alaska Department of Natural Resources</i> <i>Tracy Svalina, PPQ State Liaison, PPQ Communications Office</i> <i>Nidhi Singla, Director, US Department of Homeland Security, Customs &amp; Border Protection</i>
<b>2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Break</b> <i>Center Concourse - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</i>

<b>Concurrent Sessions: CBP, NPB, and PPQ</b>			
	<b>CBP Presents</b> <i>Vandenberg – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>	<b>NPB Presents</b> <i>Governor’s Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>	<b>PPQ Presents</b> <i>Ambassador – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>
<b>3:30 p.m – 4:00 p.m.</b>	<p>Facilitator: <i>Nidhi Singla</i></p> <p><b>CBP Agriculture: An inside look at border operations</b></p> <p>General audience</p>	<p>Facilitator: <i>Eric Biddinger</i></p> <p><b>NPB Resources and Website Training</b></p> <p><i>Charles Elhard, Plant Protection Officer, North Dakota</i></p> <p>Resources available on the NPB website. This topic is appropriate to all audiences interested in the information available on the NPB website.</p>	<p>Facilitator: <i>Courtney Fulks</i></p> <p><b>One on one time with Carrie Croy-Owen for Cooperative Agreements</b></p> <p><i>Carrie Croy Owen, Supervisory Agreements Specialist, PPQ</i></p> <p>This topic is appropriate for SPROs with questions about how the Cooperative Agreements Process works.</p>
<b>4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.</b>	<p><b>CBP Agriculture: An inside look at border operations</b></p> <p>General audience</p>	<p><b>Building a stronger NPB: Benefits to Participation in the NPB</b></p> <p><i>Joe Collins, Deputy State Entomologist, University of Kentucky</i></p> <p><i>Ian Foley, Ag Sciences Administrator, Montana Dept. Agriculture</i></p> <p><i>Brian Kuhn, Director, Plant Industry Bureau, Wisconsin Dept. Agriculture</i></p> <p><i>Piera Siegert, State Entomologist, New Hampshire Dept. Agriculture, Markets, and Food</i></p> <p>This topic is most appropriate for NPB membership and their staff.</p>	<p><b>Historical Significance of EAB in Michigan and Biocontrol Update</b></p> <p><i>Craig Kellogg, Michigan SPHD, PPQ</i></p> <p>This topic is appropriate for a general audience interested in the historical significance of EAB in Michigan and important EAB rearing laboratory updates. This session could help set context for the EAB Forest Pest Concurrent Session on Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.</p>

<p><b>4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Succession Planning for Organizations - Building Continuity in Operations</b>  <i>Kieran McAuliffe, Training Specialist, USDA APHIS PPQ</i>  <i>Ambassador - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i></p>
<p><b>5:00 p.m. – 5:05 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Overview of Next Day</b>  <i>Courtney Fulks</i></p>
	<p><b>Dinner on Your Own</b></p>
<p><b>7:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Hospitality/Discussion</b>  <i>Sky Suite</i></p>
<p><b>7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Resolution Committee Meeting</b>  National Plant Board Members Only  <i>Governor's Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i></p>

**TUESDAY**

July 23, 2024

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Breakfast Buffet</b> <i>Ambassador - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>
<b>7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Registration</b> <i>Registration - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>
<b>TUESDAY MORNING SESSION</b> Facilitator – <i>Courtney Fulks</i>  <i>Ambassador - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i> 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	
<b>8:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.</b>	<b>CAPS Update</b> <i>Tina Gresham, National Policy Manager, PPQ</i>
<b>8:20 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Gaining Quarantine Compliance in an Online Market</b> <i>Suzette Kelly, Director, CBP</i> <i>Ricardo Valdez, National Policy Manager, Smuggling and Trade Compliance (SITC) Program, USDA APHIS</i> <i>Anthony Ayers, Pest Biologist, Washington State Department of Agriculture</i>
<b>9:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.</b>	<b>Battling invasive pest insects to support Michigan’s diverse fruit agriculture sector</b> <i>Rufus Isaacs, Berry Crops Entomologist, Michigan State University</i>
<b>9:20 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.</b>	<b>Regenerative Agriculture and MDARD</b> <i>Mike Philip, Director, Bureau of Environment and Sustainability, Michigan Department of Agriculture &amp; Rural Development</i>
<b>9:40 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.</b>	<b>The Landscape of the Great Lakes: Background, History, and Importance to the Region</b> <i>Dr. Katie Mika, Great Lakes Stewardship Coordinator, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy</i>
<b>10:10 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.</b>	<b>Prepare for Field Trip</b> <i>Center Concourse - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</i>
<b>10:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Board Bus</b>
<b>FIELD TRIP (Boxed Lunch Included)</b> 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	
	Tour of Walters Gardens, Zeeland, MI <a href="#">Walters Gardens, Inc.</a>
	Saugatuck Exploration. Explore the interface between the unique sand dunes and Lake Michigan. Both the dunes and the Lake inhabit a space where introduction of invasives comes at a cost to the natural biodiversity.
<b>7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Hospitality/Discussion</b> <i>Sky Suite</i>

**WEDNESDAY**

July 24, 2024

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	<b>Breakfast Buffet</b> <i>Ambassador - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	<b>National Plant Board Mentor Program Breakfast Buffet</b> <i>Grand View – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Conference Level</i> <i>(There is a buffet available in this room for mentors and mentees)</i>
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b> <i>Registration - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and Partners</b> Visit with MDARD Staff and Our Partners to Learn More About Our Programs and Activities <i>Center Concourse – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION</b> Facilitator – <i>Eric Biddinger</i>  <i>Ambassador - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i> 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	
8:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.	<b>NASDA Update</b> <i>Josie Montoney-Crawford, Associate Director of Public Policy, NASDA</i>
8:20 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.	<b>NAPPO Update</b> <i>Alonso Suazo, Technical Director, NAPPO</i>
8:40 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	<b>Canada Update</b> <i>Dr. Anthony Anyia, Senior Director, Plant Protection Division, Canadian Food Inspection Agency</i>
9:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.	<b>NPDN Update</b> <i>Dr. Neil McRoberts, Professor, UC Davis</i>
9:20 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.	<b>AmericanHort Update</b> <i>Craig Regelbrugge, Executive Advisor, AmericanHort</i>
9:40am – 10:00 am	<b>SANC Program and Governing Board Updates</b> <i>Joy Goforth, Plant Pest Administrator, North Carolina Dept. Agriculture and Consumer Services, SANC Governing Board Chair</i>
10:00 a.m. – 10:25a.m.	<b>Break</b> <i>Center Concourse - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</i>
10:25 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Door Prizes</b> <i>Ambassador - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>

Facilitator – <i>Courtney Fulks</i> <i>Ambassador – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>	
<b>10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.</b>	<b>PCIT Updates</b> <i>Christian Dellis, Deputy Director, USDA APHIS PPQ</i>
<b>10:50 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Restructuring Postentry Quarantine</b> <i>Shannon Jarman, Regulatory Policy Specialist, USDA APHIS PPQ</i>
<b>11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>ACIR Portal – Your New Gateway to Plants for Planting Import Requirements</b> <i>Edward Metz, ACIR Business System Owner, USDA APHIS PPQ</i> <i>Kendra Vieira, Technical Writer-Editor, USDA APHIS PPQ</i>
<b>12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch (provided)</b> <i>Ambassador – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>

<b>Forest Pest Concurrent Symposia</b>		
	<b>Forest Pest Topics: Emerald Ash Borer Focus</b>  Facilitator: <i>Courtney Fulks</i> <i>Governor’s Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>	<b>Forest Pest Topics: Pathways Focus</b>  Facilitator: <i>Eric Biddinger</i> <i>Ambassador- 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>
<b>1:00 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.</b>	<b>EAB &amp; Amenity Ash Trees in 2024: Science vs. Myths</b> <i>Deb McCullough, Professor, Michigan State University</i>	<b>Flighted Spongy Moth Complex: Offshore Certifications and Vessel Inspections</b> <i>Ingrid Asmundsson, Flighted Spongy Moth Complex Offshore Program Director, USDA APHIS PPQ</i>
<b>1:20 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.</b>	<b>Biological Invasion by Emerald Ash Borer Threatens Keystone Species Indelibly Entwined with Indigenous Cultures</b> <i>Nathan Siegert, Forest Entomologist, US Forest Service</i>	<b>Pests of Seasonal Forest Products: Panel and Discussion</b> <i>Chris Benemann, Director of Plant Protection Program Area, Oregon Department of Agriculture</i> <i>Gary Fish, State Horticulturalist, Maine Dept. Agriculture, Conservation &amp; Forestry</i> <i>Joy Goforth, Plant Pest Administrator, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services,</i> <i>Scott Schirmer, Illinois SPRO, Illinois Dept. of Agriculture</i>
<b>1:40 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Hope for Black Ash? Impacts of the Emerald Ash Borer Invasion on Regeneration in Michigan's Black Ash Forests</b> <i>River Mathieu, Graduate Student, Michigan State University</i>	
<b>2:00 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.</b>	Break to change rooms	



<b>Forest Pest Partner Updates</b> Facilitator: <i>Eric Biddinger</i> <i>Ambassador- 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>	
<b>2:05 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.</b>	<b>US Forest Service Programmatic Update</b> <i>Bruce Moltzan, National Program Lead - Forest Pathology, US Forest Service</i>
<b>2:25 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.</b>	<b>National Association of State Foresters Update</b> <i>Bob Simpson, Staff, NASF Forest Science &amp; Health Committee, National Association of State Foresters</i>
<b>2:45 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.</b>	<b>Looking Forward with Firewood Outreach</b> <i>Leigh Greenwood, Forest Pest and Pathogen Program Director, The Nature Conservancy</i>
<b>3:05 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Afternoon Break</b> <i>Center Concourse - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</i> <i>Door Prizes starting at 3:25 in Ambassador</i>
Facilitator: <i>Courtney Fulks</i> <i>Ambassador- 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>	
<b>3:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.</b>	<b>Building a National EDRR Framework: Leveraging Partnership to Enhance Preparedness and Response to Invasive Species</b> <i>Angela McMellen Brannigan, Technical Advisor, National Invasive Species Council</i>
<b>3:50 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.</b>	<b>USDA Federal Advisory Committees &amp; Board</b> <i>Cikena Reid, Committee Management Officer, USDA</i>
<b>4:10 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Invasive Hornets: Panel and Discussion</b> <i>Mike Evans, Program Director, Georgia Dept. of Agriculture</i> <i>Dr. Gard Otis, Professor Emeritus, University of Guelph</i> <i>Sven-Erik Spichiger, Pest Program Manager and SPRO, Washington State Dept. of Agriculture</i>
<b>6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Banquet</b> <i>Ambassador</i>
<b>8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Hospitality/Discussion</b> <i>Sky Suite</i>

**THURSDAY**

July 25, 2024

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Breakfast Buffet</b> <i>Ambassador - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>
<b>THURSDAY MORNING SESSION</b> Facilitator – <i>Eric Biddinger</i> <i>Ambassador - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i> 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	
<b>8:00 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.</b>	<b>Box Tree Moth Certification Program: Panel and Discussion</b> <i>Dan Kenny, Plant Health Division Chief, Ohio Department of Agriculture</i> <i>Chris Benemann, Director of Plant Protection Program Area, Oregon Department of Agriculture</i> <i>Allen Proxmire, National Policy Manager, USDA APHIS PPQ</i>
<b>8:40 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.</b>	<b>SASI Updates</b> <b>1. Sharing NPDN Data</b> <i>Steven Long, Clemson Division of Plant Industry Assistant Director, Clemson University</i> <i>Wendy Jin, Associate Deputy Administrator, Science and Technology, USDA APHIS PPQ</i> <b>2. A regulatory framework for ecommerce</b> <i>Gary Fish, State Horticulturalist, Maine Dept. Agriculture, Conservation &amp; Forestry</i> <i>Megan Abraham, Director, Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology, Indiana Dept.. Natural Resources</i> <i>Carlos Martinez, Associate Deputy Administrator, USDA APHIS PPQ</i> <b>3. Enhanced Sharing of AQI Program Risk data between CBP, PPQ, and NPB</b> <i>Mia Kirk, Natural Resource Manager II, Alaska Dept. Natural Resources</i> <i>Matt Rhoads, Associate Deputy Administrator, USDA APHIS PPQ PEIP</i> <i>Calvin Shuler, Executive Director, USDA APHIS PPQ</i>
<b>9:10 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.</b>	<b>New, Emerging, and Ongoing Pests Regional Updates</b> <i>Each regional board will provide 10-12 minutes on pests of concern</i>
<b>10:10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Hawaii Invitation to 2025 National Plant Board</b> <i>Dexter Kishida, Deputy to the Chair, Hawaii Dept. Agriculture</i>
<b>10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Closing Remarks – Next Year’s Meeting</b> <i>Mia Kirk, National Plant Board President, Natural Resource Manager II, Alaska Department of Natural Resources</i>
<b>10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Break</b> <i>Center Concourse - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</i>

<b>10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.</b>	<b>National Plant Board Business Meeting</b> <i>NPB Members Only</i> <i>Vandenberg – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>
<b>12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch on Your Own</b>
<b>1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>National Plant Board – Board of Directors/United States Dept. Agriculture, Animal &amp; Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection, &amp; Quarantine/Customs and Border Protection Leadership Team Meeting</b> <i>Vandenberg – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Concourse Level</i>