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August 19 - 23, 2007
Honolulu, Hawaii

Proceedings of 2007

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2007 NATIONAL PLANT BOARD
OFFICERS

President Ken Rauscher, MI
Vice President Gray Haun, TN
Secretary-Treasurer Carl Schulze, NJ

2007 NATIONAL PLANT BOARD
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Central Plant Board
Ken Rauscher, MI – President
Kevin Fridley, SD
Robin Pruisner, IA
Geir Friisoe (Alternate)

Eastern Plant Board
Carl Schulze, NJ – Secretary-Treasurer
Ann Gibbs, ME
Faith Kuehn, DE
Gary Gibson, WV (Alternate)

Southern Plant Board
Gray Haun, TN – Vice President
Gene Cross, NC
Shashank Nilakhe, TX
Mike Evans, GA (Alternate)

Western Plant Board
Clair Allen, UT
Dan Hilburn, OR
Brad White, WA
John Caravetta, AZ (Alternate)
2007 NPB ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Members

Gary Gibson, WV – Chair
Sancho Dickinson, OK

Bob Dahl, WI

Assignment: Audit NPB Financial Records and report to the NPB membership at the Thursday business meeting

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

Members

Mike Cooper, ID – Chair
Frank Fulgarn, VA

Clair Allen, UT
Tom Harrison, OH

Assignments

1. Identify previous members and colleagues that have passed away and prepare suitable acknowledgements
2. Identify retirees and propose suitable means of recognition
3. Determine if there are other awards that should be considered by the members
4. Report to the NPB membership at the Thursday business meeting

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Members

Faith Kuehn, DE – Chair
Richard Gaskalla, FL

Clair Allen, UT
Dave Nelson, ND

Assignment: Nominate new slate of officers and report to the NPB membership at the Thursday business meeting

RESOLUTIONS / POLICY COMMITTEE

Members

Gene Cross, NC – Chair
Ann Gibbs, ME
Bob Mungari, NY
Robin Pruisner, IA
Kenneth Rauscher, MI, NPB President (Consultant)

Kevin Fridley, SD
Gray Haun, TN, NPB Vice President
John O’Brien, NV
Brad White, WA

Assignments

1. Determine which of the 2006 RPB resolutions should be considered by the NPB for approval, edit them as needed, and present them to the membership at the Thursday business meeting
2. Determine if any new resolutions are needed, draft them, and present them at the Thursday business meeting
3. Determine if there are any policy topics that should be addressed by the NPB. If so, present them for action/approval for assignment to the Policy Committee at the Thursday business meeting
4. Review and recommend changes as appropriate to NASDA’s Plant Health Protection and Disease Control policy
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Section I

General Proceedings
# National Plant Board 2007 Annual Meeting Agenda

## Honolulu, Hawaii
August 19-23, 2007

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<td>NPB-Board of Directors Meeting</td>
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<td>Welcome Reception</td>
<td>NPB – Hawaii and Sponsors</td>
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<td>Regional Plant Board Meetings Breakouts: Central Eastern Southern Western</td>
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<td>9:30 – 9:45 a.m.</td>
<td>Call to Order, Opening Remarks &amp; Committee Assignments, Welcome Guests</td>
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<td>Roll Call</td>
<td>Aurelio Posadas, NPB Executive Secretary</td>
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<td>Welcome to Hawaii</td>
<td>Sandra Lee Kunimoto, Chairperson, Board of Agriculture, Hawaii Dept. of Agriculture</td>
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<td>President's Report</td>
<td>Ken Rauscher, President, NPB</td>
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<td>USDA-APHIS Highlights</td>
<td>Cindy Smith, Acting Administrator, USDA-APHIS</td>
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<td>National Association of State</td>
<td>Bob Ehart, NASDA, Animal &amp; Plant Health Safeguarding Coordinator</td>
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<td>Lunch</td>
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**1:00 – 3:45 p.m. Moderator: Carol Holko, Maryland (Salon A & B)**

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<td>USDA-APHIS-PPQ Update</td>
<td>Richard Dunkle, Deputy Administrator, USDA-APHIS-PPQ</td>
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<td>Canada Update</td>
<td>Greg Stubbings, Director, Plant Health Division, Canadian Food Inspection Agency</td>
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<td>Mexico Report</td>
<td>Dr. Javier Trujillo Arriaga, Director General de Sanidad Vegetal</td>
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<td>North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) Update</td>
<td>Ian R. McDonell, Executive Director</td>
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<td>Custom and Boarder Protection Update</td>
<td>Jeffrey Grode, Executive Director, Agricultural Policy for Government Relations &amp; Research, ANLA</td>
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<td>American Nursery &amp; Landscape Association (ANLA) Update</td>
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<td>USDA-Forest Service Report</td>
<td>Larry Yarger, Deputy Director of Forest Health Programs</td>
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<td>New SPRO Orientation (SPROS invited)</td>
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<td>Committee Meetings (Salon A &amp; B and Kou Room): Resolutions Committee Audit Committee Nominations Committee Awards &amp; Recognition Committee Finance Committee R5 Technical Task Force Meeting Committee</td>
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**7:30 – 11:30 a.m. Moderator: Gene Cross, North Carolina (Salon A & B)**

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<td>Budget and Funding Priorities</td>
<td>Paul Eggert, USDA-APHIS-PPQ, Associate Deputy Administrator</td>
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<td>Pest Detection CAPS Update</td>
<td>Matt Royer, USDA-APHIS-PPQ</td>
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<td>Panel Discussion One</td>
<td>Vernon Harrington, USDA-APHIS-PPQ State Plant Health Director</td>
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<td>Carol Okada, State Plant Quarantine Program Manager</td>
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<td>SOD (P. ramorum) Update</td>
<td>Jonathan Jones, USDA-APHIS-PPQ</td>
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<td>Sirex Update and Initiatives</td>
<td>Vic Mastro, USDA-APHIS-PPQ</td>
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<td>Citrus Health Initiatives</td>
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<td>Test of the Australian Weed Risk Assessment’s Effectiveness in Predicting Plant Invaders in Florida</td>
<td>Dr. Doria Gordon, Senior Ecologist &amp; Assoc. Director of Conservation Science, University of Florida, The Nature Conservancy</td>
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<td>11:45 – 1:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Lunch</td>
<td>Keynote Speaker: Sarah Styan, PhD., President, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association – Research Scientist, Pioneer Hi-Bred International</td>
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**Afternoon Session Moderator: Mitch Yergert, Colorado (Salon A & B)**

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<td>Biotechnology Research Report Overview of BRS Initiatives, EIS, &amp; the New Draft Rule</td>
<td>Rebecca Bech, Deputy Administrator, USDA-APHIS-BRS and Catherine Preston, BRS State Liaison</td>
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<td>2:00 – 2:45 p.m.</td>
<td>Panel Discussion Public Interest and Perception Regarding Biotechnology in Hawaii</td>
<td>Paul Koehler, Monsanto, Hawaii Adolph Helm, Dow AgroScience, Hawaii Cindy Goldstein, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Hawaii</td>
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<td>NPDN Update</td>
<td>Dr. Ray Hammerschmidt, NCPDN Director, Michigan State University</td>
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<td>3:20 – 3:40 p.m.</td>
<td>R-5: Netherlands Bulb and Perennial Preclearance Program Review and Status Update</td>
<td>Murali Bandla, PhD., USDA-APHIS-PPQ, Director, Plant Safeguarding &amp; Pest Identification (PSPI)</td>
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<td>Bob Balaam, USDA-APHIS-PPQ Eastern Region</td>
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<td>NPB Business Meeting – For NPB Members (Milo 1)</td>
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<td>PPQ Executive Team Meeting (Kou Room)</td>
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<td>Load Buses for Agricultural Tours</td>
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<td>Waimea Valley Audubon Center</td>
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<td>Lori Williams, National Invasive Species Council</td>
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<td>Polynesian Cultural Center</td>
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<td>5:15 – 9:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Dinner and Show (Polynesian Cultural Center)</td>
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<td>Return to Marriott</td>
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Thursday, August 23, 2007 (USDA/NPB Day)

6:30 – 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast (Kona Moku Ballroom Lanai)

The main agenda for these sessions are developed by the NPB President and Deputy Administrator of USDA-APHIS-PPQ from discussions and concerns brought out during the first three days of the NPB meeting. Some of the suggested topics follow.

8:00 – 12:00 p.m Moderators: Ken Rouscher & Richard Dunkle (Salon A & B)

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Issues of Concern to USDA and NPB Members
  1. Continuation of Funding Issues and Program Delivery
  2. Future Direction for Emerging Plant Pest Programs
  3. Q-37 Discussions

10:00 – 10:20 a.m. Break (Kona Moku Ballroom Lanai and Salon A & B)
10:20 – 12:00 p.m. Continue Issues of Concern
12:00 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch on Your Own

1:15 – 3:00 p.m Moderators: Ken Rouscher & Richard Dunkle (Salon A & B)

1:15 – 3:00 p.m. Continue Issues of Concern – Meeting Adjourns
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. NPB Executive Board of Directors Meeting
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Section II

General Business Meeting
& Committee Reports
NPB Board of Director’s Meeting  
Honolulu, HI  
August 19, 2007

President Ken Rauscher (MI) called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. Vice President Gray Haun (TN), Executive Secretary Aurelio Posadas and the following Board members were present:

G. Gibson (WV)  D. Hilburn (OR)  C. Allen (UT)  F. Kuehn (DE)  
S. Nilakhe (TX)  A. Gibbs (ME)  K. Fridley (SD)  B. White (WA)  
G. Cross (NC)

Agenda Item:

1. Roll Call – Call to Order: Executive Secretary Aurelio Posadas called roll.

2. Hawaii Meeting Update: Ken opened the meeting by announcing that 800 nights had been rented out and that we would meet the contract room nights. Ken notified the BOD of a Fruit Fly meeting scheduled by USDA for the following morning, the 20th, at 7 a.m. in the Oahu room. Lyle could not attend the meeting to provide an update to the BOD.

3. Minutes from May 2007 Meeting: The May meeting minutes were available along with a few others at this time. Aurelio passed out last years seven draft minutes for the BOD to approve. The BOD agreed to read the minutes and make changes or corrections and be prepared to approve during Thursday’s BOD meeting.

4. Awards: The BOD discussed this year’s awards. The Carl Carlson award winner, John Ekberg, is present to accept his award and the NPB will be paying a portion of his travel costs to receive it. The ESA award nominee is Faith Kuehn. The NASDA award nominee is Bob Mungari. The APHIS Administrator’s Award winner is Mike Cooper. The NPB Partnership Award is a new award initiated this year by President Ken Rauscher. This year two awards are being provided. This year’s winners are Catherine Preston, BRS, and Osama El Lissy, PPQ.

5. Treasurer’s Report and Proposed 2008 Budget: The Executive Secretary provided copies of, reviewed with, and answered questions on, the Treasurer’s report and the proposed 2008 budget to the BOD. Dan Hilburn (OR) moved to accept the proposed 2008 budget, Clair Allen (UT) seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The BOD agreed to take the budget to the full membership during the General Business Meeting. The Executive Secretary was asked to report to the membership in place of the Secretary-Treasurer, Carl Schulze, who did not make the annual meeting.

6. Cooperative Agreements: The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the cooperative agreement status with the BOD, informing them that the final billing had been submitted for the 2007 Safeguarding Cooperative Agreement and it had been renewed. The new Safeguarding Cooperative Agreement is enforce for the period June 1, 2007 through May 30, 2008. The BRS Cooperative Agreement
will end September 29, 2007. Discussions are being held with BRS to renew their Cooperative Agreement for the next federal fiscal year.

7. **National Plant Board Personal Services Contract (Executive Secretary):** Aurelio Posadas was asked to step out of the room to allow the BOD to discuss his evaluation and new contract proposal. The new contract included an increase of $5.00/hour. Motion was made by Gray Haun (TN) to approve the new contract with Aurelio Posadas. Shashank Nilakhe (TX) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

8. **Politics on Capitol Hill Discussion:** Discussion occurred on how to keep up with activity on the Hill in order for the NPB to make effective and timely comments, if needed, or request NASDA to make comments on issues that are important to the NPB. Bob Ehart, NASDA, and Paul Eggert, PPQ, are good at keeping us informed on what is occurring. U.S. Forest Service also keeps us informed. NPB needs to do a better job at staying on top of activity on the Hill to provide effective and timely comments.

9. **Netherlands Preclearance Program:** President Ken Rauscher (MI) led the discussion on this issue. This issue was discussed at the May 2007 BOD meeting; however, changes and clarifications were made to the pest list since then. Several questions came up regarding the pest list; one particular was the definition of “Q” rating on the list and where do weeds fit in. The questions would be taken to Murali, who was present at Hawaii, for answers or clarification.

10. **CAPS:** President Ken Rauscher (MI) and Ann Gibbs (ME) provided an update on the CAPS Committee work and reported the Committee had done good work. The CAPS Coordinator hiring problems were discussed. NPB was asked to be involved in the hiring process but involvement was minimal. Ken had spoken with Matt Royer about this issue. The NPB still stands behind the hiring of John Bowers as the CAPS Coordinator. The loss of the Regional CAPS Committees was discussed. The key now is the National CAPS Committee, which will have four NPB members, one from each regional board. These committee members need to be strongly outspoken NPB members. There was also discussion on funding and the amount of CAPS funds that actually go to states. There was discussion about sending a letter to Rick Dunkle and Paul Eggert regarding the amount of CAPS dollars actually going to states.

11. **Thursday Agenda Items:** The list of agenda items were discussed by the BOD. President Ken Rauscher (MI) asked for any additional items from the BOD. There were no additional items at this time. There was additional discussion on the communications items. The Interagency Communications Committee will have their first meeting September 17-19, 2007 at Colorado. The NPB members of this committee are John Caravetta (AZ), Richard Gaskalla (FL), Bob Mungari (NY), Geir Frisoe (MN), Ken Rauscher (MI), and Gray Haun (TN). This committee will be dealing with different issues than the APHIS/NASDA communications effort.
12. **Enforcement Training:** President Rauscher (MI) noted that a survey went out to NPB members regarding enforcement training, which did not receive a very good response. BOD had questions on who was going to pay for travel to this training.

13. **NAPPO:** The Executive Secretary provided information on the BOD’s attendance at this year’s NAPPO Meeting. Eight members will be allowed to attend per Paul Eggert’s (PPQ) directions regarding paying for attendance at a NAPPO meeting outside of the U.S. We need to identify who is interested and can attend. Attendance costs will be reimbursed through the Safeguarding Cooperative Agreement. BOD members were asked to notify Aurelio by August 27, 2007. Aurelio would make arrangements to pay the registration with a NPB check.

14. **Forestry Funding:** BOD discussed the U.S. Forest Service’s State and Private Forestry Redesign. This is a new process to distribute funding to state and private forestry programs. The new process may reduce funds to state departments of agriculture for pest programs such as Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread, and new pest eradication or management programs. Nor would this new process be conducive to partnership with forestry, which we are trying to develop. BOD agreed to contact Forestry (Knolls) to discuss this issue and develop a strategy to deal with it.

15. **Resolutions:** The BOD discussed this year’s resolutions. Resolutions Committee Chair, Gene Cross, led the discussion. The committee at this point had decided on five resolutions from the regional boards and had two more to review. The committee had also decided that some resolutions would be more effective as letters from the NPB instead of resolutions.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Approved October 23, 2007
President Ken Rauscher (MI) called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Executive Secretary Aurelio Posadas conducted the roll call. Twenty-six states reported as being present.

Aurelio Posadas presented to the membership the Secretary – Treasurers report and the 2008 Budget. (See attached report) There was a motion by Gary Gibson (WV), and seconded by Faith Kuehn (DL), to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.

Audit Committee Report (Gary Gibson, WV): The committee met with Aurelio and reviewed the NPB books. The NPB books were determined to be in order. (See attached report) The membership voted to accept the audit report.

Awards Committee Report (Mike Cooper, ID): Mike presented the awards report. (See attached report) Mike moved to accept the report, seconded by Gene Cross (NC). The motion passed unanimously.

Policy and Resolutions Committee Report (Gene Cross, NC): Gene presented the membership with this year’s resolutions and letters, including a thank you letter to Hawaii for hosting the Annual Meeting. Seven resolutions and five letters were approved with minor changes to be made. (Finalized resolutions and letters are available on the NPB website).

Nominations Committee Report (Chairperson Faith Kuehn, DE): The committee put forth the following nominations:

President – Gray Haun (TN)
Vice President – Carl Schulze (NJ)
Secretary/Treasurer – Mike Cooper (ID)
Past President – Ken Rauscher (MI)
Faith asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. Faith moved the nominations be accepted. It was seconded by Gray Gibson (WV). The slate of officers presented was elected unanimously by the membership.

President Rauscher (MI) presented to the membership the Dutch Pre-Clearance Pest/Tolerance List. Discussion ensued on this Pest/Tolerance list. Gene Cross (NC) motioned to accept the list and it was seconded by Ann Gibbs. It was also agreed to keep the same NPB members on this committee to continue the work. Motion passed

President Ken Rauscher informed the membership that the Board of Directors had approved entering into a new Executive Secretary contract for 2008 with Aurelio Posadas.

Carol Holko (MD) provided information on next year’s Annual Meeting at Solomons, Maryland. The meeting was proposed to be held at the Solomons Holiday Inn Select. The membership agreed to hold the meeting during the week of August 10-14, 2008 at Solomons, Maryland.

Bob Mungari (NY) raised a question as to whether the NPB needs to meet alone to discuss NPB issues amongst ourselves. It was agreed to send this question to the Board of Directors as well as questioning a need for a review/assessment of the NPB Annual Meeting.

Christel Harden (SC) moved for adjournment. It was seconded by Clair Allen (UT). Business Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.
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AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

2007 National Plant Board

The National Plant Board (NPB) Audit Committee for the 2007 NPB meeting consisted of Gary Gibson, WV (committee Chair), Bob Dahl, WI, and Sancho Dickinson, OK. The committee met with NPB Executive Secretary Aurelio Posadas to review the financial information.

Aurelio provided the audit committee with a detailed report of the NPB checking account records for the previous year and went over the records with the committee members. Based on the review of financial records, the Audit Committee found no major inconsistencies with the NPB Secretary-Treasurer’s Report, and recommended that the NPB accept the report as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Audit Committee:

Gary Gibson - Chair
Bob Dahl
Sancho Dickinson
NPB 2007 Award Nominees Summary:

**CARL CARLSON AWARD**

John Eckberg, OR, WPB – The award was presented at the NPB meeting in Honolulu, HI, August 21, 2007.

Matt Travis, MD, EPB
Steven Shimek, MN, CPB
Steve Bostian, AR, SPB

**ESA Regulatory Entomology Award**

Faith B. Kuehn, DE, EPB – NPB nomination was submitted to ESA on June 28, 2006.

**NASDA Award**

Bob Mungari, NY, EPB – NPB nomination was submitted to NASDA on July 14, 2007.

**NPB Nomination for the PPQ Deputy Administrator’s Outstanding Achievement Award**

Bob Mungari, New York Sirex Project, NY, EPB – NPB nomination was submitted to APHIS.

**APHIS Administrators Award**

Richard D. Gaskella, FL – SPB nominee
Michael E. Cooper, ID – WPB nominee – Received the full NPB nomination, which was forwarded to APHIS.

**Retirement Certificates**

None were submitted.

**Transition**

Mike Brown – Missouri to USDA, APHIS, PPQ

**2007 NPB Awards Committee Members**

Michael E. Cooper, WPB – Chair
Frank Fulgham – SPB
Tom Harrison – CPB
Ann Gibbs – EPB
SECRETARY-TREASURER’S REPORT

Michael E. Cooper

It has been both a challenge and a learning experience representing the National Plant Board as Secretary-Treasurer in 2007/2008. I have worked closely with our new Executive Secretary, Aurelio Posadas. In addition to the more efficient travel voucher payment system developed last year, I have started making travel voucher payments through the SunTrust Bank online bill payment system. Travel voucher payments are a high priority and payment is usually processed either the same day or within a day or two of receiving the voucher from the Executive Secretary. This will save on postage and reduce the number of hand written checks issued. The Debit Card system provides a monetary relief to the President, Past-President, and Executive Secretary who incur the most travel expenses. It does, however, provide a challenge to monitor. A less time consuming method to better monitor receipts and charges needs to be developed.

The Board of Directors’ meetings and conference calls held this year includes:

- Post Conference BOD Meeting – August 23, 2007, Honolulu, HI
- BOD Meeting – October 22, 2007 (NAPPO)
- BOD Meeting – November 7, 2007
- BOD Conference Call – December 13, 2007
- BOD Conference Call – January 10, 2008
- BOD Conference Call – February 14, 2008
- BOD Conference Call – March 13, 2008
- BOD Conference Call – April 10, 2008
- BOD Conference Call – June 12, 2008

The Secretary/Treasurer’s report has a total of three NPB financial reports.

The first report is the **NPB Financial Report 1: FY 2007 Final Statement**. This statement indicates that the NPB ended fiscal year 2007 with an account balance of $54,212. It shows actual income and expenditures during the 2007 fiscal year (9/1/06-8/31/07). It also shows that we had not yet collected any funds from the 2007 Safeguarding Cooperative Agreement and we received funding from the prior year cooperative agreement during 2007. The Safeguarding Cooperative Agreement began June 1, 2007 and the BRS cooperative agreement began on 9/1/07 of the following fiscal year.

The second financial report is titled **NPB Financial Report 2: FY 2008 (Actual)**. This is an actual accounting of finances through June 30, 2008 for the current fiscal year. This statement indicates the NPB received funds from five cooperative agreements this year. Three from previous cooperative agreements and two that are currently in place: FY 2008 Safeguarding, and FY 2007 Biotechnology Regulatory Services.

The third financial report is titled **NPB Financial Report 3: FY 08 Budget Comparison and Proposed Budget for FY 09**. This is a comparison of the current FY 2008 estimated ending budget against the approved proposed FY 2008 budget. The third budget column is the proposed FY 2009 budget. The proposed budget includes the agreed upon contract costs for the Executive Secretary. This year the NPB President and the Executive Secretary have agreed to the same terms as the previous year.
The Executive Secretary has renewed the Safeguarding Cooperative Agreement, which will end on November 12, 2008. He and President Gray Haun will be working with PPQ and BRS staff to assess the need to renew both cooperative agreements for FY 2009. The final billing for both cooperative agreements will be submitted at the beginning of next fiscal year. The final payment, of course, will not be received until next fiscal year, as well.

Respectively submitted:

Michael E. Cooper
National Plant Board
Secretary-Treasurer
September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007

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September 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

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NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

2007 National Plant Board

The Nominations Committee sets forth the following slate of officers for nomination to the National Plant Board (NPB) leadership in 2007-2008:

**President:** Gray Haun, Tennessee (SPB)

**Vice President:** Carl Schulze, New Jersey (EPB)

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Mike Cooper, Idaho (WPB)

**Past President:** Ken Rauscher, Michigan (CPB)

Gray Haun graciously accepted the National Plant Board Presidency, and Ken will continue to serve the Board as Past President. We look forward to another year under their able leadership. Carl Schulze will move up to the Vice President position. Mike Cooper has accepted the position of Secretary-Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted by:

**2006 Nominating Committee:**

Faith Kuehn, EPB – Chair
Richard Gaskalla, SPB
Dave Nelson, CPB
Claire Allen, WPB
POLICY AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

2007 National Plant Board

The Policy and Resolutions Committee Report was presented by Gene Cross, Chair. Resolutions were approved with changes. Final Resolutions and Letters are included in these Proceedings.

Submitted by:

Policy and Resolutions Committee

Gene Cross, NC – Chair
Bob Mungari, NY
Robin Pruisner, IA
Ann Gibbs, ME
Kevin Fridley, SD
Brad White, WA
John O’Brien, NV
Gray Haun, TN, Vice President
Ken Rauscher, MI, NPB President (Consultant)
NATIONAL PLANT BOARD
August 22, 2007
Honolulu, Hawaii

RESOLUTION No. 1

APPRECIATION TO THE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
PLANT INDUSTRY DIVISION

The National Plant Board Meeting held on August 19-23, 2007, in Honolulu, Hawaii was
wonderfully arranged, hosted and organized by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture,
Plant Industry Division and the USDA,APHIS,PPQ staff. Each of the Hawaiian staff
members were exceedingly accommodating, professional, hospitable and warm; the
meeting was remarkably successful and enjoyable for all; and we had great food,
fellowship, and fun in a beautiful setting.

RESOLVED by the membership of the National Plant Board at its 81st annual meeting in
Honolulu, Hawaii on Wednesday, August 22, 2007, that we sincerely thank Joan Batula,
Marian Chun, JoAnn Cruse, Jonathan Ho, Yolisa Ishibashi, Christa Linkins, Gayle
Nakamura, Carol Okada, Lauren Okada, Malcolm Onaga, Debbie Pfeffer, Betsy
Polhemus, Carol Russell, Todd Suda, Melonie Torillo, Raechelle Joyo, John Ueshiro,
Dean Yoshizu, Sue Sakamoto, Janelle Saneishi, and Lyle Wong for their outstanding
work in the preparation and implementation of this meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the National Plant Board, we sincerely thank the
meeting’s sponsors for their generous support of the 2007 meeting. The following
sponsors generously supported our meeting this year: Alexander & Baldwin Foundation,
Aloun Farms, American Nursery & Landscape Association, Armstrong Produce, Big
Island Dendrobium Grower’s Association, Dole Food Company Hawai‘i,
DowAgrosciences, Green Point Nurseries, HAM Produce & Seafood, Hawai‘i Air Cargo,
Hawai‘i Anthurium Industry Association, Hawai‘i Dendrobium Grower’s Association,
Hawai‘i Department of Agriculture, Hawai‘i Export Nursery Association, Hawai‘i Farm
Bureau Federation, Hawai‘i Florist and Shippers Association, Hawai‘i Fruit Company,
Hawai‘i Tropical Flowers Council, Hawaiian Host Chocolates, Ken Kamiya Farm, Kini
Po-Po Creations, Kona Brewing Company, Kona Coffee Farmers Association, La Vida
Dulce Winery, Monsanto, North Shore Farmers, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Puna-
Hawai‘i King Papaya Cooperative, Syngenta Crop Protection, Taipei Economic &
Cultural Office of Honolulu, USDA, APHIS, PPQ, Winning Orchids.

Motion to adopt: Gene Cross, Chair, Resolutions/Policy Committee
Seconded by: Ann Gibbs

Distribution:
Sandra Lee Kunimoto, Chairperson, Hawaii Department of Agriculture
Lyle Wong, Hawaii Department of Agriculture
Gray Haun, President, National Plant Board
Board of Directors, National Plant Board
RESOLUTION No. 2

NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR MITIGATION OF RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MOVEMENT OF FIREWOOD

The introduction and movement of invasive and exotic forest pests is often accelerated and assisted by human activities. State and federal agencies have implemented regulatory strategies to address a number of known pest pathways such as commercial log and nursery stock movement. Firewood, however, is a pathway that is outside of normal regulatory restrictions and is moved largely by private individuals with little or no knowledge about quarantine or regulatory restrictions. Firewood has great potential to introduce highly destructive forest pests such as gypsy moth, emerald ash borer, and Asian longhorned beetle into new uninfested susceptible locations. States which may be impacted by these introductions have little or no ability or authority to inform or interact with interstate travelers or tourists.

RESOLVED, by the membership of the National Plant Board at its 81st annual meeting in Honolulu, HI on August 22, 2007, that USDA, APHIS and USDA Forest Service develop, in cooperation with the National Plant Board and the National Association of State Foresters, a national education and outreach program with a clear national message that is consistent and uniform across state lines. The goal of the program is informing interstate tourists and travelers that firewood has the potential to introduce dangerous and damaging plant pests and as such should not be carried for long distances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that USDA develop and approve criteria/processes that would mitigate the movement of pests in firewood. Processes would include heat treatment methods for firewood along with other methods that could be adopted by the commercial firewood industry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that USDA, APHIS should immediately start the process to federally regulate the interstate movement of firewood as a commodity.

Motion to adopt: Gene Cross, Chair, Resolutions/Policy Committee
Seconded by: Harry Fulton

Distribution:
Cindy Smith, Administrator, USDA, APHIS
Dr. Richard Dunkle, Deputy Administrator, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Vic Harabin, Eastern Regional Director, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Phil Garcia, Western Regional Director, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Dr. Rob Mangold, Forest Service, Chief Forest Health
E. Austin Short III, National Association of State Foresters
Kirk Rowdabaugh, National Association of State Foresters
Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary, US Dept. of Interior
Rick Kirchhoff, CEO, NASDA
Bob Ehart, NASDA
Frank Lowenstein, The Nature Conservancy
Gray Haun, President, National Plant Board
Regional Plant Board Presidents
RESOLUTION No. 3

SIREX NOCTILIO BIOLOGICAL CONTROL AND QUARANTINE

Since its 2005 discovery in New York State, the *Sirex noctilio* wood wasp has been found in Pennsylvania, Ontario Canada and most recently Michigan. A USDA Science Advisory Panel, composed of forest health experts from four countries, was formed to provide management and control recommendations. The panel has recognized the high mobility of *Sirex noctilio* and the threat it poses to North American pine resources. They recommended a three-part response consisting of survey to delimit the infestation; regulatory action to minimize the risk of artificial spread; and biological control to suppress the population.

RESOLVED by the membership of the National Plant Board at its 81st annual meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii on August 22, 2007, that USDA implement the USDA Science Panel’s recommendations including a sound biological control program, along with a quarantine as recommended by the panel. Further, it is expected that regulating the movement of all high risk articles including red pine poles and white pine log homes will more effectively slow the spread of *Sirex noctilio* and better protect the remainder of North America.

Motion to adopt: Gene Cross, Chair, Resolutions/Policy Committee
Seconded by: Ken Rauscher

Distribution:
Cindy Smith, Administrator, USDA, APHIS
Richard Dunkle, Deputy Administrator, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Vic Harabin, Eastern Regional Director, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Phil Garcia, Western Regional Director, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Rick Kirchhoff, CEO, NASDA
Bob Ehart, NASDA
Dr. Rob Mangold, USDA Forest Service, Chief of Forest Health
E. Austin Short III, National Association of State Foresters
Kirk Rowdabaugh, National Association of State Foresters
Gray Haun, President, National Plant Board
Regional Plant Board Presidents
The gypsy moth remains a highly destructive, exotic forest pest that was accidentally introduced into the United States in 1869. While this pest has been detected in the United States for over 100 years, more than 70% of our susceptible forests, primarily in the southern and Midwestern sectors of the country, have not yet been affected by this pest and remain at risk.

The Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread (GM STS) Foundation, Inc. was established as a model cooperative program to manage this pest. Since the establishment of the GM STS Foundation, the program has been successful in significantly reducing the spread and impact of the gypsy moth. While GM STS Foundation member states have directly benefited from the implementation of this program, other neighboring southern states including Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina also see direct or indirect benefits.

The House and Senate Subcommittees on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies have completed their appropriations reports for the 2008 funding year. For the USDA Forest Service, the House Committee recommended funding forest health management at the 2007 enacted level. In addition, they recommended the forest health program should continue to stress strategic funding allocations and should continue the slow-the-spread, suppression and eradication efforts for the gypsy moth at or near historic levels, depending on pest activity. The Senate Committee also recommended funding forest health management at or above the 2007 enacted levels; however, the language regarding the importance of gypsy moth programs was omitted from the Senate report. In the absence of specific direction such as that included in the House report, funding for the gypsy moth slow-the-spread, suppression, and eradication efforts will be reduced by approximately 50% when compared to historic levels. This reduction is occurring despite the fact that the northeastern U.S. is experiencing the worst outbreak of gypsy moth since the 1980’s.

RESOLVED by the membership of the National Plant Board at its 81st annual meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii on August 22, 2007, that our cooperating partners work directly with the House and Senate Subcommittees on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies to ensure specific language is included in both the House and Senate Subcommittee reports related to the gypsy moth program and full funding be granted for the yearly implementation of the gypsy moth program.

Motion to adopt: Gene Cross, Chair, Resolutions/Policy Committee
Seconded by: Gary Gibson
Distribution:
Mark B. Rey, Undersecretary, USDA, Natural Resources and Environment
Gail Kimbell, Chief, USDA Forest Service
Dr. Rob Mangold, Director, USDA, FS, Forest Health Protection
E. Austin Short III, President, NASF
Kirk Rowdabaugh, NASF
Rick Kirchhoff, CEO, NASDA
Gus Douglass, Chairman, Animal and Plant Industries Committee, NASDA
Bob Ehart, NASDA
Gray Haun, National Plant Board
Regional Plant Board Presidents
RESOLUTION No. 5

REQUEST FOR NATIONAL SURVEY FOR EXOTIC HONEY BEE PESTS

The USDA, APHIS, PPQ-Veterinary Services continues to receive requests from foreign countries to import packaged honey bees and queens to the United States. In order to protect the U.S. beekeeping industry from the introduction of exotic pests, especially *Tropilaelaps clareae*, *Nosema cerana*, *Apis mellifera capensis*, other Varroa species, and Israeli Acute Paralysis Virus as well as other species of pests not yet found in the U.S., a national survey is justified. There are also specific concerns related to a request from Germany regarding importations since *Nosema cerana* is known to exist and is near Spain where extensive losses to honey bee colonies have occurred.

RESOLVED by the membership of the National Plant Board at its 81st annual meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii on August 22, 2007, that we request USDA, APHIS, PPQ Veterinary Services to fully fund and implement a national survey for exotic honey bee pests. A national survey is a critical element for establishing scientifically-based information and would permit the safe importation and exportation of honey bees, while safeguarding our apicultural industry and pollination needs that are essential for food and fiber production.

Motion to adopt: Gene Cross, Chair, Resolutions/Policy Committee
Seconded by: Sancho Dickinson

Distribution:
Dr. Chuck Lambert, Deputy Undersecretary, USDA Marketing and Regulatory Programs
Dr. Edward Knipling, Administrator, USDA, ARS
Dr. Richard Dunkle, Deputy Administrator, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Vic Harabin, Eastern Regional Director, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Phil Garcia, Western Regional Director, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Dr. Jere Dick, Assistant Director, USDA, APHIS, VS
Jerry Hayes, President, Apiary Inspectors of America
Kevin J. Hackett, National Program Leader, USDA, ARS
Rick Kirchhoff, CEO, NASDA
Gus Douglass, Chair, NASDA, Animal and Plant Industries Committee
Gray Haun, President, National Plant Board
Regional Plant Board Presidents
RESOLUTION No. 6

STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY REDESIGN INITIATIVE

A joint initiative is underway between the USDA Forest Service and state foresters to review and determine how available agency resources might be more effectively prioritized and focused within the agency. This initiative, denoted as the State and Private Forestry (S&PF) Redesign, is recommending that state and regional assessments be conducted with an emphasis on competitive resource allocation as a means of ensuring that federal S&PF funds are invested in projects that meet this standard. The primary focus is to allocate funding such that meaningful outcomes are generated at the field level.

For FY 2008, up to 15% of the S&PF allocation will be invested in projects that are selected through a competitive process. This competitive process is expected to be administered through USDA Forest Service and state forester leadership. In succeeding years, additional funds are to be assimilated into the competitive grant process with a target goal of 65% within five years.

To date, the National Plant Board, along with other cooperating partners, have not been fully engaged in the S&PF Redesign discussions and review process. As first level cooperating partners and agencies with mandated responsibilities for regulatory enforcement, there is a need to fully integrate concerns of this group into the decision-making process. This redesign, as currently outlined, has the potential to reduce allocations that are currently available to the regulatory agencies by placing these funds into the competitive process. A portion of these funds may eventually be returned to key regulatory programs, but not likely as part of a coordinated program response. With this redesign, federal and state programs are not expected to be able to respond as effectively to future emergency pest outbreaks without potentially seeking supplemental emergency funding or funding through CCC.

RESOLVED by the membership of the National Plant Board at its 81st annual meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii on August 22, 2007, that we request that the USDA, Forest Service, along with its supportive partner, the National Association of State Foresters, work jointly to ensure continued dialogue and input is obtained from the NPB membership as part of its implementation of the State and Private Forestry re-organization efforts. Continued discussion regarding the new funding policy is critical to ensure funding is readily available for regulatory, eradication, and suppression programs, along with funding for surveying/monitoring program for state agencies to respond to continued introduction of pests impacting our forestry resources.

Motion made by: Gene Cross, Chair, Resolutions/Policy Committee
Seconded by: Shashank Nilakhe
**Distribution:**
James Hubbard, Deputy Chief, USDA, State and Private Forestry
Dr. Rob Mangold, Director, USDA Forest Service, Forest Health Protection
Michael Raines, Director, USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Research Station
Paul Reis, Director, USDA Forest Service, State and Private Forestry
Kathryn Maloney, Director, USDA Forest Service, Northwestern Area, State and Private Forestry
Austin Short III, NASF
Kirk Rowdabaugh, NASF
Rick Kirchhoff, CEO, NASDA
Gus Douglass, NASDA, Animal and Plant Industries Committee
Bob Ehart, NASDA
Gray Haun, President, National Plant Board
Regional Plant Board Presidents
STREAMLINED PROCESS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NEW TREATMENT METHODS

In order for a new approved treatment to be included in the Code of Federal Regulations, experimental data must be collected and analyzed by USDA personnel to determine the material’s effect on the pest species. Once an EPA registered pesticide is determined to be efficacious against a pest, it must be incorporated as part of the Code of Federal Regulations prior to its use as a legally approved quarantine treatment. This process may take as long as 18-24 months. These delays often create economic burdens, hamper the movement of materials, and lead to a reduced profitability for producers and brokers.

RESOLVED by the membership of the National Plant Board at its 81st annual meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii on August 22, 2007, that USDA, APHIS, PPQ develop and implement a streamlined process for the review and approval of new treatment methods. This process would permit EPA registered pesticides that have been approved by USDA, APHIS, PPQ staff and researchers to be legally binding upon listing in the individual program manuals. Treatment materials included in program manuals could be legally used in quarantine programs during the period they are being incorporated into the Code of Federal Regulations. This process would accelerate the use of materials found by USDA, APHIS, PPQ program staff and researchers to be efficacious for plant pests.

Motion made by: Gene Cross, Chair, Resolutions/Policy Committee
Seconded by: Richard Gaskalla

Distribution:
Cindy Smith, Administrator, USDA, APHIS,
Dr. Richard Dunkle, Deputy Administrator, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Vic Harabin, Eastern Regional Director, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Phil Garcia, Western Regional Director, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Rick Kirchhoff, CEO, NASDA
Gus Douglass, NASDA, Animal and Plant Industries Committee
Bob Ehart, NASDA
Craig Regelbrugge, ANLA, Vice-President of Government Relations and Research
Gray Haun, President, National Plant Board
Regional Plant Board Presidents
Dr. Richard Dunkle
Deputy Administrator
USDA-APHIS-PPQ
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
J.L. Whitten Bldg., Room 302-E
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Rick:

At the 2007 NPB business meeting, member states approved and re-confirmed their full support for adequate funding of the Citrus Health Response Plan and Program, along with the adoption of scientifically and biologically justified federal regulations permitting the movement of citrus fruit, citrus plants and other citrus products. As you are aware, citrus production is of critical importance to the U.S. agricultural economy. Unfortunately, this industry is currently being threatened by the continued introduction and spread of serious exotic citrus pests and diseases including citrus canker, citrus greening and the Asian citrus psyllid, the vector for greening. In the foreseeable future, there are likely to be additional and challenging introductions.

Management plans have been implemented for these pests and diseases, along with strict new regulations governing the production of citrus nursery stock. These management plans are the result of a collaborative effort between regulators, growers, and USDA-APHIS-PPQ and have been implemented into the Citrus Health Response Plan.

At this point, it remains imperative that USDA-APHIS continue to fund the Citrus Health Response in all citrus-producing states in order that surveys for exotic citrus pests might be conducted as required for early detection or eradication of these pests. The NPB fully supports the development of biologically justified regulations that minimize the risk of pest and disease spread and allow for the orderly interstate movement of fresh citrus fruit, citrus nursery stock, and other citrus products.

If I can provide additional background on this issue, please do not hesitate to let me know. I look forward to working with you with this initiative.

Sincerely,

Gray Haun
President, National Plant Board

c: Cindy Smith
Vic Harabin
Phil Garcia
Bob Ehart
Regional Plant Board Presidents

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Dear Rick:

As follow-up to the 2006 National Plant Board resolution titled Program Activities Following the Phytophthora ramorum Federal Order, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you and your agency for continuing to track and respond to this critical issue. While significant progress has been made, the disease remains a problem for many states.

During our 2007 NPB business meeting, we discussed the current status of the Phytophthora ramorum issue. While there has been significant progress and understanding of the program needs, there are additional issues of concern to the NPB. Of specific concern at this time is a need for USDA-APHIS-PPQ to focus on specific regulatory activities for sudden oak death high and medium-risk plants. Regulatory program activities must continue to protect uninfected areas.

Additionally, the NPB urges USDA-APHIS-PPQ to provide continued support for research and development of improved and economically viable field diagnostic tools for the early determination of Phytophthora ramorum. The delays experienced at the field level, significant in many cases, continue to create problems for NPB member states. Practical diagnostic tools would greatly aid our field personnel.

If I can provide additional clarification regarding these issues, please do not hesitate to let me know. I look forward to continuing to work with you, agency staff, and other partners in responding to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Gray Haun
President, National Plant Board

Cindy Smith
Vic Harabin
Phil Garcia
Bob Ehart
Regional Plant Board Presidents
October 17, 2007

Dr. Richard Dunkle
Deputy Administrator
USDA-APHIS-PPQ
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
J.L. Whitten Bldg., Room 302-E
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Rick:

At the 2007 NPB business meeting, member states discussed the National Clean Plant Network (NCPN) and requested that I re-affirm the NPB’s full support and funding for this initiative.

In a cooperative effort among USDA agencies, including APHIS-PPQ, CREES and ARS, along with state departments of agriculture, land grant universities and private industry, the NCPN was established. As conceived, the mission of the NCPN is to protect U.S. specialty crop agriculture and the environment from the spread of targeted plant pathogens and pests by focusing on any potential movement through asexual propagation. The NCPN will establish and maintain regional centers to encourage and facilitate the use of plants for planting that are pathogen and pest-free. It is expected these functions will greatly improve the environment and economic sustainability of specialty crop industries and will contribute in a major way to improved economics in the communities that depend on these industries.

Sincerely,

Gray Haun
President, National Plant Board

c: Cindy Smith
   Vic Harabin
   Phil Garcia
   Bob Ehart
   Regional Plant Board Presidents
Dear Rick:

At the 2007 NPB business meeting, member states confirmed their support for a program review that would identify and develop collaborative initiatives that might exist between the Golden Nematode (GN) and the Potato Cyst Nematode (PCN) programs in the U.S. It is anticipated this initiative would assist in identifying primary agency roles and responsibilities of the cooperators, along with overall program funding needs.

The NPB is pleased with the federal agency response to the recent discovery of *G. pallida* in Idaho and fully supports continued work with this pest. However, the NPB remains concerned with the plight of the GN in New York. For more than 60 years, this pest has been contained within the State of New York. With the advance of a harmonization program for seed potatoes, events surrounding the recent discovery of *G. pallida* in Idaho, an outbreak of *G. rostochiensis* in Quebec, coupled with the spread of *G. rostochiensis* (Ro2) in New York, a joint review of quarantine effort is due.

In May 1995, the National Plant Board Council, along with the APHIS-PPQ Management Team, appointed a science panel to review, evaluate and make recommendations regarding the GN program. The GN Quarantine Review Panel was charged with evaluating the effectiveness of the program, the potential for eradication, the application of biotechnology into the traditional breeding program, and whether or not the existing budget was adequate for effective implementation of the program. The report generated by this panel, *The Golden Nematode: Future Strategies for Quarantine and Management* was forwarded to USDA-APHIS and New York State Department of Agriculture and Marketing Administration.
Since that time, a new biotype of the GN was discovered (Ro2) in 1994 and has been reported in ten production fields. Unfortunately, the resistance variety development program has not succeeded in breeding a (Ro2) table stock or chipping variety satisfactory to commercial growers. In addition, the surprise discovery of PCN in Idaho and a GN outbreak in Quebec, Canada has elevated concerns with respect to potato cyst nematodes in North America.

The rapid response to the infestation of PCN was surprising in that the New York GN control program has sought increased support at both the federal and state levels for years. From a regulatory perspective, the significance of PCN and GN are parallel. The failure to contain either could have an enormous regulatory impact upon our exports.

As such, the NPB supports a programmatic review of the Golden Nematode Program. This programmatic review should be conducted by the USDA-APHIS-PPQ, in cooperation with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Division of Plant Industry and the USDA-APHIS-PPQ State Plant Health Director’s Office.

It is anticipated the objective of the review should focus on what is needed to improve program efficiencies and effectiveness, identifying primary roles and responsibilities of cooperators along with overall funding needs. This review should also identify specific opportunities for collaboration between the New York and Idaho programs and the National Survey for Potato Cyst Nematodes in the U.S.

The NPB supports the periodic review of major quarantine and eradication efforts. The safeguarding of American Plant Resources is dependent upon sustaining and maintaining existing efforts while responding to new emerging plant pest issues.

If I can provide additional clarification regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to let me know. I look forward to continuing to work with you, agency staff, and other partners in responding to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Gray Haun
President, National Plant Board

c: Cindy Smith
Vic Harabin
Phil Garcia
Bob Ehart
Regional Plant Board Presidents
President Gray Haun (TN) called the meeting to order at 1:40 a.m. Hawaii DT. Executive Secretary Aurelio Posadas and the following Board of Directors (BOD) members were present:

C. Allen (UT)  S. Nilakhe (TX)  A. Gibbs (ME)  B. White (WA)  G. Cross (NC)  K. Fridley (SD)  K. Rauscher (MI)

Agenda Items:

1. **Past BOD Meeting Minutes:** The BOD discussed last year’s minutes. Ken Rauscher (MI) moved to accept the minutes, Brad White (WA) seconded and the motion passed. The BOD also discussed and agreed to have future minutes go out by e-mail to the BOD for approval.

2. **NAPPO, Nov 22-26:** It was agreed that the Executive Committee comprised of President Gray Haun, Vice President Carl Schulze, Secretary-Treasurer Michael Cooper, Past President Ken Rauscher, and the Executive Secretary would attend NAPPO, if they are available. The other BOD members would check to see who is available to attend. Four additional BOD members are needed to attend this year; a total of eight will be funded to attend.

3. **NPB-PPQ Executive Team Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for November 5-8, 2007 at Fredrick, Maryland. There is also a BRS meeting being contemplated. There is no set agenda yet. Discussion occurred regarding issues from the NPB membership. Not a lot of issues came from the membership. We need to work on this. The BOD also discussed the need for the board to meet more often via conference call. It was agreed to have BOD conference calls the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. EDT

4. **Wood Pallet (SWPM) Meeting:** The BOD discussed the upcoming Solid Wood Packing Material meeting scheduled for the end of September. Possible individuals to attend were identified. The possible attendees were Carol Holko (MD), Geir Friisoe (MN), and Ken Rauscher (MI).

5. **NPB Committees:** The BOD discussed the NPB committee vacancies. Committees discussed were Export Board of Advisors, Imported Fire Ant, and the Post Entry Quarantine. Possible members were discussed. Also discussed was Gordon Gohr’s discussion on University Regulatory programs.

6. **Federal Budget:** The BOD discussed how to keep track of the Federal budget. The NPB needs to get a handle on budget bills in order to time NPB comments on budget issues that are important to the NPB. It was noted that we also need to keep our Department of Agriculture Commissioners/Secretaries/Directors informed in order for them to make appropriate comments on the Federal budget.
7. **GUAM:** The BOD discussed the possibility of Guam joining the NPB. Guam already discussed the issue with the Western Plant Board. They are interested in keeping trade with Hawaii, the mainland and back to Guam smooth. The WPB has invited Guam to submit a letter to them requesting membership to the WPB. Ann Gibbs (ME) also brought up the interest by their neighboring Canadian Province in joining the Eastern Plant Board. The Canadian Province can join the Regional Plant Board if EPB by-laws allow it, but they cannot be a member of the NPB. There is an issue with Guam, which is a Commonwealth, as the NPB by-laws do not include Commonwealths. The Executive Secretary will look into this issue of Guam becoming a member of the NPB.

8. **Annual Meeting Participation:** Ken Rauscher (MI) wanted to discuss participation at the annual meeting. The basic issue was the need to encourage NPB members' participation at the Annual meeting. Discussion ensued. Some of the comments made were: We need more state experiences as presentations with state presenters; need more time for states to speak and meet amongst themselves; there is a need to adjust the agenda in order for PPQ and NPB to meet separately amongst themselves. The BOD also discussed methods on getting better involvement by NPB members at the Thursday session. It was noted that members did not speak up on issues at the Thursday session. The issue of our business meeting being a closed session for NPB members only was also brought up. It was agreed to ask non-members to leave before we begin our meeting next year.

9. **Federal Register Comments:** Discussion centered on the need to receive information/comments from states on Federal Register Notices. State comments, when requested, are needed in a timely manner in order for the NPB as a whole to provide timely “official NPB comments” to the Register.

10. **Meeting Adjourned:** Clair Allen (UT) moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Ken Rauscher (MI), motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. Hawaii DT.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Members of the National Plant Board sincerely and wholeheartedly appreciate the planning, long hours of preparation, and hosting performed by the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture.

Special thanks are extended to: Carol Russell, USDA, APHIS, PPQ; but especially to Dean Yoshizu and Lyle Wong with HDOA and their many assistants working in the background and the foreground at the Hawaii National Plant Board Annual Meeting.

Aurelio Posadas
Executive Secretary
National Plant Board