83rd Annual Meeting
August 9 -13, 2009
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Proceedings of 2009

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2009 National Plant Board
Officers

President          Walker (Gray) Haun, TN
Vice President     Carl Schulze, NJ
Secretary-Treasurer Michael Cooper, ID
Past President     Ken Rauscher, MI

2009 National Plant Board
Board of Directors

Central Plant Board
Ken Rauscher, MI – Past President
Geir Friisoe, MN
Phil Marshall, IN
Alternate - Vacant

Eastern Plant Board
Carl Schulze, NJ - Vice President
Ann Gibbs, ME
Gary Gibson, WV
Faith Kuehn, DE - Alternate

Southern Plant Board
Gray Haun, TN - President
Gene Cross, NC
Shashank Nilakhe, TX
Richard Gaskalla, FL - Alternate

Western Plant Board
Mike Cooper, ID – Secretary/Treasurer
Lyle Wong, HI
Clair Allen, UT
Doug Warner, AK - Alternate
2009 NPB ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Members
Gary Gibson, WV – Chair    Harry Fulton, MS

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

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

Members
Ann Gibbs, ME – Chair    Larry Nichols, VA
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 membership at the Thursday business meeting

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Members
Ken Rauscher, MI – Chair    Terry Walker, AR
Clair Allen - UT

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

POLICY AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Members
Collin Wamsley, MO - Co-Chair    Gene Cross, NC - Co-Chair
Geir Friisoe, MN    Ann Gibbs, ME    Gary Gibson, WV
Lyle Wong, HI    Dan Hilburn, OR    Sancho Dickenson, OK

Assignment:
1. Determine which of the 2008 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.
## 2009 National Plant Board Standing Committees

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August 9 -13, 2009

Section I

General Proceedings
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August 9, 2009

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<td>State of the National Plant Board</td>
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### Remarks by PPQ Deputy Administrator
Rebecca Bech, USDA APHIS PPQ

### Updates from US Forest Service
Dr. Robert Mangold, US Forest Service

### News from National Plant Diagnostic Network
Carla Thomas, University of California, Davis

### PHIS requirements: data granularity / resolution issues
Todd Schroeder, USDA APHIS PPQ

### Panel Discussion: Biological control – what is the future
Dr. Jo-Ann Bentz-Blanco, Ken Bloem, Richard Gaskalla

### National Plant Board 101
This is a National Plant Board orientation that is open to meeting attendees, especially for new SPROs and SPHDs. The presentation will cover the structure and function of the National Plant Board.

### Dinner on your own

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August 11, 2009

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<td>Irradiation as a plant quarantine treatment: Status &amp; Issues</td>
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<td>Dr. Frank Lowenstein, TNC; Dr. Bill Handy, Oklahoma State University, Jacob Hegeman, USDA APHIS LPA</td>
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<td>Stakeholder Issues &amp; New technologies</td>
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<td>Greg Stubbings, Director, Plant Health Division, Canadian Food Inspection Agency</td>
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<td>10:20 – 10:40 a.m.</td>
<td>NAPPO- Status of Seed Panel – NPB Panel Opportunities</td>
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10:40 – 11:00 a.m.  Remarks by BRS Deputy Administrator
                      Michael Gregoire, USDA APHIS BRS

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Panel Discussion:
                          Japanese Beetle Harmonization Plan – Disharmony?
                          Andrea Simao, Gray Haun, Jeanetta Cooper, Mark Andrews

12:00- 1:15 p.m.  Lunch (provided) – 18th Century Ballroom

1:15 – 1:45 p.m.  CBP – Special Topic
                    Kevin Harriger, US DHS CBP

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.  Panel: National P. ramorum Program
                    Dr. David Kaplan, USDA APHIS PPQ

2:45 – 3:15 p.m.  Break – 2nd Floor Lobby

3:15 – 4:00 p.m.  Panel: National P. ramorum Program (cont’d):
                    David Kaplan, Carl Schulze, Craig Regelbrugge, Jonathan Jones, Rob
                    Mangold, Russ Bullock, Scott Pfister

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  National Plant Board Committee Meetings

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  Banquet- Awards (provided) – 18th Century Ballroom

9:00 – 11:00 p.m.  Hospitality Room 1215

WEDNESDAY
August 12, 2009

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<td>NPB Member Only Business Meeting – 19th &amp; 20th Century Ballroom</td>
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<td>ANLA Update – 19th &amp; 20th Century Ballroom</td>
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<td>National Clean Plant Network</td>
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<td>Phytosanitary Certification Fees – Implementation</td>
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<td>Special Topic: Farm Bill 10210 &amp;10202 Implementation</td>
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### 2009 Agenda Committee

- Walker “Gray” Haun, TN, NPB President
- Carl Schulze, NJ, NPB Vice-president, Chair
- Mike Cooper, ID, NPB Secretary-Treasurer
- Sancho Dickinson, OK, Local Host
- Jeanetta Cooper, OK
- Carol Holko, MD
- Gary Gibson, WV, EPB
- Donna Rise, MT, WPB
- Tom Harrison, OH, CPB
- Aurelio Posadas, NPB Executive Secretary
- Paula Henstridge, USDA APHIS PPQ
- Thomas Scott, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
- Keith Colpetzer, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
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2009 NPB Meeting Attendees

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On behalf of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry I would like to welcome the State and Commonwealth Plant Regulatory Officials, Plant Board members, USDA APHIS PPQ, Customs and Border Protection, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, and Director General de Sanidad Vegetal (Mexican Department of Agriculture) to Oklahoma and the 83rd Annual National Plant Board Meeting. We are pleased to have you here in Oklahoma City to discuss ways to protect the health of North American agriculture.

Oklahoma has over 83,000 farms with a total of 33,734,000 farm acres and agriculture is Oklahoma's major industry. Our top three commodities are cattle, swine and poultry. Our agronomic crops such as wheat, cotton, soybeans, peanuts, sorghum make up most of our plant related production of 10,250,000 acres. Twenty percent of Oklahoma is forestland and the bulk of this land is privately owned and managed.

The nursery and greenhouse production firms in eastern Oklahoma counties are some of the largest in the United States producing more than $175 million worth of horticultural crops a year. Oklahoma has 13,132 acres of nursery production, 3,426,000 square feet of greenhouse production with 418 licensed nursery growers and 1,795 licensed nursery/floral dealers.

Agriculture’s annual economic impact to the Oklahoma is over $9 billion.

Our Plant Protection Staff are a small but extremely dedicated, hard working group and they have worked diligently to provide you with everything they could think of that will make this a memorable and productive meeting. I hope you enjoy your visit to Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

Terry Peach
Secretary of Agriculture
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NATIONAL PLANT BOARD  
Meeting Presentations  

National Plant Board meeting presentations are available on CD upon request from the National Plant Board Executive Secretary. Please refer to the 2009 general meeting agenda for topics and presenter information. In addition, presentations may be available from the individual speakers. Presenter contact information is available under “List of Speakers” beginning on page 18.  

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Section II

General Business Meeting
& Committee Reports
National Plant Board  
Pre-Board of Director’s Meeting  
Oklahoma City, Ok  
August 9, 2009

President Gray Haun (TN) called the meeting to order at 2:00p.m. Vice President Carl Schulze (NJ), Secretary/Treasurer Mike Cooper (ID), Past President Ken Rauscher, (MI), Executive Secretary Aurelio Posadas and the following Board of Directors (BOD) were present:

Gene Cross, NC   Gary Gibson, WV   Ann Gibbs, ME
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Absent: Geir Friisoe MN; Clair Allen, UT; Phil Marshall, IN; and Doug Warner AK
Also present: new member Vicki Smith, CT

Agenda Item:

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by President Haun

2. **Roll Call:** Mike Cooper, Secretary Treasurer took roll and 10 members were present, as listed above.

3. **Local Arrangements Committee Update:** Sancho Dickinson and Jeanetta Cooper (OK) provided a current update on local arrangements. They reported that things were going well with 179 full meeting registrations not including guests and single day registrations. Registrations include 66 USDA and 22 CBP.

4. **Agenda Committee Update:** Carl Schulze (NJ) reported everything okay and thanks to the committee members. Carl suggested that if any resolutions come from the regional meetings that they can be dealt with during the General Business meeting. It was noted that Lin Schmale, Society of American Florists did not get *Ralstonia* on the agenda. Agreed that the regional presidents would report back on their breakout meeting during the General Business meeting. Monday Meeting agenda items were discussed and agreed to. Pioneer issue regarding export phyto’s was discussed. It was agreed to add National Nursery Certification to give members a heads up on this issue and to add this to the agenda for the November 2009 NPB/PPQ Joint Meeting. Completed review of the remaining possible Monday meeting agenda items.

5. **Secretary/Treasurers Report and Minutes from last meetings:** Secretary Treasurer Mike Cooper handed out the proposed 2009 NPB budget for discussion. The budget was approved for presenting to the General Membership for their vote to accept or reject it.
6. The Board of Directors 2007 minutes for the Post-Annual Meeting, November Board meeting and the NAPPO BOD meeting were reviewed and discussed by the group. The August 23, 2007 Post-BOD meeting was dealt with first. Robin Pruisner (IA) moved to accept the minutes with minor changes. Gray Haun (TN) seconded and the motion passed. The NAPPO BOD meeting of October 23, 2007 was reviewed and discussed. Carl Schulze (NJ) moved to accept the minutes. Claire Allen (UT) seconded and the motion passed. The November 7, 2007 meeting was reviewed, discussed and passed.

7. **Treasurer’s Report 2009 Budget:**
A couple of Annual Meeting issues were brought up for discussion at this time. The issue of the NPB providing seed money (if needed and they generally do) to the Annual Meeting host state was brought up. This seed money is generally $5,000 and is not a gift. The expectation is that the meeting will pay for it self via the registration fees. Additionally, any profit beyond the $5,000 should go towards the following years meeting. After discussion, Rauscher moved that the host state should repay the seed money provided by the NPB and any other profits should be returned to be utilized for the following years meeting. Robin Pruisner seconded and the motion was passed.

The second item brought up dealt with providing the next host state with detailed information on the annual meeting such as repayment of the seed money. It was moved by Shashank Nilahke (TX) that Annual Meeting Summaries be provided to the Secretary Treasurer for future local arrangement committees. Claire Allen (UT) seconded and the motion was passed. Carol Holko (MD) volunteered to initiate an annual meeting summary to pass on to future arrangement committees.

8. **CAPS/Farm Bill Meeting:** President Gray Haun (TN) discussed the Farm Bill and the planned discussion of it at the upcoming December CAPS Meeting to be held in Phoenix, AZ. Gray wanted to get an idea of how many SPROs planned on attending. It is difficult to send more than one person to a meeting. Most will be sending their CAPS person which may not necessarily be a SPRO. The CAPS meeting is supposedly going to have some type of Farm Bill discussion.

9. **BRS Update:** Robin Pruisner (IA) and Aurelio Posadas provided a BRS Update. The NPB has a cooperative agreement with BRS to conduct Phase 2 of a State Pilot Inspection Project. The primary purpose is to verify feasibility and to develop costs for the state inspections. Currently there are two states, Kansas and Arkansas, participating. One bill has been submitted for payment of $75.00. Robin has reservations that the inspection fee is to low.

10. **Upcoming BOD Meetings:** President Gray Haun (TN) informed the board of upcoming meetings which would provide an opportunity for the board to meet.
    a. October 2008 NAPPO Meeting at Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico
    b. November 2008 NPB/PPQ Joint Meeting at San Diego, Calif.
c. TBD - Spring Meeting (Hold with regional Meeting?) Possible Dates?

11. Executive Secretary Contract: President Gray Haun asked the Executive Secretary Aurelio Posadas to step outside in order for the board to discuss contracting with him again for the following year. The board agreed to contract with Aurelio Posadas for the following year.

12. Next Year’s Meeting Oklahoma City, OK: Gene Cross (NC) informed the group that Sancho Dickinson (OK) was prepared to notify the general membership that Oklahoma would be hosting next years meeting.

13. Thursday’s Agenda Items: President Gray Haun (TN) informed the group that he and Rebecca Bech PPQ would be finalizing the Thursday topics and were waiting to see if any new hot topics would surface before Thursday. The board also discussed Monday mornings NPB only meeting topics.

14. Other Items: None

15. Closing Remarks: President Gray Haun’s remarks were to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm

16. Meeting Adjourned
National Plant Board General Business meeting  
Oklahoma City, OK  
August 12, 2009

1. President Gray Haun (TN) called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. Secretary Treasurer Mike Cooper (ID) conducted the roll call. The roll call indicated thirty-two states being present.

3. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report: Secretary-Treasurer Mike Cooper (ID) presented to the membership the Secretary-Treasurer’s Report and the 2009 NPB Budget. Mike Cooper (ID) motioned to accept the report, Claire Allen (UT) seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Regional Report-Outs:

   WPB – Lyle Wong (HI) reported: NPB 2011 Annual Meeting in Alaska was discussed. It is not that expensive over other locations, budget constraints were discussed. They affect all states

   SPB – Gene Cross (NC) reported: Pr, LBAM, citrus, sweet potato movement, and extension of farm bill suggestion responses, official control process, and traceability of regulated items were discussed during the regional meeting. USDA and NPB are working on a New Technology Cooperative Agreement. Gray Haun (TN) – USDA has agreed to extend the Farm Bill suggestion deadline to August 24th.

   CPB – Bob Dahl (WI) reported: CPB will donate $1,500.00 for the 1,000 canker conference in Missouri. CPB would like an extension for the farm bill suggestions deadline of August 17th. They would like to do more with fire wood education and have sent a letter to Rebecca, but got no response, Black stem rust and common barberry issue discussed. How are resolutions forwarded to PPQ, through the NPB or by each region? Aurelio – PPQ would like to see regional resolutions because they would like to start working on them asap. “Gray – would like for the NPB to receive the regional resolutions and the NPB president or Executive Secretary will forward them to PPQ. PPQ can respond directly to the regions, but should cc the President.” CPB paid a portion of the registration for each member to attend the annual meeting.

   EPB – Gary Gibson (WV) reported: The following items were discussed - Farm bill, letter to Rebecca on firewood (they did not receive a response). The MOU with APHIS to keep sources confidential, and the right of entry issue under state authority was discussed. Article 5b authorizes federal authorities to enter onto state properties under state law (can we really do that? or must we accompany them?). Gray – no
states do not have the authority to allow feds the” right of entry” on to a property. There have been no responses out of Rhode Island as to their participation in the NPB after multiple contacts. The EPB President will send a letter to Rhode Island. And the NPB President will contact the Rhode Island Commissioner.

Gray asked the members if the time allowed for the Regional meetings and the Report Outs was adequate. Consensus was yes. Gray explained the rational behind the NPB deciding not to provide funding to the 1,000 Canker Disease in MO.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Audit: Chair Gary Gibson (WV) reported. The committee met with Mike Cooper (ID) Secretary-Treasurer and Aurelio Posadas Executive Secretary and reviewed the NPB finances and ledgers. The NPB finances and ledgers were determined to be in order. S. Dickinson (OK) made a motion to accept the Audit Report, and Ken Rauscher (MI) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Awards Committee Report: Chair Ann Gibbs ME provided the awards report to the membership (See attached report) Ken Rauscher (MI) moved to accept the report, and Gary Gibson (WV) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ann did bring up that regions need to do a better job of submitting award nominees.

c. Policy and Resolutions – Co-Chairs: Collin Wamsley (MO) and Gene Cross (NC) Collin has a policy and resolutions report.

Resolution: Thanks to Oklahoma Department of Agriculture for Hosting the Annual Meeting: Collin presented the resolution and motioned to accept it, Gary Gibson (WV) seconded, and the motion passed.

Firewood Letter to USDA: Collin presented the firewood policy letter and motioned to accept it, Ken Rauscher (MI) seconded, and the motion passed.

SWPM letter to USDA: Collin presented the SWPM letter and motioned to accept it, Shashank Nilakhe (TX) seconded. There was a lot of discussion on the issue. It appears to be an ISPM 15 issue which requires justifying statistics to change. The importers are doing everything they can to circumvent it. The only option is to do away with SWPM period. ISPM 15th won’t change without some statistics. It was commented that this issue needs to be raised at the AQI Partnership Council, as well. The motion passed with changes to include review of program and develop statistics for change.

Black Stem Rust letter to USDA: Collin presented the Black Stem Rust letter and motioned to accept it, Bill Scott (KS). Canada has been rejecting barberry due to cultivars not being true to name per molecular diagnostics; morphological testing does not work. U.S. needs uniformity of testing with Canada. There are 14 states involved. The motion passed.
GM Slow the Spread funding letter to USFS: Collin presented the Slow the Spread Funding letter and motioned to accept it, Gary Gibson (WV) seconded, and the motion passed.

Resolution: Recognize CBPs and APHISs for increased effort in agricultural enforcement. Collin presented the resolution and motioned to accept it, Harry Fulton (MS) seconded. Discussion occurred encouraging action from the pest risk committees at all ports. The motion passed.

CCC Funding Letter to NASDA: Collin presented the CCC funding limitations letter and motioned to accept it, Ken Rauscher (MI) seconded, and the motion passed. It was noted to end to ANLA and NASF, also.

d. Nominations Committee Report: Chair Ken Rauscher (MI) provided the report making the following nominations:

President: Carl Schulze (NJ)
Vice President: Mike Cooper (ID)
Secretary/Treasurer: Geir Friisoe (MN)

Shashank Nilakhe (TX) made a motion to accept the nominated slate of officers and Bob Dahl (WI) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Old Business: NONE

7. New Business:

a. 2010 Annual Meeting: Phil Marshall (IN) informed the membership that Indiana (CPB) was interested in hosting the 2010 Annual Meeting at Indianapolis. To be held the 1st or 2nd week of August. Ken Rauscher (MI) motion to hold the 2010 meeting at Indianapolis, Sancho Dickinson (OK) seconded and the motion passed.

b. 2011 Annual Meeting: The 2011 annual Meeting will be hosted by the Western Plant Board. Dan Hilburn (OR) informed the membership that Alaska would like to host the 2011 meeting. It was motioned by Phil Marshall (IN) and seconded by Stephen Schmidt (NC). The motion was withdrawn in favor of a straw vote. Their were 27 Ayes; a majority.

c. NPDES Ken Rauscher (MI) gave a PowerPoint presentation on this Clean Water Act topic.

d. Other: Gray discussed the precedent relative to Missouri’s request for NPB monetary support for their 1,000 canker disease meeting.

f. Carl Carlson Awardees: The membership discussed whether total meeting expenses should be paid for the awardee by the NPB. Shashank Nilakhe (TX) moved that the NPB Board of Directors decide. It was seconded by Phil Marshall (IN) and the motion passed.

g. NASF MOU: The membership was informed that the National Association of State Foresters and NPB Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by both organizations. Gene Cross (NC) talked about working with your State Forester on cooperative agreements.
8. **Incoming President Assumes Control:** Incoming President Carl Schulze assumed control and presented outgoing President Gray Haun with a NPB plaque.

9. **Presidents Comments and Closing Remarks**

10. Meeting Adjourn 10:15AM

Prepared by:
    Michael Cooper, Secretary Treasurer
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The National Plant Board (NPB) Audit Committee for the 2009 NPB Annual Meeting consisted of Gary Gibson, WV, and Harry Fulton, MS. The committee met with Mike Cooper, NPB Secretary-Treasurer and Aurelio Posadas, NPB Executive Secretary to review the financial information.

Mike Cooper and Aurelio Posadas provided the Audit committee with the NPB Check Ledger and bank statements for the previous year. Based on the review of the financial records, the Audit Committee found them to be in order and recommended that the NPB accept the report as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chair Gary Gibson, WV
Audit Committee Chair
NPB 2009 Award Nominees Summary:

**Carl Carlson Award:**

Barry Menser  MI – CPB  Award was presented at the NPB meeting in Oklahoma City, OK on August 11, 2009

Clinton Burfitt  UT – WPB  Matthew Brodie  FL – SPB

**ESA Regulatory Entomology Award:**  No nominees

**NASDA Award:**

Gray Haun  TN – SPB  NPB Nomination submitted to NASDA July 30, 2009

Carol Holko  MD – EPB  Tom Harrison  OH – CPB

**APHIS Administrators Award:**

Richard Gaskalla  FL – SPB  NPB Award was presented at the NPB meeting in Oklahoma City, OK on August 11, 2009.

Bob Mungari  NY – EPB

**NPB President’s Partnership Awards:**

Paula Henstridge,  PPQ  Carol Holko, MD  These awards were presented at the NPB meeting in Oklahoma City, OK on August 11, 2009

**Retirement Certificates**

Tom Harrison – OH CPB

Respectfully submitted by,

Ann Gibbs, Chair, EPB - ME
Secretary/Treasurer’s Report
Geir Friisoe

It has been a challenging and rewarding year serving as the NPB Secretary/Treasurer. I am much indebted to the Executive Secretary Aurelio Posadas for his help and guidance and to Vice President Mike Cooper for his assistance in helping me to understand the SunTrust online bank system and getting started in my new duties. We have worked hard to continue to reimburse members for their expenses, as quickly as we can. The SunTrust online system has made this a fairly efficient process. The current board has also strived to make available to the members, meeting notes from board conference calls and to post these on the NPB web site. This is an area that I would like to improve on, as I believe it is vital that Plant Board members are informed of and understand the many issues and challenges facing our profession. I am looking forward to one more year serving as the NPB Secretary/Treasurer. I would welcome any comments or recommendations you might have that would potentially improve our organization or make it more valuable for the membership.

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

Post Conference BOD Meeting – August 9, 2009, Oklahoma City, OK
BOD Meeting – November 3, 2009, New Orleans, LA
BOD Meeting – March 23 and 24, 2010, San Antonio, TX
BOD Conference Calls are held once a month on the third Thursday of the month. Some conference calls were cancelled due to Holidays.

The Secretary/Treasurer’s report has a total of three NPB financial reports. (Note: These reports are based on the combined NPB Checking and Money Market Accounts.)

The first report is the NPB Financial Report 1: FY 2009 Final Statement. This statement indicates that the NPB ended fiscal year 2009 (9/1/08-8/31/09) with an account balance of $84,463. It shows actual income and expenditures during the 2009 fiscal year. It also shows that we had not yet collected all funds from the prior year cooperative agreements during 2009. The Safeguarding Cooperative agreement with USDA-APHIS-PPQ began November 2009, the Traceability Technology and the Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) cooperative agreements began during September 2009, all for a twelve month period.

The second financial report is titled NPB Financial Report 2: FY 2010 (Actual). This is an actual accounting of finances through May 31, 2010 for the current fiscal year. This statement indicates the NPB received funds from various cooperative agreements this year: funds from the prior year (FY2009) Safeguarding and BRS cooperative agreements and from the current (FY 2010) Safeguarding and the Traceability Technology cooperative agreements. At the end of May, there was a balance of $144,703. However, there were several outstanding travel reimbursement checks and a $10,000 invoice paid (to be reimbursed through the Traceability Technology cooperative agreement) which have reduced this balance.
The third financial report is titled **NPB Financial Report 3: FY 10 Budget Comparison and Proposed Budget for FY 11.** This is a comparison of the current FY 2010 estimated ending budget against the approved proposed FY 2010 budget. The third budget column is the proposed FY 2011 budget. This budget has been changed to indicate income generated from the administrative fees charged to the cooperative agreements.

The Executive Secretary is currently working with PPQ to increase the Safeguarding cooperative agreement funds as it has a current balance of $35,200 and 6 months remaining in the agreement. The agreement will be increased by $86,000. He is also in the process of submitting a bill for the other two cooperative agreements. Currently, the thinking is that all three of the current cooperative agreements will be renewed during September and November (Safeguarding) of 2010. Additionally, BRS is considering a training cooperative agreement of $40,000 for the next fiscal year. And a Farm Bill proposal for a National Nursery (audit-based) Certification Pilot Cooperative Agreement is under consideration. Total projected cooperative agreements for next year are $575,000.

The final billing of the three current cooperative agreements will occur in the next fiscal year, FY 10-11. And the final cooperative agreement payments, of course, will not be received until the next fiscal year, as well.

Respectively submitted:

Geir Friisoe,
National Plant Board
Secretary/Treasurer
# National Plant Board Financial Report 1: FY 2009 Final Statement

**September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009**

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*FY08 BRS Income = 08 Pilot $8,000/08 Statues $10,000
September 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010

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**Ending Bank Balance 05/31/09** $144,703.00

*FY10 SFG Income = 09 Safeguarding CA $50,000 & 09 Traceability Technology CA $9,693
National Plant Board Financial Report 3  
FY 10 Budget Comparison and Proposed Budget for FY 11

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| **Expenses:**        |                    |                |                  |
| Bank fees            | (100)              | 0              | (100)            |
| Accounting Fees      | (2,100)            | (2,000)        | (2,460)          |
| Meeting Expenses     | (2,000)            | (5,000)        | (5,000)          |
| Travel               | (5,000)            | (10,000)       | (10,000)         |
| Awards               | (1,000)            | (500)          | (2,000)          |
| Annual Meeting Expenses| (1,000)        | (5,000)        | (5,000)          |
| NAPPO Dues           | (250)              | (250)          | (250)            |
| Communications/Website| (2,500)           | (1,000)        | (3,000)          |
| Misc: shipping, USPS, Supplies, etc. | (1,350) | (1,700) | (2,150) |
| Safeguarding CA      | (221,000)          | (174,700)      | (180,000)        |
| BRS Pilot Inspections CA | (30,000)         | (34,000)       | (27,000)         |
| BRS Training CA      | 0                  | 0              | (36,000)         |
| Traceability Technology CA | (28,000)     | 0              | (145,000)        |
| National Nursery Cert Program Pilot | 0 | 0 | (145,000) |
| Executive Secretary Contract |                    |                |                  |
| Salary               | (57,750)           | (57,600)       | (57,600)         |
| Office Overhead      | (5,000)            | (5,000)        | (6,840)          |
| Communications       | (500)              | (1,800)        | (1,800)          |
| **Total Expenses**   | (357,550)          | (298,550)      | (629,200)        |

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| **Income/Expenses**  | 1,700              | (9,900)        | 0                |
The Nominations Committee of the 2009 National Plant Board submits the following slate of officers for nomination to the National Plant Board (NPB) leadership in 2009-2010:

**President:** Carl P. Schulze, New Jersey (EPB)

**Vice President:** Michael E. Cooper, Idaho (WPB)

**Secretary / Treasurer:** Geir Friisoe, Minnesota (CPB)

The nominations were passed unanimously by the National Plant Board membership present at the 2009 NPB Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

**2009 Nominating Committee:**
Ken Rauscher, MI - Chair
Faith Kuehn, DE
Clair Allen, UT
Policy and Resolutions Committee Report
Resolution No. 1

APPRECIATION TO THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY

The National Plant Board meeting, held on August 9-14, 2009 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma was wonderfully hosted, organized and implemented by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry. The entire Oklahoma staff was exceedingly accommodating, professional, and hospitable and significantly contributed to the productivity and success of the overall meeting.

RESOLVED, by the membership of the National Plant Board at its annual business meeting in Oklahoma City on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 that we sincerely thank Sancho Dickinson, Jeanetta Cooper, Andrew Craig, Aaron Elam, Barbara Reed, Barbara Shove, Bill Taylor, Doris Atchley, Harley Holsten, Joe Rackley, John Nunnery, Kenny Naylor, Larry Rudebusch, Ralph Tyler, Wendy Meyer, Shawn Colton and Miguel Samuels for their outstanding work in the preparation and implementation of this meeting.

Date: August 12, 2009
Motion to Adopt: Collin Wamsley, MO, Co-chair, NPB Resolutions/Policy Committee
Seconded by: Gary Gibson, WV

DISTRIBUTION:
Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Staff
Terry Peach, Commissioner of Agriculture
Rick Maloney, Assistant Commissioner
NPB President
Regional Plant Board Presidents
Rebecca Bech, Deputy Administrator, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Vic Harabin, Eastern Regional Director, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Phil Garcia, Western Regional Director, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Resolution No. 2

RECOGNITION OF CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION (CBP) AND USDA, APHIS, PPQ AND ITS COMMITMENT TO AGRICULTURAL MISSION MANDATES

With the establishment of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in 2003, USDA, APHIS, PPQ share the mission of safeguarding America’s agricultural and natural resources. Given the continuing and even elevating threats of introduced plant pest species, it is imperative that the agricultural mission component remains a strong and viable component of the DHS mission.

In response, CBP and USDA, APHIS, PPQ have established the Agriculture Quarantine Inspection Partnership Council, a group which includes representatives from the state and federal sectors, including the National Plant Board. Additionally, CBP and APHIS co-hosted a joint agency Agriculture Stakeholder Conference with over 200 participants from CBP, APHIS, states, and industry in 2008. It is expected the group will co-host a second conference in the near future. With state and federal partners, CBP has developed the Pest Risk Committee structure as an excellent mechanism to improve communications and cooperation between CBP, State Plant Regulatory Officials and other partners.

Further, CBP’s Agriculture Programs and Trade Liaison has implemented a formal agriculture outreach program at the national, field office, and port of entry levels. In a strong effort to build an effective human resource element, CBP has created a comprehensive Agriculturist career ladder and recruitment plan, along with the establishment of a rigorous training program for the Agricultural Specialists developed by CBP and USDA, APHIS.

Based on these intensified and proactive steps, CBP Agricultural Specialists intercepted nearly seven percent more plant pests in fiscal year 2008 than in fiscal year 2007, including 42 first-time plant pest interceptions at a port of entry.

The National Plant Board would like to formally recognize both CBP and USDA, APHIS, PPQ for their commitment to elevating the importance of the agricultural mission within CBP and express sincere appreciation for continued dedication in this critical area.

Motion to Adopt: Collin Wamsley, Co-chair, NPB Resolutions/Policy Committee, MO

Seconded by: Harry Fulton, MS
DISTRIBUTION:
   Jayson Ahern, Acting Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection
   Thomas Winkowski, CBP Assistant Commissioner
   Cindy Smith, Administrator, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
   Rebecca Bech, Deputy Administrator, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
   Stephen Haterius, Executive Director NASDA
   NPB President
   Regional Plant Board Presidents
September 28, 2009

Rebecca A. Bech
Deputy Administrator for Plant Protection and Quarantine
USDA-APHIS-PPQ
Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Rebecca:

The National Plant Board recognizes and appreciates the recent focus on Black Stem Rust as provided through the technical grain rust meeting held in Riverdale on May 20-21, 2009. The NPB is aware steps have been taken by USDA, APHIS, PPQ regarding this plant disease; however, member states, particularly those in the multi-state regulated area, continue to have ongoing concerns related to label creditability of varieties being distributed, the ability of industry to access Canadian markets, and protection for the U.S. grain industry. As such, the NPB recommends that USDA, APHIS, PPQ continue with detailed discussions with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) that focus on the development of a harmonized agreement that encourages uniform testing of both barberry and mahonia such that nurseries are able to sell nursery stock in Canadian markets.

The NPB also recommends that USDA, APHIS develop survey protocols for common barberry for use in the Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey Program in order to assess the risk of the impacts of rust including Ug99. Finally, the NPB highly encourages the use of molecular techniques to verify the identity and rust resistance of barberry and mahonia. For the most part, it appears the morphological characteristic verification is no longer an acceptable method of certification, given the large number of cultivars and potential hybridization that has likely occurred.

The NPB realizes that no additional funds have been requested for 2010 to cover the ongoing costs of this program; however, as discussions transition over to action items, I would greatly appreciate any considerations USDA, APHIS, PPQ might provide to meet this critical need. While this program has received minimal federal resources during the last few years, with the increased risk of common barberry re-establishment, coupled with the introductions of new rust disease strains such as Ug99, re-evaluations of safeguarding initiatives to address Black Stem Rust for the near future may be needed.
I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to share the concerns of the National Plant Board regarding this critical issue with you. If I can provide additional information or support, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Carl P. Schulze  
NPB President

cc:  
Vic Harabin, Eastern Regional Director, USDA, APHIS, PPQ  
Phil Garcia, Western Regional Director, USDA, APHIS, PPQ  
NPB Regional Plant Board Presidents
October 29, 2009

Ms. Rebecca Bech
Deputy Administrator for Plant Protection and Quarantine
USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building
14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW
Room 301-E
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Rebecca:

The purpose of this letter is to continue to emphasize the National Plant Board’s continuing concerns related to the enforcement of Solid Wood Packing Material (SWPM) regulations. We encourage USDA, APHIS, PPQ to work jointly with the states and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to prevent the introduction of serious wood pests such as Asian longhorned beetle, emerald ash borer and other insect pests into our states. As a part of this protection, we are also requesting that CBP work to identify serious violators and fraudulently-marked SWPM in order to preclude serious pests from entering the U.S. Finally, it is our hope there is cooperation among the federal partners in order to ensure the tools and technical resources are available to identify high risk SWPM. It is urgent that USDA, APHIS, PPQ and Customs & Border Protection (CBP) work together to strengthen the SWPM compliance policies. This issue was raised during our series of meetings at the regional level and we feel it is critical to further emphasize its importance from a national perspective.

The introduction of wood pests such as Asian longhorned beetle, emerald ash borer, and other serious wood pests would be devastating to our timber and nursery industry, as well as our native forests, urban landscapes, and homeowners. Our NPB membership continues to monitor our neighboring states and Canada closely reviewing the status of repeat introductions and spread. It has been noted in recent news articles, the Government of Canada has placed additional restrictions on SWPM from China. Canada cited continuing problems with International Plant Protection Convention marked SWPM that was found to have live pests. It should be noted, the refusal of non-compliant shipments has not created the sufficient incentive needed for the trade community to fully comply with 7 CFR 319.40 regulations. As such, there is a need to prohibit or increase restrictions on SWPM products from countries with high violation rates and to impose stronger penalties against the violators to prevent further violations.
The following recommendations were shared in earlier correspondence through the regional plant boards; however, the NPB would like to continue with further dialogue from the national perspective:

1. The NPB recommends that a thorough review of the SWPM Program be conducted, specifically to identify the weak links in the system and to take corrective measures to reduce the overall pest risk. As part of this review, statistical data is needed showing the effectiveness of the program.

2. The NPB recommends that current policies be revised in order to target high risk SWPM for inspection and to issue penalties and increase deterrents for SWPM violations.

3. The NPB recommends that SWPM be prohibited from countries with high levels of fraudulent stamp use, pest infestations, and other similar violations.

4. The NPB recommends that prohibitions, additional treatments, or bans be placed on SWPM from any country that has been issued numerous violations until it can be verified the problem has been corrected.

If I can provide additional background regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to let me know. The NPB membership remains willing to work cooperatively with the federal agencies and member states to effectively address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Carl P. Schulze
NPB President

cc:  Jayson Ahern, Acting Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection
     Thomas Winkowski, Assistant Commissioner, Field Operations
     Secretary Tom Vilsack, Agriculture
     John Ferrell, Undersecretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, USDA, APHIS
     Cindy Smith, Administrator, USDA, APHIS
     Stephen Haterius, Executive Director NASDA
     Vic Harabin, Eastern Regional Director, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
     Phil Garcia, Western Regional Director, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
     NPB Regional Plant Board Presidents
October 29, 2009

Ms. Rebecca Bech
Deputy Administrator for Plant Protection and Quarantine
USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building
14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW
Room 301-E
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Rebecca:

The purpose of this letter is to request your support and assistance in partnering with states and forestry and conservation organizations to develop a comprehensive national firewood policy by the end of this calendar year. While the components of such a plan are certainly complex and multi-faceted, the National Plant Board recommends that strong consideration be given to including, among others, the contributions that voluntary initiatives, regulatory, and outreach will contribute to such a plan.

Numerous invasive species are known to be spread through movement of firewood and have exposed our state and national forests to the establishment of such serious plant pests as the gypsy moth, emerald ash borer, Asian longhorned beetle, and sudden oak death. These new pest introductions directly threaten the immediate and long-term health of our nation’s forests. From a broad perspective, the cumulative effects from such introductions, while not fully known, are expected to be extensive and far-reaching. Thus far, responses to handling firewood have been fragmented with individual states moving forward with independent regulatory or educational efforts. Clearly needed is a comprehensive national approach to this issue.
The National Plant Board membership fully supports the development of such a comprehensive national policy and pledges its assistance in jointly working with USDA,APHIS, PPQ to accomplish this task. Our membership stands ready to assist with actively moving forward on this initiative.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Carl Schulze
NPB President

cc: Secretary Tom Vilsack
Deputy Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs
Cindy Smith, Administrator, USDA, APHIS
Jay Ferrell, Executive Director, National Association of State Foresters
Vic Harabin, Eastern Regional Director, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Phil Garcia, Western Regional Director, USDA, APHIS, PPQ
NPB Regional Plant Board Presidents
September 28, 2009

Mr. Stephen Haterius  
Executive Director  
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture  
1156 15th Street, N.W., Suite 1020  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Haterius:

On behalf of the National Plant Board, I am requesting your assistance in directly working with staff to initiate and to support an amendment to the 2008 Farm Bill that would provide CCC funding for Sections 10201 and 10202 for the life of the Farm Bill. Further, as a part of this amendment, there must be authorization to utilize a portion of the CCC funds for salaries and administration through the remainder of the 2008 Farm Bill.

As background, Section 103 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Stimulus Bill) modified the 2008 Farm Bill to allow a portion of the CCC funding provided for Sections 10201 and 10202 to be used for administrative expenses. Section 103 identifies the limiting language in the CCC Charter that was problematic and allows access and use of CCC funds. However, this authorization for access and use of these CCC funds is currently limited to the 2009 and 2010 fiscal years only. The current Farm Bill authorizes CCC funding for Section 10201 and 10202 through FY13 and permanent language is needed to ensure there is full flexibility for the remainder of the Bill.

The language of Section 103 which provides for the temporary fix (2009 -10) is noted below and may be utilized in preparation of the permanent text:

SEC. 103. For fiscal years 2009 and 2010, in the case of each program established or amended by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110*246), other than by title I of such Act, that is authorized or required to be carried out using funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation*  

(1) such funds shall be available for the purpose of covering salaries and related administrative expenses, including technical assistance, associated with the implementation of the program, without regard to the limitation on the total amount of allotments and fund transfers contained in section 11 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714i); and
(2) the use of such funds for such purpose shall not be considered to be a fund transfer or allotment for purposes of applying the limitation on the total amount.

Thank you in advance for your attention with this critical issue. If I can provide additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Carl Schulze
NPB President

cc: Rebecca Bech, Deputy Administrator, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
Paul Eggert, Associate Deputy Administrator, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
Craig Reggelbrugge, ANLA
Lin Schmale, SAF
NPB Regional Plant Board Presidents
September 28, 2009

Dr. Rob Mangold
Forest Health Protection Director
USDA-Forest Service
P.O. Box 96090
Washington, DC 20090

Dear Rob:

On behalf of the National Plant Board (NPB), I am urging you to consider funding the Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread Program at the level of $11 million annually. Based on continuing program review, it is expected this funding level will ensure that an effective program can be implemented for the near future.

The Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread Program, as jointly implemented by the USDA, Forest Service and the Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread Foundation is considered to be one of the most biologically and economically justified programs implemented by the USDA, Forest Service. Since its incorporation from a pilot project in 2000, agency support for this program increased from $8 million to approximately $10 million. At this stable level, the program was able to effectively reduce the rate of spread of gypsy moth to 3 kilometers per year, a reduction of more than 85% of the historic spread of 21 kilometers per year. However, in 2007, funding for the project was reduced by 20%. This funding reduction further coincided with significant outbreaks of the gypsy moth in the mid-Atlantic states, increasing project costs, and the need to expand to incorporate new state partners. These factors led to an overall decrease in the number of program treatments and as such, areas that would have normally been treated, remain untreated. These untreated infestations continued to expand leading to increased rates of spread during the 2007-2009 period. As such, if funding for the program is not increased, it is expected moth spread rates will increase, ultimately exceeding the minimum thresholds established for the project.

Funding at approximately $11 million would enable the program to monitor and treat all high priority infestations and return to a biologically sound level where the rate of spread remains below the target level.
I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to share the concerns of the National Plant Board regarding this critical funding issue with you. If I can provide additional information or support the initiative in any way, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Carl P. Schulze  
NPB President

cc: Geir Friisoe, President, GM STS Foundation  
    Donna Leonard, USFS  
    NPB Regional Plant Board Presidents
1. Call to Order: President Carl Schulze (NJ) called the meeting to order at 2:35p.m. Vice President Mike Cooper (ID), Executive Secretary Aurelio Posadas and the following Board of Directors (BOD) were present:

Bob Dahl, WI        Gary Gibson, WV       Vicki Smith, CT
Dan Hilburn, OR (for D. Warner AK) Clair Allen, UT       Lyle Wong, HI
Sancho Dickinson, OK Terry Walker, AR       Phil Marshall, IN

Absent: Secretary/Treasurer Geir Friisoe MN

Agenda Item:

2. Roll Call: Mike Cooper, Secretary Treasurer took roll and 11 members were present, as listed above.

3. Introductions – Old & New Members: President Carl Schulze welcomed and introduced new members Sancho Dickinson OK, Doug Warner AK (absent), Terry Walker AR, Phil Marshall IN and Bob Dahl, WI. Carl reviewed the monthly NPB conference calls and upcoming meetings for the BOD.

   a. Monthly Conference Calls: The NPB/PPQ Management Team Conference calls are held every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. This call is specifically with the NPB Executive Committee (NPB President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Past President and Executive Secretary) and the USDA-APHIS-PPQ Management Team. Others can be invited to discuss specific topics. Agenda topics are requested by e-mail about a week from each conference call. BOD members will receive an e-mail request, from the Executive Secretary, for agenda items from them and/or their membership. Regional presidents are responsible for requesting topics from their members for this call. Lyle commented that he may have a problem making the NPB/PPQ conference calls.

   The NPB Board of Directors has a monthly call on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The board was reminded that they are representatives of the regional members and need to stay in contact with them. Agenda topics are requested by e-mail about a week from each conference call. BOD members will receive an e-mail request, from the Executive Secretary, for agenda items from them and/or their membership.

   b. Joint NPB/PPQ Meetings: Carl informed the board of two standing NPB/PPQ Joint Meetings held in the spring and fall of the year. The next one is scheduled for November at New Orleans, LA. (Aurelio will send specific details on this meeting via email.) The spring meeting is generally held in the Riverdale area which gives the
board an opportunity to also meet with USDA, APHIS, Biotechnology and Regulatory Services, if needed. Details on the spring meeting will come later.

c. During these Joint Meetings the board takes the opportunity to hold a half day BOD face to face Meeting.

d. Carl stressed the importance of BODs becoming familiar with the NPB Website.

4. **Minutes from last meeting**: None at this time. Aurelio and Mike will get them out for approval.

5. **Upcoming BOD Meetings**:
   a. The North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) Meeting is attended by the NPB BOD. PPQ provides the funds to attend this meeting each year. The meeting location alternates with the NAPPO member countries which are the United States, Mexico, and Canada. This year’s meeting will be in Guadalajara, Mexico. PPQ allows eight members and the Executive Secretary to attend the out of country meetings. The entire board is allowed to attend the United States meeting. This year the NPB will be sending a total 15 members.
   
   b. The next NPB/PPQ Joint Meeting is scheduled for November at New Orleans, LA. Aurelio will send specific details on this meeting to the board. The board was asked to provide agenda items, if they had any, for the meeting.
   
   c. The board was asked to provide the regional meeting dates to Carl, Mike and Aurelio. SPB dates were provided: April 25-28, 2010. EPB is the week of April 12, 2010. The board was also asked to consider possible dates for spring Joint Meeting.

6. **Issues for the Board**:
   a. NPB Strategic Plan Review – Board was asked to review the current strategic plan on the website for discussion during the next BOD conference call.
   b. Aphis Budget – looks good
   c. Farm Bill Meeting – is scheduled for Sept 12, 2009. The Executive Committee, FL, CA, and NY will be attending. Members were encouraged to submit suggestions the following week.
   d. PEQ Committee – Or, MD, and MN will submit a volunteer.
   e. P. ramorum Review – we need more information from Scott Pfister on this meeting and the Quality Assurance Review, as well.
   f. Firewood Policy Working Group – to be established by PPQ and will require NPB member participation.
   g. PCIT (30% Participation by states) - Discussed the issue. Comments made that big business is not interested in changing the process unless they have to.
   h. Continental Dialogue – Ken Rauscher and Ann Gibbs are the NPB representatives and will be attending the Continental Dialogue Annual Meeting in San Francisco. CA and OR are also being invited to attend.
i. AQI Partnership Council – Gray Haun TN will replace Carl Schulze NJ as the NPB representative.

7. Resolutions/Letters to NASDA: Carl has discussed this need with Collin Wamsley MO. Aurelio and Carl will be working with Collin on this.

8. Other Items:
   a. Meeting Impressions –
      Firewood Panel had no results; results were expected.
      Biocontrol Panel appeared to be talking heads.
      Enjoyed (appreciated) the use of facilitators during the meeting.
      Out comes of panels did not always occur.
      Comment: The panel info eventually comes to the BOD for follow up.
      Not always enough time after panel member presentations.
      Comment: Committee reports – provide a write up for the NPB website.
      Need to set up a specific goal for the panels.
      Some good and some bad like all meetings
      Good meeting overall
      The General Business Meeting is for NPB members only. Need to make it red on the meeting agenda; need to put it on the General Business Meeting agenda so it can be mentioned a the onset of the meeting.

   b. Agenda items for next weeks NPB/PPQ Conference Call – The board was asked to provide agenda items via email.

9. President’s Closing Remarks: President Schulze’s closed with discussion of providing Doug Warner meeting information for Alaska to consider hosting next years NPB Annual Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:20 p.m.
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