The National Plant Board – What happened in 2018?

NPB MEETING, CLEVELAND OH, AUGUST 13, 2018
PRESENTED BY: ANN GIBBS - NPB PRESIDENT, MAINE DEPT. OF ACF
NPB is here to provide states with a collective voice when dealing with plant health issues. This is accomplished through Communication, Engagement and Cooperation.
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Accomplishments

NPB Strategic Plan
Bylaws changes
Website revision
Interagency Relations Committee (IRC)
NPB Supported Training Sessions – WI, MN
Bee catches in traps – Communication Success
The Chicago “Bean”
Trigger Fish from trash
Regional Plant Board Meetings

Eastern Plant Board – Mystic, CT
  Spotted Lanternfly
  Hemp programs
  Lobsters

Southern Plant Board - Charleston, SC
  Spotted Lanternfly
  Banking
  Citrus & Palm Pests

Regional CAPS meetings
Noisette Roses
Kenneth Calcote
Mississippi SPRO and great friend to the NPB.
Engaging, Communicating and Cooperating with PPQ

Leadership calls – twice monthly, updates and special topics

Direct conversations with Deputy Administrator

State Liaison – Paula Henstridge is certainly the gate keeper and makes sure issues don’t get stopped at the gate

NASDA monthly calls

Strategic Alliance

Current and legacy issues
Committee Work

Standing – Resolutions & Website

President Appointed – Japanese Beetle & Imported Fire Ant

Non NPB USDA committees
- Program review – CAPS, Farm Bill, Natl Clean Plant Network, Biocontrol
- Pest Focused – P. ramorum, Gypsy Moth, Citrus Health
- Process Review – Export Cert., Coop. Agreements, FRSMP, Post Entry
- Issues - Pollinators

Great Opportunities for All to Contribute
P. ramorum Working Group
Bloedel Preserve, WA
Current Issues

Amazon – plants and planes
Imported Fire Ant
Biostimulants
European Cherry Fruit Fly
Spotted Lanternfly
Firewood Regulations
Amazon

Issue: Greater share of the e-commerce plant sales. Low level of awareness of plant pest regulations. Interceptions of JB on planes to the west coast increased dramatically.

Next steps: Develop an awareness with Amazon buyers of plant pest regulations. Working with American Hort on this. Flights arriving at non-traditional airports that don’t have monitoring in place – need more focus on this.
Imported Fire Ant

Issue: Concern regarding consistency of regulating IFA among states and how and when regulated areas are established and modified.

Next Steps: Discussions with PPQ regarding state obligations in administering a partial state quarantine for a federally regulated pest.
Biostimulants

Issue: New material to promote plant health. Vitamins for plants. Not clear how these should be regulated at the federal level.

Next Steps: APHIS is facilitating these discussions with other federal agencies and industry groups. NPB has been asked to provide input by NASDA and APHIS as appropriate. Not sure these products fit with SPRO responsibilities.
European Cherry Fruit Fly

Issue: New pest to the US located in NY adjacent to a Canadian infestation. Pest impacts several invasive species.

Next steps: Try to minimize the impact on NY cherry growers while protecting others states from the pest. How to deal with honeysuckle, a favored host. Understanding Canada’s actions regarding this pest.
Spotted Lanternfly

Issue: Detections in neighboring states to PA. Found in VA, NY, NJ, DE.

Next Steps: States have been involved with regular conference calls. Received funding from NASDA for outreach and USDA for survey. State & USDA funded effort to deal with PA situation.
Firewood Regulation

Issue: Impending deregulation of EAB many states were concerned how to deal with firewood as a pathway for pests. Absence of federal regulation.

Next Steps: It was determined that NPB would form a working group to develop a template for state firewood regulations and compile other resources for states to use. Members have been identified, PPQ is helping to facilitate the process and the first call will be scheduled for this fall.
The Future

Hire a new Executive Secretary

On-boarding new NPB members through various means

Identify training opportunities

Continue to develop systems to improve communication between partners

Encourage member participation
Some presidential observations

Being organized is key and having an Aurelio and a Paula is necessary

The importance of being comfortable to pick up the phone and have a conversation to sort out an issue – email is not the way to solve a problem

That we all have different forces beyond our control so coming up with a solution tends to be messy and take a lot more time than we would like

When the going gets tough the members really rally particularly this year in the west

How resilient members are and full of empathy
If you think of something later...

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