



National Plant Board — What is it and how does it work?

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What is the NPB?

- ▶ Non profit organization established in 1925
- ▶ Organized by 4 regional boards with members representing state plant pest regulatory agencies
- ▶ Representation includes all 50 states, commonwealth of Puerto Rico and Guam

NPB Mission/Vision

- ▶ Provide leadership in developing and implementing science based regulatory policies and plant health programs, enable trade and protect agricultural and natural resources of the United States

NPB Purpose

- ▶ Provide national representation for the regional plant boards
- ▶ Foster effective and harmonized plant health programs
- ▶ **Collaborate and communicate effectively with public and private agencies and organizations on plant health and plant pest regulatory issues affecting states**
- ▶ To protect agriculture, horticulture, forestry and the environment on state, national and international levels

NPB Regions



How does the NPB work?

- ▶ The NPB president speaks for the organization
- ▶ Each state has one vote (usually the SPRO or other designee determined by the state)
- ▶ Decisions are made in consultation with the NPB officers and the NPB Board of Directors (BOD)
- ▶ Monthly calls occur with the NPB BOD to provide updates and get feedback from the regions
- ▶ Twice monthly calls occur with the NPB and PPQ leadership
- ▶ Annual regional and national meetings
- ▶ Members share information regarding changes to state quarantines or new pest issues

NPB Organizational Structure

- ▶ NPB executive team consists of 1 member from each region
 - ▶ Executive Secretary is also included
- ▶ Allows regional voice on national matters
- ▶ Positions rotate every 2 years
- ▶ 2 calls/month with PPQ
- ▶ 1 call per month for executive team members

NPB Organizational Structure (con't)

- ▶ President
 - ▶ Voice for NPB
 - ▶ Responsible for day-to-day activities
- ▶ Vice President
 - ▶ Substitute for President in case of absence
 - ▶ Responsible for NPB annual meeting agenda
 - ▶ Website review
- ▶ Secretary/Treasurer
 - ▶ Records minutes of conference calls and meetings
 - ▶ NPB financial responsibilities
- ▶ Past President
 - ▶ Provides additional support for President

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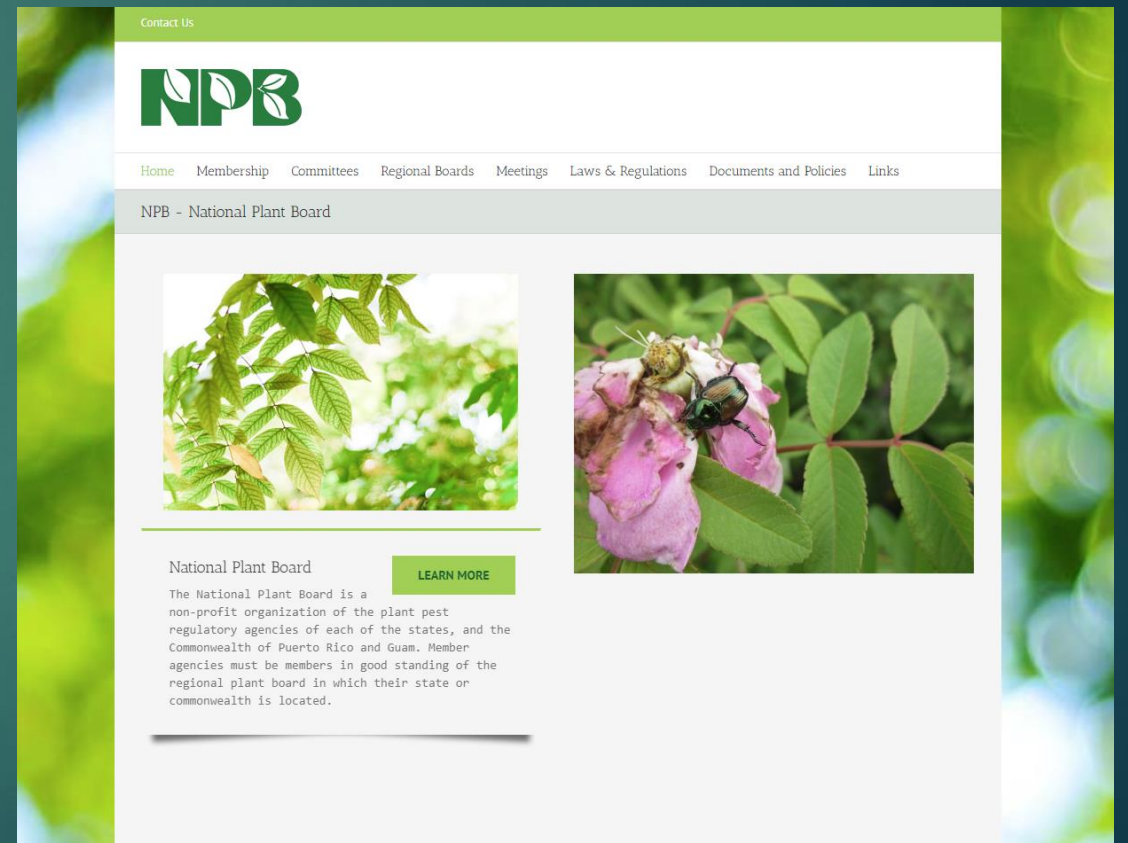
- ▶ Board of Directors
 - ▶ Each region's president and vice president
 - ▶ One alternate for each region
 - ▶ Monthly calls
 - ▶ 2-3 face-to-face meetings per year
- ▶ Executive Secretary
 - ▶ Non-voting
 - ▶ Not a spokesperson for NPB
 - ▶ Administrative leadership

Collaborate and Communicate

- ▶ Work with partners to provide input on state plant pest issues when requested or necessary including:
 - ▶ Fed agencies – USDA – PPQ, BRS, FS, ARS
 - ▶ State agency affiliates – NASDA, NASF
 - ▶ Others – NAPPO, AmericanHort, TNC
- ▶ Utilize the NPB website
- ▶ Members represent the NPB on committees
 - ▶ Farm Bill review
 - ▶ P. ramorum
 - ▶ Imported Fire Ant

NPB website: www.nationalplantboard.org

- ▶ Very valuable resource – bookmark it!!
- ▶ Utilized by regulators and industry
- ▶ Members only area for SPROs



NPB Website Content

- ▶ Member directory with State regulatory websites
- ▶ State summaries of plant pest statutes & regulations
- ▶ List of committees and the members – lots of opportunities to volunteer
- ▶ Upcoming and past meeting information
- ▶ And the BASEMENT for SPROs– where all the good stuff is, including historical documents, reference documents and meeting minutes. You need a secret password to enter.

How Does the NPB Provide Input?

- ▶ Participating on PPQ committees including program review committees
- ▶ Provide resolutions and letters of support or concern regarding issues of importance to membership
- ▶ Any feedback to APHIS PPQ goes through our state liaison with PPQ – she is a very critical link
- ▶ Issues that can't get resolved at these levels will then be elevated to NASDA or the state NASDA members. Participate in the monthly NASDA calls.

A Couple of things to Remember

- ▶ NPB is not a lobbying organization
- ▶ NPB does not have any control over states actions
- ▶ NPB members are technical experts and are a valuable resource to provide the “local flavor”

Questions???

NPB Annual Meeting – What to expect?

- ▶ 2 NPB Business meetings at the beginning and end – NPB members please attend
- ▶ 2 NPB BOD meetings – NPB BOD members attend
- ▶ 1 NPB/PPQ Leadership Meeting – BOD and PPQ management attends
- ▶ Monday regional breakout session – Regional members attend
- ▶ Meeting sessions – all participants should attend, lots of effort put into developing the agenda
- ▶ Sidebar meetings – rooms are available to resolve issues
- ▶ Opportunities to mingle and network – Reception, banquet, field trip, hospitality room