2019 View From the NPB

NATIONAL PLANT BOARD MEETING – KALISPELL, MT
PRESENTED BY ANN GIBBS, NPB PRESIDENT - MAINE DACF
The last time I was in Kalispell.....
NPB Leadership

Ann Gibbs ME
President

John Caravetta AZ
Vice President

Julie Van Meter NE
Secretary/Treasurer

Aurelio Posadas
Exec. Secretary

Joe Collins KY
Past President
Board of Directors
New SPROs

DE – Jessica Inhof
MS – Kacey Colquitt
AR – Mark Stoll
VA – David Gianino
WY – Kent Drake
HI – Kevin Hoffman
CA – Nick Condos (returning)
NV – Ashley Jeppson
CO – Wondirad Gebru (temporary)
NPB Administration

Hired **Impact Association Management** for NPB day to day operations

Started June 1 and working with Aurelio and myself to make the transition

They have loaded all the NPB files on a shared drive

They have established a new conference call line

Best way to access folks is the new email address **admin@nationalplantboard.org**

They have submitted applications for board insurance

Kristen Metcalf is here and happy to chat with you
Meetings

NAPPO in Arizona – sea containers, e-commerce, e phyto and drone/UAS demonstrations

P. ramorum working group – new leadership

New SPHD training

National Potato Council/PAA annual meeting– Seed Potato National Harmonization Plan (SNHP) changes reinvigorated

SANC annual, steering and governing board meetings

EPB, CPB & WPB regional meetings

NPB BOD/PPQ Leadership meeting – visited port of Houston
Port of Houston
Reflections from Regional Meetings

Find methods to share information across regions
  ◦ Spotted Lanternfly was a concern in CPB and WPB
  ◦ When is it appropriate to share a regional pest issue with other regions

Need to do a better job nominating peers for awards

Need to find a better way of developing resolutions or letters
Altman Plants – SANC Pilot Nursery
CBP APHIS agreement signed

Reinvigorating the Pest Risk Committees and encouraging more sharing amongst state committees
AZ & WA Getting the Better of CA?
It’s all about the food....
PPQ/NPB conversations

Spotted lantern fly expanded the regulated area to include other states

European cherry fruit fly technical working group

Emerald ash borer proposed deregulation

Special Topic Calls
  ◦ Fruit Fly Exclusion & Detection Plan update
  ◦ Dickeya solani
  ◦ Prep for the next Federal shutdown

Cooperative agreement processing
Strategic Alliance Progress

Modernized the Strategic Alliance Framework

Completed initiatives:
- Data
- Communication

Ongoing initiatives:
- Training

New initiatives:
- Resource Sharing
NPB President Requests

Tomato seed imports and the prevalence of potato spindle tuber viroid (PSTV)
Allium leaf miner and Onion Growers Association
Pest Evaluation Committee recommendations – IFA and ELC
P. ramorum Pest Risk Assessment support and improved communication
NPB Firewood Working Group establishment
Pink Bollworm Eradication Ceremony
Pink Bollworm Declared Eradicated
Future Activities

Member involvement – need to find new tactics for engaging members
Educating new members – particularly on PPQ roles and responsibilities
Communicate between regions regarding pest activities
Guidance for states dealing with federal shutdown
Develop a list of special topics to continue discussions with PPQ
Recognizing colleagues – nominating folks for awards
Presidential Reflections

It’s gets busier the second year, but you gain confidence

You can’t read people’s minds or know their intentions— you have to ask and not speculate

Have realistic expectations, but have expectations and stay positive that they can be met

Be prepared to make decisions and do a lot of the work yourself

It’s still all about the people and the opportunities this experience has provided me and I’m glad I took it on

I do believe in this organization and I know it will continue to thrive under new leadership and administration
Aurelio Posadas
First NPB Executive Secretary

2006 to 2019
The NPB legacy lives on in Sedona.

Questions now or later
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