



## CENTRAL PLANT BOARD

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# ANNUAL MEETING

Madison, WI • April 15 -18, 2019

You are invited to the 95th annual Central Plant Board (CPB) Meeting here in Madison, Wisconsin, April 15-18. We are excited to host this first concurrent meeting with the Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS) group from the central states.

Our agendas will include both joint and separate sessions of the CPB and CAPS groups, with the goal of substantially increasing the time for members of the CAPS community to focus on key issues important to the success and improvement of that important program. Member states' active participation in this first year will help us establish a strong foundation for the concurrent meeting model that we can continue to build upon in the future.

The meeting will include updates on programs and pests from state and federal partners, with special focus on spotted lanternfly, Asian longhorned beetle, boxwood blight, and hemp.

We think you will enjoy Madison. As the home of both the University of Wisconsin and our state government, it offers a great quality of life. It's a good biking, running and walking city, with plenty of places to head out from our downtown location. You will find many restaurants, both upscale and casual, in easy walking distance. We're built on an Isthmus between Lake Mendota and Lake Monona, with a Frank Lloyd Wright-designed convention center and a Capitol dome that rivals the one in Washington, D.C. Check out the full list of [Essential Madison Experiences](#) if you think you might like to extend your visit.

We hope you, your state survey coordinators and pest survey specialists will join us and make our first concurrent meeting a great success.

**Location:** The conference will be held in Madison, Wisconsin at the Madison Concourse Hotel, One West Dayton Street, Madison, WI 53703. Madison is located in the center of Dane County in south central Wisconsin and the hotel is one block from the Capitol square. [www.concoursehotel.com](http://www.concoursehotel.com)

**Lodging:** A block of rooms is being held until midnight C.S.T. on March 25, 2019. You can make a reservation online at <https://reservations.travelclick.com/6388?groupID=2424243> or Call (800) 356-8293 for reservations. Federal single and double room rate is \$122, the triple rate is \$142 and quad rates are \$152 (+ state and local taxes, currently 15.5%). Be sure to mention the 2019 Central Plant Board room block to receive these rates. Guestrooms will be available at the group rate two days pre/post event based on hotel availability at the time of the request. Extra days must be booked by calling the reservation number above. (Also note: All individual reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. All reservations cancelled after 4:00 p.m. C.S.T. 24 hours prior to arrival and all "no shows" will be charged one night room and tax.) Check-in time is 3:00pm and checkout is 11:00am.

**Meeting Registration:** The registration fee for the 2019 Central Plant Board and Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey Conference is \$260. The Registration form is attached. Payments can be made online at <https://nationalplantboard.org/npb-related-meetings/> or mailed to WDATCP - Linda Kastorff, PO Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708-8911.

*The registration rate increases to \$310 after March 25, 2019.*



**Transportation:** The Dane County Regional Airport ([www.msnairport.com](http://www.msnairport.com)) in Madison is within 5 miles of the hotel. A complimentary airport shuttle is available to and from Dane County Regional Airport to all hotel guests. Contact the hotel at 608-257-6000 when you have your luggage and are ready to be picked up in the shuttle pick-up area outside baggage claim, Door 5.

**Parking:** Overnight self-parking for hotel guests and meeting attendee guests is \$10 per day. Underground parking has a clearance of 6 feet. Additional parking is available at the city's Carrol Street Parking ramp ([www.cityofmadison.com/parking](http://www.cityofmadison.com/parking)), within one block of the hotel and can accommodate larger vehicles.

**Meals:** Breakfast and lunch during the conference are included in the registration fee, along with a Monday night Welcome Reception and a Banquet dinner on Tuesday, April 16. There are at least two restaurants and a Starbucks coffee shop on-site along with many more options within easy walking distance of the Concourse. ([www.visitdowntownmadison.com](http://www.visitdowntownmadison.com))

**Weather and Attire:** Wisconsin weather in April is usually cool with temperatures averaging in the low 50s. Rain or snow may occur. We recommend you dress in layers.

**Door Prizes:** If you would like to donate a door prize representing your state or agency or a fun item to share, we will be collecting door prizes at the registration desk.

**Contact Information:** For further information contact Brian Kuhn by email at [brian.kuhn@wi.gov](mailto:brian.kuhn@wi.gov). Direct registration questions to Linda Kastorff at [linda.kastorff@wi.gov](mailto:linda.kastorff@wi.gov)

