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### CENTRAL PLANT BOARD 2007 ANNUAL MEETING Columbus, Ohio

#### RESOLUTION NO. 6

#### SIREX WOOD WASP

Since its discovery in New York State in 2005, Sirex Wood Wasp, *Sirex noctilio*, has been recognized by regulators and industry as a devastating threat to the pine resource of the United States.

Surveys in 2005 and 2006 have identified Sirex in 27 counties in New York and 2 counties in Pennsylvania. State and federal quarantines and response plans have been drafted. To date, except for survey, neither the quarantines, nor response plans have been implemented. Additionally an effective biocontrol agent is available; however, permits for release have not been approved.

**RESOLVED**, by the Central Plant Board at its 83<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio on February 7, 2007, request that USDA, APHIS, PPQ implement the federal quarantine of infested counties and move forward with an enforcement program to facilitate control efforts.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that USDA seek federal funding through the Commodity Credit Corporation to cover all management needs including quarantine, survey, enforcement, and biological control.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that USDA, APHIS and Forest Service cooperatively seek approval for release of the biological control agents and subsequently move forward with rearing and release efforts in an expeditious manner.

#### **Distribution:**

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