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## 2005 Annual Meeting Biloxi, Mississippi

### RESOLUTION NO. 4

### WOOD BORING PESTS: ASIAN LONG-HORNED BEETLE AND EMERALD ASH BORER

The Asian long-horned beetle, *Anoplophora glabripennis*, (ALB) was first discovered in the Eastern region in 1996 in New York City and in Chicago in 1998. In 2002, it was confirmed in Jersey City, New Jersey. A second New Jersey infestation was detected in 2004. Quarantines were established, and costly eradication programs are ongoing.

Emerald ash borer, *Agrilus planipennis* (EAB), was identified in North America in June 2002. Since its introduction, this exotic pest has killed millions of ash trees in the United States and Canada and threatens the \$280 billion ash resources in North America. EAB and its associated quarantines have cost the nursery and forest products industries and native urban forests millions of dollars, created public safety and financial distress to cities in the infested areas, and overloaded the safeguarding resources of state and federal agencies that attempt to control this pest. To date, EAB generally infests twenty (20) counties in southeast Michigan, portions of six (6) counties in Ohio, portions of two (2) counties in Indiana, and Essex County and the municipality of Chatham-Kent in southern Ontario, Canada. Additionally, outlying infestations have been found in several locations in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana, as well as regulatory incidents in Maryland and Virginia.

Since the introduction of ALB and EAB, significant progress has been made in developing and implementing the infrastructure to address these pests. Survey and regulatory staff have been hired and data and methods management have been implemented. Eradication efforts are ongoing in New York, Chicago, and New Jersey for ALB, and significant survey efforts are being conducted in Connecticut, Vermont, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. Eradication efforts are ongoing in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana for EAB. In Maryland and Virginia, EAB program efforts will continue for the mandated 3 fiscal years to ensure eradication.

Projected funding for the EAB and ALB programs for FY 2006 remains uncertain. The federal appropriation for EAB and ALB management was less than required and the Office of Management and Budget has not released the full funding requested by the Secretary of Agriculture. Additionally, the Office of Management and Budget has indicated that CCC funds would no longer be available for management of these pests. These actions have left these critical programs under-funded. Unless decisive action is taken to fully fund the ALB and EAB programs, through the combined efforts of the U.S. Congress and the Office of Management and Budget, these pests will expand rapidly to new areas,

creating economic losses of great magnitude to affected cities, towns, and industries resulting in serious ecological damage through the elimination of maple and ash in North America.

**Be it resolved**, that the National Plant Board, at its annual meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005, requests that U.S. Congress and the Office of Management and Budget provide full funding as identified by USDA-APHIS-PPQ for EAB and ALB containment and eradication.

**Be it further resolved**, that this funding is made available immediately in order to facilitate the implementation of Science Panel and other recommendations, and that adequate funding continues until Asian Longhorned Beetle is eradicated and Emerald Ash Borer is contained and ultimately eradicated.

**Motion: Mike Brown, MO**  
**Seconded by: Carl Schulze, NJ**

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