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## National Plant Board 95th Annual Meeting

September 27, 2021

### Appreciation to Facilitators and Agenda Planning Committee

#### WHEREAS,

- The 95<sup>th</sup> Annual National Plant Board meeting was held virtually July 26 – 28, 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- The virtual meeting environment poses unique challenges in planning and execution, including the absence of a meeting host state and a greater role in meeting planning by the Agenda Planning Committee (Megan Abraham (IN), Susan Ehlenbeck (MO), Ian Foley (MT), Paula Henstridge (PPQ), Mia Kirk (AK), Taryn LaScola-Miner (MA), Sharon Lucik (PPQ), Steven Long (SC), Jay Losiewicz (PA), Kristen Metcalf (Impact), Timothy Newcamp (PPQ), Ansel Rankins (LA), Dana Rhodes (PA), and Mark Stoll (AR)).
- The meeting was well-attended, with 309 registered attendees across the three days, requiring coordination by trained facilitators (Eric Biddinger (IN), Susan Ehlenbeck (MO), and Jay Losiewicz (PA)).
- The meeting was well-executed with a minimum of interruptions or technical difficulties.
- The meeting content was relevant and sparked on-going conversations.
- The virtual hospitality rooms provided added and creative spaces for informal discussion at the close of each day of the meeting.
- This meeting provided a template for including facilitators in future NPB agenda planning for both in-person and virtual meetings.
- Hard work and thoughtful consideration made this meeting a complete success and created a friendly and enjoyable atmosphere for all attendees.

**RESOLVED**, by the National Plant Board at its virtual annual meeting on July 26 -28, 2021, that all of the members of the National Plant Board do offer our sincere thanks and great appreciation for all the many hours spent on the careful planning and facilitation provided by NPB Agenda Committee including NPB members and their staff, PPQ participants, and Impact staff.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be provided to supervisors for NPB Agenda Committee members and the meeting facilitators.



Steven Long  
National Plant Board President

CC:

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