TO: Western Plant Board Members

FROM: Sherry Sanderson

SUBJECT: 84th WPB Meeting

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture and the Western Plant Board invite you to attend and participate in the 84th Meeting of the Western Plant Board in Las Cruces, New Mexico the Land of Enchantment. The meeting dates are April 27-30, 2003.

Attire
In April, Las Cruces temperatures can reach a high of 85 in the day and a low of 50 at night, please pack accordingly.

Accommodations
WPB members will need to make their own reservations by phoning the Hilton Hotel at 1-800-901-7666 or (505) 522-4300. Reservations should be made by April 15th to obtain the group rate. Ask for the block of rooms reserved for the Western Plant Board meeting. The room rate is $60.00 plus tax for single occupancy and $70.00 plus tax for double occupancy. Please make reservations early.

Meeting Registration
Please return your registration forms to the address provided on the form by April 11th. Make your check payable to Western Plant Board.

Transportation
Your reservations should be made to fly into the El Paso International Airport in El Paso, Texas. From the airport to the Las Cruces Hilton is about an hour drive. The Las Cruces Shuttle provides transportation from the El Paso Airport for $35.00 round-trip, and reservations can be made by calling 1-800-288-1784. A map of the hotel location and directions are enclosed. Most major car rentals available.

Speaker Presentation Requirements
Speakers should let me (ssanders@nmda.nmsu.edu) know by April 11, 2003, what media they will use for their presentations.

We are looking forward to your attendance at our annual meeting. If you have any questions, please call me or Victoria at (505) 646-3207 or by fax at (505) 646-5977. For additional information about Las Cruces go to the website www.lascrucescvb.org.
84th Annual Western Plant Board Meeting
Las Cruces, New Mexico

Events Agenda
April 27-30

Sunday, April 27, 2003
4:00-6:00    Registration

Pre-Conference Events All Day
Activities
• Wine Tasting Tour
• White Sands National Monument
• Mesilla Golf Outing at New Mexico State University Golf Course

5:00-7:00    No Host Gathering at Las Caras in Hilton

Monday, April 28, 2003
8:00-10:00   Registration
8:30-12:00   Morning Session
10:00-12:00  Guest outing to Veterans Memorial Park
12:00-1:00   Lunch provided at the Hilton
1:00-5:00    Afternoon Session
1:00-5:00    Guest tour to Historic Old Mesilla and Blue Teal Winery
5:00 PM      Adjourn
7:00-11:00   Hospitality Suite

Tuesday, April 29, 2003
8:00-12:00   Morning Session
12:00-12:30  Box Lunch Provided
12:30-5:00   Depart Hilton Hotel for Agriculture Tour
• Historic Old Mesilla
• Stahmann Farms
• Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum
6:00-7:00    No Host Reception at Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum
7:00-9:30    Dinner and Entertainment

Wednesday, April 30, 2003
8:00-12:00   Morning Session
12:00        Adjourn
            Lunch on Your Own
1:00         Business Meeting
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Sunday, April 27

5:00 – 7:00 pm  President’s Reception

Monday, April 28

7:30-8:30 am  Registration

Moderator  Sherry Sanderson

8:30-8:45  Welcome to New Mexico

8:45-9:00  Western Plant Board President
Call the Meeting to Order
Roll Call of the Members
Remarks and Committee Assignments.

9:00-9:30  National Plant Board President’s Remarks

9:30-10:00  Western Region APHIS, PPQ Report

10:00-10:30  Break

Moderator  Steve Baril

10:30-11:00  PPQ Reorganizing and Homeland Security Department (PPQ)

11:00-11:30  Imported Fire Ant Review Update (Charley Brown, PPQ)

11:30-12:00  Japanese Beetle Update  (Anwar Rizvi, PPQ, Robert Gronowski & CDFA)

12:00-1:00  Lunch (At Hotel)

Moderator  John Caravetta

1:00-1:30  Gypsy Moth Update (British Colombia, Canada, Washington, & Oregon)

1:30-2:00  Official Control (Bill Callison and John Payne, PPQ)

2:00-3:00  American Nursery and Landscape Association  (Craig Regebrugge)

3:00-3:30  Break

Moderator  Shaffeek Ali

3:30-4:00  526 Permitting (PPQ)
4:00-4:30  Irradiation as a Quarantine Treatment for Fruit  (Lyle Wong & PPQ)

4:30-5:00  Announcements
(Dinner on your own)

**Tuesday, April 29, 2003**

**Moderator**  Mike Cooper

8:00- 8:30  CAPS, Homeland Security (Coann Hern, PPQ)

8:30-9:00  National Pest Identification Network  (Kitty Cardwell, CSREES)

9:00-9:30  Emerald Ash Borer Update (PPQ)

9:30-10:00  Citrus Longhorned Beetle Update (Washington, PPQ)

10:00-10:30  Break

**Moderator**  Dick Wilson

10:30-11:00  Sudden Oak Death Update (California, Oregon and PPQ)

11:00-11:30  Mop-top Virus and Other Potato Trade Issues (PPQ)

**11:30**  Lunch
Agricultural Tour and Banquet at New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum

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**Wednesday, April 30, 2003**

**Moderator**  Mitch Yerget

8:00-9:00  New Technology for Area Wide Suppression of Fruit Flies. (Lyle Wong)

9:00-10:00  Pink Bollworm Eradication and Control Efforts (Bill Callison, John Caravetta, Sherry Sanderson, PPQ)

10:00-10:30  Break

**Moderator**  Douglas Warner

10:30-11:00  Border Governor’s Conference  (Bill Callison, John Caravetta and Sherry Sanderson)

11:00-12:00  Pest Infestation Notification System (PPQ and Western Plant Board members)

**12:00-1:00**  Lunch (on your own)

1:00- 5:00  Western Plant Board Business Meeting

1. Nominations Committee Report
2. Audit Committee Report
3. Awards Committee Report
4. Resolutions Committee Report
5. Next Year’s Meeting (Alaska)
6. Adjournment
Registration
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Name: ________________________________________________________________

Organization: ____________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________________

City: ________________________ State: ___________________ Zip Code: ________

Telephone: (     )___________________ Fax: (     )_________________________

E-mail: __________________________________________________________________________

Meeting Registration
Register for Meeting @ $160.00 $________________
Register for Pre Conference Activities
      _____ I am interested in the Wine Tasting Tour
      _____ I am interested in White Sands
      _____ I am interested in Mesilla Golf Outing

      _____ I require special service or a special diet, please call.

Register Your Guest
Name of Spouse or Guest: _______________________________________________________

My guest will attend the following:
Lunch at Las Cruces Hilton @ $15.00 $________________
Agriculture Tour @ $22.00 $________________
Farm and Ranch Dinner and Entertainment @ $45.00 $________________

TOTAL: $________________

Make Check payable to WESTERN PLANT BOARD
Deadline to return registration: April 11, 2003

Mail or Fax Registration Form
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Please use a separate form for each attendee.