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Secretary/Treasurer	Scott Pfister, VT

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Interstate Pest Control Compact –
Robert J. Balaam, Executive Director

NPB 2005 ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

AUDIT

Members

Gene Cross-SPB – Chair
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AWARDS AND SERVICE RECOGNITION

Members

Mike Cooper-WPB – Chair
Tom Harrison-CPB Connie Rihard-SPB

Geir Friisoe-CPB
Carl Shulze-EPB

Frank Fulgham-SPB

Assignments

1. Identify previous members and colleagues that have passed away, and prepare suitable acknowledgements.
2. Identify retirees and propose suitable means of recognition.
3. Determine if there are other awards that should be considered.
4. Report to the NPB membership at the Thursday business meeting

NOMINATIONS

Members

Richard Gaskalla-SPB – Chair
Mitch Yergert-WPB

Gary Gibson-EPB

Bob Waltz-CPB

POLICY AND RESOLUTIONS

Members

Gray Haun, TN – Chair
Kevin Fridley, SD
Brad White, WA

Terry Bourgojn, ME
Ann Gibbs, ME

Gene Cross, SC
Carl Schulze, NJ

Assignments

1. Determine which of the 2004 RPB resolutions the NPB should consider approving, edit them as needed, and present them to the membership at the business meeting on Thursday.
2. Determine what new resolutions, if any, are needed, draft them and present them at the business meeting on Thursday.
3. Determine what policy topics, if any, should be addressed by the NPB and present them for action/approval and assignment to the Policy Committee at the business meeting on Thursday.
4. Review and recommend changes as appropriate to NASDA's PLANT HEALTH PROTECTION AND DISEASE CONTROL policy.

2005 National Plant Board Standing Committees

COMMITTEE NAME	REGIONAL PLANT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES				
	Central Plant Board	Eastern Plant Board	Southern Plant Board	Western Plant Board	Other
Quarantine and Nursery Standards and Certification	Michael Brown, MO	Ann Gibbs, ME	Tad Hardy, LA – Chair	Daniel Hilburn, OR	Craig Reggelbrugge, ANLA Mike Lidsky, USDA-APHIS-PPQ (<i>ad hoc</i>)
Finance	Ken Rauscher, MI	Scott Pfister, VT (Secretary-Treasurer)	Bill Dickerson, NC Chair	Vacant	
Policy & Resolutions	Kevin Fridley, SD	Ann Gibbs, ME	Gray Haun, TN Chair	Brad White, WA	Bill Dickerson, NC President
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2005 Annual Meeting Program	Kevin Fridley, SD	Ann Gibbs, ME	Gray Haun, TN Chair	Brad White, WA	Harry Fulton, MS Local Arrangements Ken Rauscher, MI Vice President
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Legislative Analysis			Connie Rihard, FL		

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General Proceedings



**National Plant Board
2005 Annual Meeting Agenda
Biloxi, Mississippi**

August 7-11, 2005

Time	Topic/Event	Speaker	Event Location
Sunday, August 7, 2005			
8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Space available in the same meeting room as NPB Board Meeting			
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration & Exhibits		
1:30 – 4:00 p.m.	NPB-Board of Directors Meeting	Seating 25-30	
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception		
9:00 – 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality		
Monday, August 8, 2004			
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration / Information Area / Space Available for 5 Exhibits		
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast		
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	<u>Regional Plant Board Meetings:</u> Central Eastern Southern Western	4 meeting rooms/ 15 people	
	NAPPO Exec. Meeting	15 people	
	PPQ Employee Meeting	20 people	
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Break		
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon Moderator: Ken Rauscher			
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Call to Order, Opening Remarks & Committee Assignments, Welcome Guests	Bill Dickerson, <i>President, NPB</i>	

10:45 – 10:55 a.m.	Roll Call	Aurelio Posadas, <i>Sec/Treasurer</i>	
10:55 – 11:15 a.m.	Welcome to Mississippi	Dr. Lester Spell, Commissioner Mississippi Dept. of Agriculture	
11:15 – 11:40 a.m.	President's Report	Bill Dickerson, <i>President, NPB</i>	
11:40 – 12:00 noon	National Association of State Depts. Of Agriculture Report	Bob Ehart	
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch		
1:15 – 3:40 p.m. Moderator: Carl Schulze			
1:15 – 1:35 p.m.	Canada Update	Cameron Duff, <i>Canadian Food Inspection Agency</i>	
1:35 – 1:55 p.m.	Mexico Report	Jorge Hernandez Baeza, <i>Mexico Dept of Agriculture</i>	
1:55 – 2:15 p.m.	USDA-APHIS Highlights	Ron DeHaven	
2:15 – 2:40 p.m.	USDA-APHIS- PPQ Update	Richard Dunkle	
2:40 – 3:00 p.m.	Break		
3:00 – 3:20 p.m.	North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) Update	Ian McDonnell	
3:20 – 3:40 p.m.	American Nursery & Landscape Association (ANLA) Update	Craig Regelbrugge	
3:40 – 3:55 p.m.	National Invasive Species Council Update	Anna Cherry	
3:55 – 5:00 p.m.	Poster Review & Committee Meetings		
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Off-site Reception		
9:00 – 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room		
Tuesday, August 9, 2004			
7:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Registration/ Info Area/ Space Available for 5 Exhibits		

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast		
8:00 – 11:30 a.m. Moderator: Kevin Fridley			
8:00 – 8:20 a.m.	Biotechnology Regulatory Services Update	Cindy Smith	
8:20 – 8:40 a.m.	USDA-Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Report	Rick Bennett	
8:40 – 9:00 a.m.	USDA-Forest Service Report	Rob Mangold	
9:00 – 9:20 a.m.	National Association of State Foresters (NASF) Report	Everard Baker	
9:20 – 9:50 a.m.	DHS-Customs & Border Protection	Jeff Grode	
9:50 – 10:10 a.m.	Break		
10:10 – 10:50 a.m.	SOD Update	J Jones/D Hilburn	
10:50 – 11:30 p.m.	EAB Update	Phil/Tom/Bob/Ken	
11:30 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Stephen Kirkpatrick	
1:00 – 4:45 p.m. Moderator: Brad White			
1:00 – 1:20 p.m.	National Pest Diagnostic Network (NPDN) Update	Mike Brown	
1:20 – 1:40 p.m.	MOU/Potato Virus Mgmt Plan	Cathy Enright	
1:40 – 2:10 p.m.	PSB-Fed. Quar. Issues	Matt Royer/Bob Dahl	
2:10 – 2:30 p.m.	Apiary Update	Harry Fulton	
2:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Ralstonia/Offshore Certification/Hosta Virus X	David Kaplan	
3:00 – 3:20 p.m.	Break		
3:20 – 3:40 p.m.	Methyl Bromide-CUE's	Colwell Cook	
3:40 – 4:00 p.m.	Pesticide Labeling-Regulatory Challenges	Burleson Smith	
4:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Soybean Rust-Lessons Learned	Matt Royer	
4:30 – 4:50 p.m.	Safeguarding Initiative Update	Paula Henstridge	
6:30 p.m.	Banquet/Awards	On-site	

9:00 – 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room		
Wednesday, August 10, 2004			
7:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Registration/ Info Area/ Space Available for 5 exhibits		
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast		
8:00 – 12:00 noon Moderator: Gray Haun			
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	History of the NPB	Tom Sim	
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Noxious Weed Update	Alan Tasker	
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	ALB Update	Mark C/Bob M/Carl	
9:30 – 9:50 a.m.	Website Update	Brad White	
9:50 – 10:10 a.m.	Citrus Canker	Richard Gaskalla	
10:10 – 10:25 a.m.	Break: Special Event		
10:25 – 11:10 a.m. Carl S. Gray H.	<u>Concurrent Sessions:</u> 1. CPHST-Laboratory Diagnostic Certification-Gordon Gordh 2. Managing the Media Workshop - James Rogers		
11:15 – 12:00 a.m. Mike B. John C.	<u>Concurrent Sessions:</u> 1. National Seed Health System- John Stevens, Mike Ward, Mike Cooper 2. ICS Overview/Opportunities-Sherry Sanderson		
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch on your own		
1:15 – 5:00 p.m. Moderator: Bill Dickerson			
1:15 – 3:15 p.m.	NPB Business Meeting	Bill Dickerson	
3:15 – 3:30 p.m.	Break		
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	NPB Board of Directors Meeting		
9:00 – 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality		
Thursday, August 11, 2004 (USDA/NPB)			
7:00 – 12:00 noon	Info Area		
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast		
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Moderator: Bill Dickerson & Richard Dunkle			
8:00 am – 3:00 p.m.	Issues of Concern to USDA and NPB Members (see list below)		
10:00 – 10:20 a.m.	Break		
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own		

NATIONAL PLANT BOARD MEETING 2005 – AUGUST 8, 2005

Roll Call of States

State	Present	Absent
Alabama	X	
Alaska		X
Arizona	X	
Arkansas	X	
California	X	
Colorado	X	
Connecticut		X
Delaware	X	
Florida	X	
Georgia	X	
Hawaii	X	
Idaho	X	
Illinois	X	
Indiana	X	
Iowa	X	
Kansas	X	
Kentucky	X	
Louisiana	X	
Maine	X	
Maryland	X	
Massachusetts		X
Michigan	X	
Minnesota	X	
Mississippi	X	
Missouri	X	
Montana	X	
Nebraska	X	
Nevada	X	
New Hampshire	X	
New Jersey	X	
New Mexico		X
New York	X	
North Carolina	X	
North Dakota	X	
Ohio	X	
Oklahoma		X
Oregon	X	
Pennsylvania	X	
Puerto Rico		X
Rhode Island		X
South Carolina	X	
South Dakota	X	
Tennessee	X	
Texas	X	
Utah	X	
Vermont		X
Virginia	X	
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Wisconsin	X	
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On behalf of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, I would like to welcome you to Mississippi, the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and the 79th Annual National Plant Board meeting. We are pleased to have you here and honored to host this year's meeting. Mississippi is called the "Hospitality State" for a reason, and in our way we want to extend to you "The South's Warmest Welcome."

In Mississippi, one out of four people have jobs that are either directly or indirectly related to agriculture. With more than 42,000 farms, agriculture is Mississippi's No. 1 industry and has a value of \$5.5 billion with an approximate \$24 billion impact each year. The nursery trade and green industries provide 16,000 jobs annually in our state. Production nurseries, landscape firms, and the retail green sector also generate an estimated \$760 million each year. Mississippi currently has more than 530 certified nurseries, 700 licensed landscape firms, and 600 certified businesses dealing in retail trade of plants.

I am proud of our Bureau of Plant Industry staff because they have committed a great deal of time and energy to ensure you have a great national meeting. If you have questions or problems, see any of our staff members, who can be recognized wearing a navy blue golf shirt. They will be happy to help you.

Again, welcome to Mississippi! We're proud you are here to experience our state.

Sincerely,



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Meeting Presentations

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Aurelio Posadas
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National Plant Board

Section II

General Business Meeting & Committee Reports

**National Plant Board
Board of Directors' Meeting
August 7, 2005
Biloxi, Mississippi**

President Bill Dickerson (NC) called the meeting to order at 1:35PM. Vice President Ken Rauscher (MI), Acting Secretary/Treasurer Aurelio Posadas (CA), and the following Regional Plant Board members were also present:

Terry Bourgojn (ME)	Mike Brown (MO)	Mike Cooper (ID)
Dan Hilburn (OR)	Bob Mungari (NY)	Shashank Nilakhe (TX)
Craig Roussel (LA)	Vicki Wohlers (NE)	

Also present were: Harry Fulton (MS) and Laura Vallour, Mississippi Planning Committee.

Annual Meeting: The specific agenda for this meeting dealt with the 79th Annual Meeting local arrangements. Harry Fulton (MS) and Laura Vollar reported that there are no changes to the program and any changes in speakers would be announced during the meeting. The Oaks Board Room is available for small meetings, and arrangements can be made for its use at the registration desk. Arrangements for local transportation can also be made through the registration desk. The Hospitality Suite room number was provided, as well as the location of the continental breakfast. Richard Scott will make a CD of the proceedings, which will be provided to Interim Secretary/Treasurer Posadas. One hundred seventy-four attendees are expected.

Minutes: Bill Dickerson (NC) requested the date of the last Board of Directors' conference call meeting to complete the minutes and get them approved.

***Phytophthora ramorum* Working Group:** The members of the *Phytophthora ramorum* Working Group, established at the Raleigh Board of Directors' meeting, was provided to Jonathon Jones (PPQ) by Bill Dickerson (NC). They are:

Western PB

Jan Hedburg (OR)
Aurelio Posadas (CA)
Brad White (WA)

Central PB

Mike Brown (MO)
Bob Dahl (WI)
Tom Harrison (OH)

Eastern PB

Gary Gibson (WV)
Carl Schulze (NJ)

Southern PB

Mike Evans (GA)
Richard Gaskella (FL)

Vicki Smith (CT)
Alt: Terry Bourgojn (ME)

Gray Haun (TN)
Alt: Craig Roussel (LA)

The first issue to be dealt with by the working group is how to best deal with those plants in the nursery stock shipping trade being found positive with *P. ramorum*. There are a few (five) plants that seem to be the primary culprits.

Biotechnology Regulatory Services Review: Bill Dickerson (NC) stated that Cindy Smith, Biotechnology Regulatory Program, would be announcing a review of her program by the NPB. This review, expected to take 90 days, will include a questionnaire to state departments of agriculture. Bill also mentioned that Cindy is interested in a closer working relationship with the NPB, which may include a cooperative agreement providing funding for NPB participation.

Safeguarding Cooperative Agreement: AHPIS PPQ would like to continue the Safeguarding Cooperative Agreement with the NPB. This cooperative agreement has paid for NPB president and member travel. Bill Dickerson (NC) is encouraged by the PPQ and BRP cooperative agreements, which will allow for funds to hire an assistant for the NPB President. There is a need for assistance beyond secretarial support, such as report writing and review. A past NPB member has shown an interest in project-by-project involvement. Ken Rauscher (MI) will provide additional information during the Wednesday Board of Directors' meeting.

CPHST Review: Bill Dickerson (NC) reported that the CPHST Review, requested by Gordon Gordh, has been well received. Gordh has distributed it to his management staff and to Rick Dunkle. The key actions recommended are being acted on.

Peer Review: Bill Dickerson (NC) reported that the Peer Review is moving forward. Steering and review committees have been established for this review, which was initiated by a congressional bill specifically naming the NPB to perform it within a 120-day timeline. The NPB received this assignment at the end of the 120-day request. A work plan has been developed and provided to PPQ and Congress with a timeline of nine months. The review is expected to be completed by June 2006.

Scott Pfister: Bill Dickerson (NC) stated that Scott Pfister, ex-NPB Secretary/Treasurer, has completed and provided the 2004 NPB Report for distribution to the NPB membership. Seventy-five copies will be available for distribution. Scott has also provided the Secretary/Treasurer files and books to Bill Dickerson (NC) and Aurelio Posadas (CA).

Regional Director Vacancies: Terry Bourgoïn (ME) asked about the Regional Director position appointments. Bill Dickerson (NC) stated that he was involved through discussions with Rick Dunkle. Appointments are expected during September 2005.

Diagnostic Review: Terry Bourgoïn (ME) stated that he was asked by Phil Berger to be part of a Diagnostic Review. Phil also contacted California for involvement in this review. Bill Dickerson (NC) will speak to Phil about procedures for involvement of the NPB.

Carl Carlson Award: Mike Brown (MO) brought up an issue dealing with the Carl Carlson Award. The Carl Carlson Award was set up by the Central Plant Board and was meant for field staff or inspectors, yet recent nominees have been from the supervisory and/or administrative ranks. This needs to be clarified for the Nomination Committee. Bill Dickerson (NC) recommended that this issue be brought up, discussed, and a clarification agreed to at the Wednesday general session. Bill asked Bob Mungari (NY) and Mike Brown (MO) to work on this issue for the Wednesday meeting.

National Certified Seed Potato Program: Mike Cooper (ID) stated that Cathy Enright would be speaking on the National Certified Seed Potato Program on Tuesday. He would like to have the seed potato states meet with him after that presentation for discussion on this issue, about which states have not been adequately informed. Industry has been working

with PPQ and backs this program. They do not understand that it may not be possible for seed potato states to initiate this program as currently drafted. Idaho has specific legal issues with the current draft. Bill Dickerson (NC) suggested meeting with Cathy Enright to discuss this issue before she made her presentation. An attempt would be made to speak with her at the Hospitality Suite on Sunday night.

State Plant Health Director Attendance: Terry Bourgoin (ME) asked if PPQ was restricting attendance of State Plant Health Directors to the NPB Annual Meeting. Bill Dickerson (NC) and Ken Rauscher (MI) replied that PPQ is not restricting their attendance.

Inconsistent Assumption of Duties: Bill Dickerson (NC) brought up the issue of inconsistent assumption of duties by newly elected regional plant board officers. Some new officers assume duties upon election at the spring regional plant board meetings and others assume duties after the general business meeting during the Annual NPB Meeting. It was agreed that the regional boards would discuss this issue during the regional meetings the following morning, after which the regional plant board presidents would meet with Ken Rauscher (MI) and finalize an agreement for this issue.

Biotechnology Regulatory Services Review Meeting: Ken Rauscher (MI) stated that he wanted to meet with regional board representatives assigned to the Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) Program Review for a review of the process to be used. Therefore, regional boards need to identify representatives.

National Seed Health System Issue: Aurelio Posadas (CA) raised the National Seed Health System issue. The issue is that PPQ wants to require state labs to be accredited and charge them. It was unclear if the charge would be for accreditation of the lab or per diagnostic procedure. It was also noted that NSHS' next step might be to require accreditation of states' Phytosanitary field inspections.

Biotechnology Regulatory Services Training and Inspection: Mitch Yergert (CO) brought up issues on BRS training and inspection. Specifically, the issues are (1) authority for states to do the inspections, (2) liability, (3) inadequate training, and (4) reimbursement for inspections. It was noted that NASDA had contracted with BRS for states to be trained. NPB needs to communicate with NASDA and review their policy statement on biotechnology.

NASDA Meeting: Bill Dickerson (NC) announced the upcoming NASDA meeting would take place at Allentown, Pennsylvania on September 16-21, 2005.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Minutes were approved on August 10, 2005.

Submitted by

Aurelio Posadas
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National Plant Board

**National Plant Board
General Business Meeting
August 10, 2005
Biloxi, Mississippi**

President Bill Dickerson (NC) called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Secretary/Treasurer Aurelio Posadas (CA) conducted the roll call. Thirty-four states were reported as being present.

NPB Reviews Update: Bill Dickerson (NC) updated the membership on the NPB reviews for this year: Building 580 (completed), CPHST Review (partially completed), the Peer Review (in progress), and Biotechnology Regulatory Services Review (being initiated). There was discussion on the confidentiality of the CPHST Review Report and it not being available to members. Bill offered to provide a copy of the report for review and discuss the CPHST review situation with any member interested.

Carl Carlson Award Issue: Mike Brown (MO) brought up a Carl Carlson Award issue. The award's original purpose was to recognize service and/or contribution made at the field level. This is not clear in the award criteria. Nomination packages should clearly reflect contributions or service at the field level. Mike motioned that language of the Carl Carlson Award criteria be clarified to place an emphasis on contribution and/or service at the field level. Gray Haun (TN) seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

Scott Pfister: Bill Dickerson (NC) discussed sending Scott Pfister a letter of appreciation or something from the NPB. The membership agreed.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Aurelio Posadas (CA) presented the Secretary/Treasurer's report to the membership (*see attached report*).

Audit Committee Report: The Audit committee met with Aurelio on Monday to discuss the budget. The finances and books of the NPB were determined to be in order (*see attached report*). A motion was made by Gene Cross (NC), and second by Craig Roussel (LA), to accept the committee report. The motion was passed unanimously by the membership.

Awards Committee Report: Mike Cooper (ID) thanked the members of the awards committee, as well as Geir Friisoe (MN) and Connie Riherd (FL) for their assistance with plaques and certificates. Mike announced that he needs the names of retirees for next year's report, and that it is never too early to start nomination packages for next year (*see attached report*).

Policy and Resolutions Committee Report: Gray Haun (TN) presented the membership with eight resolutions and a PSB letter. All of the resolutions and the letter were approved with minor changes (*see attached report*).

Thank You Letter: Bill Dickerson (NC) recommended that the NPB send a thank you letter to the sponsors of this year's annual meeting. Membership agreed.

2007 Annual Meeting: Lyle Wong (HI) extended an offer, verbally and in writing, during the general business meeting, to host the 2007 NPB Annual Meeting in Hawaii. Craig Roussel (LA) suggested notifying NASDA of the Hawaii meeting to provide advanced notice, as Hawaii may be a travel issue for some states. Mike Cooper (ID) moved to accept Lyle's offer and Richard Gaskalla (FL) seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Nominations Committee Report: The committee put forth the following nominations:

President – Ken Rauscher (MI)
Vice President – Gray Haun (TN)
Secretary/Treasurer – Aurelio Posadas (CA)

Richard Gaskalla (FL) asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor were presented. The slate of officers presented was elected unanimously by the membership.

Ken Rauscher (MI) assumed the NPB leadership and presented Bill Dickerson (NC) with a plaque of appreciation.

Bob Dahl (WI) provided information on next year's meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, scheduled for August 13-18, 2006.

President Ken Rauscher (MI) adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

Aurelio Posadas
Secretary/Treasurer
National Plant Board

NATIONAL PLANT BOARD BUSINESS MEETING 2005 – AUGUST 10, 2004

Roll Call of States

State	Present	Absent
Alabama		X
Alaska		X
Arizona	X	
Arkansas	X	
California	X	
Colorado	X	
Connecticut		X
Delaware		X
Florida	X	
Georgia	X	
Hawaii	X	
Idaho	X	
Illinois		X
Indiana	X	
Iowa	X	
Kansas	X	
Kentucky		X
Louisiana	X	
Maine	X	
Maryland	X	
Massachusetts		X
Michigan	X	
Minnesota	X	
Mississippi	X	
Missouri	X	
Montana	X	
Nebraska	X	
Nevada		X
New Hampshire		X
New Jersey	X	
New Mexico		X
New York	X	
North Carolina	X	
North Dakota	X	

Ohio	X	
Okalahoma		X
Oregon	X	
Pennsylvania	X	
Puerto Rico		X
Rhode Island		X
South Carolina	X	
South Dakota		X
Tennessee	X	
Texas	X	
Utah		X
Vermont		X
Virginia	X	
Washington	X	
West Virginia	X	
Wisconsin	X	
Wyoming		X
Total	34	17

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

2005 National Plant Board

Audit Committee Report
 Wednesday, August 10, 2005

The National Plant Board (NPB) Audit Committee, composed of regional secretaries/treasurers or their designees, met on Monday, August 8, 2005 to review NPB financial information as provided by the NPB Secretary/Treasurer. For this meeting, members included John Caravetta, Carl Schulze and Gene Cross. Special thanks should be extended to Aurelio Posadas and Scott Pfister for their assistance during the transition.

Prior to his departure, Scott Pfister made available to all NPB members a copy of the NPB Secretary/Treasurer's Report. In our audit committee meeting, members reviewed the overall report provided by Scott. Additionally, Aurelio Posadas provided the committee with a copy of the preliminary reconciliation report prepared by Bonnie Greenhalgh, Sumtotal Accounting. This

report detailed the assets and liabilities of the NPB. The committee members also had an opportunity to review the checkbook ledger. Pending the end of the NPB fiscal year, a final compilation will be performed by the accountant to facilitate tax filing.

Based on a general review of supporting financial information, the Audit Committee found no major inconsistencies/problems with the NPB Secretary/Treasurer's Report and accountant's report. The committee's recommendation is the NPB accept this report as presented.

Respectfully submitted,
Gene B. Cross

AWARDS & RECOGNITION COMMITTEE REPORT

2005 National Plant Board

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mike Cooper-WPB – Chair
Tom Harrison-CPB

Frank Fulgham-SPB
Carl Schulze-EPB

NASDA HONOR AWARD NOMINEES:

TOM SIM, Kansas

CARL CARLSON AWARD NOMINEES:

WALT BLOSSER, Pennsylvania
LEE BURGESS, Missouri
STEVE BOSTAIN, Arkansas
JAN HEDBERG, Oregon

LEE BURGESS won and the award, which was presented during the awards luncheon at the 2005 meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi.

ANLA / ESA DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN REGULATORY ENTOMOLOGY NOMINEES:

SHASHANK NILAKHE, Texas
MIKE KLAUS, Washington

SHASHANK NILAKHE won and the award, which was presented at the 2005 meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi.

RETIREMENT RECOGNITIONS:

NONE

Submitted By:

Michael E. Cooper, Idaho – Chairman

Awards & Recognition Committee Report

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Aurelio Posadas

The office of the National Plant Board Secretary/Treasurer continues to be in flux. It began with Dr. Scott Pfister moving to the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation last spring. Now I find myself ready to move on as well. I am in the process of retiring from state service. Leaving the state department of agriculture means, like Scott, that I am no longer able to continue to serve as a NPB officer. I regret the disruption and inconvenience this will cause President Rauscher and the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors' meetings and conference calls held this year include:

- Post-Conference BOD Meeting – August 10, 2005 – Biloxi, Mississippi
- BOD Meeting – November 1, 2005 – Estes Park, Colorado
- BOD Conference Call – January 5, 2006
- BOD Meeting – March 23, 2006 – Hunt Valley, Maryland
- BOD Meeting – June 15, 2005 – Lansing, Michigan (*not available at this time*)
- BOD Conference Call – July 24, 2006

This Secretary/Treasurer's report has four NPB financial reports. The first is the **NPB Financial Report 1: FY 2005 Final Statement**. This statement indicates that the NPB ended the fiscal year with an account balance of \$95,770.34. It shows actual income and expenditures during the 2005 fiscal year (9/1/04-8/31/05). It also shows that we had not yet collected funds from the Safeguarding and Peer Review cooperative agreements when the fiscal year ended.

The second financial report is titled **NPB Financial Report 2: FY 2006 (Actual)**. This second statement is an actual accounting of finances through June 30, 2006. This statement indicates the NPB has four cooperative agreements this year. Three are currently in place: FY 2006 Safeguarding, FY 2006 Biotechnology Regulatory Services, and FY 2005-06 Peer Review cooperative agreements. The Peer Review is the odd ball because it encompasses two of our fiscal years (July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006). The other cooperative agreement on this report is the Safeguarding FY 2005 (ending August 31, 2005). It is listed to note funds received that were owed to us at the end of last fiscal year.

The third financial report is titled **NPB Financial Report 3: FY 2006 (Estimate)**. This report is an estimate of what the NPB will spend through the remainder of this fiscal year. I am indicating that reimbursement requests will be made for this year's three cooperative agreements. Reimbursement of our cooperative agreement costs will increase the treasury by approximately \$38,000.00. The Biotechnology Regulatory Services Cooperative Agreement, I assume, will be renewed as we continue working on various issues. We have already been contacted by USDA APHIS PPQ to begin renewal of the

Safeguarding Cooperative Agreement. The Peer Review Cooperative Agreement has been completed and I am in the process of requesting reimbursement.

The forth financial report is titled **NPB Financial Report 4**. It is a comparison of the FY 2006 financial estimate (NPB Financial Report 3) against last year's proposed FY 2006 budget. Beside this is the proposed FY 2007 budget. Something new you will notice in this proposal is the cost for an Executive Secretary. Not being sure when this individual was going to be brought on board, expenses for him/her were placed on the proposed budget.

It was a busy year for me and made me understand the need for an Executive Secretary. I did not have time to review the Secretary/Treasurer files in detail. I noticed there were two Safeguarding Agreements in the file with different numbers and assumed that one was last year's and the second was the current year's. This assumption was incorrect. USDA notified us in late July that there is no current Safeguarding Agreement. I have been in discussion with Mike Lidsky, Daphne Reid, and Stacy Kane with USDA to get a Safeguarding Cooperative Agreement in place ASAP. We will be able to collect the \$20,000.00 we expended for safeguarding this year.

Respectively submitted:

Aurelio Posadas
Secretary/Treasurer
National Plant Board

National Plant Board Financial Report 1: FY 2005 Final Statement

September 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005

	NPB	FY 2004 Safeguarding	FY 2005 Safeguarding	FY 2005-06 Peer Review	Total
Beginning Bank Balance 09/01/04	112,402.61	0.00	32,358.11	0.00	112,402.61
Income:					
Interest	1,123.18				1,123.18
Contributions	0.00				0.00
Dues	35,700.00				35,700.00
Reimbursement	0.00	3,144.43			3,144.43
2005 Annual Mtg. Income	0.00				0.00
Misc. Income	0.00				0.00
Total Income	36,823.18	3,144.43			39,967.61
Expenses:					
Bank Fees	(57.70)				(57.70)
Accounting Fees	(1,000.00)				(1,000.00)
Meeting Expenses	(1,800.00)		(2,693.90)		(4,493.90)
Travel	(11,747.20)		(29,664.21)	(2,540.28)	(43,951.69)
Awards	(215.00)				(215.00)
2004 Annual Mtg. Advance	(5,250.00)				(5,250.00)
Dues	(250.00)				(250.00)
Postage	(32.35)				(32.35)
Misc. Expenses	1,349.25				(1,349.25)
Total Expenses	(21,951.49)		(32,358.11)	(2,540.28)	(56,599.88)
Ending Balance	127,167.83	3,144.43	(32,358.11)	(2,540.28)	95,770.34
Ending Bank Balance 08/31/05					95,770.34

National Plant Board Financial Report 2: FY 2006 (Actual)

September 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006

	NPB	FY 2005 Safeguarding	FY 2006 Safeguarding	FY 2006 BRS	FY 2005-06 Peer Review	Total
Beginning Bank Balance 09/01/05						95,770.34
Income:						
Interest	787.85					787.85
Contributions	0.00					0.00
Dues	19,500.00					19,500.00
Reimbursement	0.00	32,358.11	0.00	20,000.00	10,000.00	62,358.11
2005 Annual Mtg. Income	0.00					0.00
Misc. Income	0.00					0.00
Total Income	20,287.85	32,358.11	0.00	20,000.00	10,000.00	82,645.96
Expenses:						
Bank Fees	(150.94)					(150.94)
Accounting Fees	(1,665.00)					(1,665.00)
CA Admin. Fees	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
Meeting Expenses	(1,245.00)		0.00	(3,166.20)	1,000.00	(5,411.20)
Travel	(8,690.51)		(19,879.80)	(33,663.18)	(14,166.45)	(76,399.94)
Awards	0.00		0.00			0.00
2005 Annual Mtg. Advance	(2,017.85)					(2,017.85)
Dues	0.00					0.00
Supplies	0.00					0.00
Communication	(4,000.00)			(862.91)		(4,862.91)
Misc.	0.00			(1,000.00)		(1,000.00)
Total Expenses	(17,769.30)		(19,879.80)	(38,692.29)	(15,166.45)	(91,507.84)
Income/Expenses	2,518.55	32,358.11	(19,879.80)	(18,692.29)	(5,166.45)	(8,861.88)
Ending Bank Balance 06/30/06						89,908.46

National Plant Board Financial Report 3: FY 2006 (Estimate)

September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006

		FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2006	FY 2005-06	
	NPB	Safeguarding	Safeguarding	BRS	Peer Review	Total
Beginning Bank Balance 09/01/05						95,770.34
Income:						
Interest	800.00					800.00
Contributions	0.00					0.00
Dues	38,250.00					38,250.00
Reimbursement	0.00	32,358.11	20,000.00	38,500.00	24,250.00	115,108.11
2005 Annual Mtg. Income	0.00					0.00
Misc. Income	0.00					0.00
Total Income	39,050.00	32,358.11	20,000.00	38,500.00	24,250.00	154,158.11
Expenses:						
Bank Fees	(150.00)					(150.00)
Accounting Fees	(1,500.00)					(1,500.00)
CA Admin. Fees	0.00			0.00		
Meeting Expenses	(1,500.00)			(3,000.00)	(1,000)	(5,500.00)
Travel	(9,300.00)		(20,000.00)	(33,500.00)	(23,250.00)	(86,050.00)
Awards	(200.00)		0.00			(200.00)
2005 Annual Mtg. Advance	(2,000.00)					(2,000.00)
Dues	(250.00)					(250.00)
Supplies	0.00					0.00
Communication	(4,000.00)			(1,000.00)		(5,000.00)
Misc.	0.00			(1,000.00)		(1,000.00)
Executive Secretary	(14,250.00)					(14,250.00)
Total Expenses	(33,150.00)		(20,000.00)	(38,500.00)	(24,250.00)	(115,900.00)
Income/Expenses	5,900.00	32,358.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	38,258.11
Estimated Ending Bank Balance on 08/31/06						134,028.45

National Plant Board Financial Report 4
FY 06 Budget Comparison and Proposed Budget for FY 07

	<u>FY 06 (Est.)</u>	<u>FY 06 Budget</u>	<u>FY 07 Proposed</u>
Income:			
Interest	800.00	1,300.00	1,000.00
Contributions	0.00	4,250.00	0.00
Dues	38,250.00	40,800.00	40,800.00
Annual Meeting Income	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
Safeguarding Reimbursement	52,358.11	0.00	55,000.00
Peer Review Reimbursement	24,250.00	0.00	0.00
Biotech. Regulatory Services Reimbursement	38,500.00	0.00	45,000.00
Total Income	154,158.11	66,350.00	141,800.00
Expenses:			
Bank Fees	(150.00)	(50.00)	(50.00)
Accounting Fees	(1,500.00)	(1,000.00)	(1,500.00)
Admin. Fees	0.00	0.00	(3,000.00)
Meeting Expenses	(5,500.00)	(5,000.00)	(5,000.00)
Travel	(86,000.00)	(30,000.00)	(70,000.00)
Awards	(200.00)	(500.00)	(500.00)
Annual Meeting Expenses	(2,000.00)	(15,000.00)	(5,000.00)
Dues	(250.00)	(250.00)	(250.00)
Supplies	0.00	(200.00)	(1,000.00)
Communications	(5,000.00)	(1,000.00)	(4,000.00)
Other Misc. Expenses	(1,000.00)	(2,000.00)	(1,000.00)
Executive Secretary			
Salary (30.00 x 85 hrs. x 12 mos.)*	(1,400)	0.00	(30,600.00)*
Travel (4 trips x 2,000)*	(2,000.00)	0.00	(8,000.00)*
Office Supplies (paper, pens, etc.)	(50.00)	0.00	(50.00)
Office Overhead (38.00 x 11 days x 12 mos.)*	(800.00)	0.00	(5,000.00)*
Start Up Costs (computer, fax, copier)	(10,000.00)	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	(115,850.00)	(55,000.00)	(134,950.00)
Income/Expenses	38,308.11	11,350.00	6,850.00

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

2005 National Plant Board

After careful and full consideration, the Nominations Committee sets forth the following slate of officers for nomination to the National Plant Board (NPB) leadership in 2005-2006:

President: Ken Rauscher, Michigan (CPB)

Vice President: Gray Haun, Tennessee (SPB)

Secretary / Treasurer: Aurelio Posadas, California (WPB)

With the resignation of Dr. Scott Pfister, Secretary/Treasurer, a vacancy was created in the NPB officer ranks. Standard protocol would have been for the EPB to recommend a replacement candidate for Dr. Pfister; however, the EPB was unable to field a candidate. Therefore, the next region in line for officer consideration was the WPB. The WPB selected Mr. Aurelio Posadas (California) as a replacement for Dr. Pfister. As the 2005-2006 NPB meeting was quickly approaching, there was also a need to look at nominations for the coming year. The SPB, being next in line for a candidate, recommended Mr. Gray Haun (Tennessee) as an officer candidate. Mr. Haun is also serving as SPB Chairman at this time. As Mr. Haun is currently serving as SPB Chairman, and Mr. Posadas is relatively new to the NPB, it was proposed to place Mr. Haun in as Vice Chair and Mr. Posadas as Secretary/Treasurer. After due consideration, Mr. Posadas graciously agreed to the change.

Respectfully submitted by:

2005 Nominating Committee:
Richard Gaskalla, (SPB) – Chair
Bob Waltz, (CPB)
Gary Gibson, (EPB)
Mitch Yergert, (WPB)

POLICY AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

2004 National Plant Board

The Policy and Resolutions Committee Report was presented by Gray Haun, Chair. Resolutions were approved with changes. Resolutions are included in these proceedings.

Submitted by,

Gray Haun, Chair, Tennessee
Brad White, Washington
Terry Bourgoïn, Maine
Gene Cross, North Carolina

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**2005 Annual Meeting
Biloxi, Mississippi**

RESOLUTION NO. 1

**APPRECIATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND
COMMERCE**

The National Plant Board Meeting on August 7-11, 2005, held in Biloxi, Mississippi was wonderfully arranged, hosted and organized by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce. The Mississippi staff demonstrated true southern hospitality, was exceedingly accommodating, and professional. The meeting was remarkably successful and enjoyable for all and we had great food, fun and enjoyable spouse tours.

Be it resolved, that the membership of the National Plant Board at its annual meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi on August 10, 2005, sincerely thank Mike Tagert, Harry Fulton, Benny Graves and the entire planning committee including Butch Alpe, Janice Brown, Kenneth Calcote, Kristi Jones, Pixie Little, Jon Morris, Frankie Oswald, Richard Scott, Laura Vollar, Heath Steede, Keith Pouncey, Tim Lockley, and Mike Bayles for their outstanding work in the preparation and implementation of this meeting.

Be it further resolved, that the National Plant Board sincerely thank the meeting's sponsors including Van Zyverden, Inc., The Catfish Institute, Delta and Pine Land Company, Mississippi Nursery and Landscape Association, Dupont, BASF Corporation, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., and the Mississippi Association of Garden Clubs for their generous support of the 2005 meeting.

Motion to Adopt: Ken Rauscher, MI
Seconded by: Craig Roussel, LA

DISTRIBUTION:

Lester Spell, Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce
Mike Tagert, Bureau Director of Plant Industries
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**2005 Annual Meeting
Biloxi, Mississippi**

RESOLUTION NO. 2

SOYBEAN RUST PROGRAM OVERSIGHT

The National Plant Board commends USDA APHIS PPQ for foresight and advanced planning related to the detection of soybean rust in the United States. The agency efforts were instrumental in avoiding a crisis by developing and implementing a planned management system to deal with this important plant pathogen.

Soybean rust, *Phakopsora pachyrhizi*, was first confirmed in the United States in Louisiana in November 2004. In response to this detection, USDA facilitated the development of a federal, state, university and industry-coordinated framework for surveillance, reporting, prediction, and management of soybean rust for the 2005 growing season.

The management of soybean rust in the United States is quickly shifting from a regulatory to an extension effort with the de-listing of soybean rust as a select agent. The National Plant Board urges USDA APHIS PPQ and CSREES to continue the transition of the soybean rust program from regulatory to extension and research centered activities. Adequate regulatory protections will be maintained through the 526-permit system for shipping or moving the pathogen for research or educational purposes.

Be it resolved, that the National Plant Board, at its annual meeting held in Biloxi, Mississippi on August 10, 2005, requests that USDA move the soybean rust program from APHIS PPQ to CSREES and its focus be shifted away from regulatory activities to extension and research centered activities by the 2006 growing season.

Motion to adopt: Ken Rauscher, MI
Seconded by: Shashank Nilakhe, TX

DISTRIBUTION:

Michael Johannes, Secretary, USDA
Bill Hawks, Under Secretary, USDA
Dr. Colien Hefferan, Administrator, CSREES
Dr. Richard Dunkle, Deputy Administrator, USDA APHIS PPQ
Rick Kirchhoff, CEO, NASDA
Gus Douglass, Chairman, Animal and Plant Industries Committee, NASDA
Dr. Gary Cunningham, Associate Administrator, CSREES
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**2005 Annual Meeting
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RESOLUTION NO. 3

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION
VACANT POSITIONS AT PORTS OF ENTRY**

United States ports of entry are considered to be the first line of protection for the nation's agricultural and environmental resources. Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the Homeland Security Act of 2002 established the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and charged it with coordinating U.S. efforts to protect against terror activities, including agroterrorism. Approximately 2,700 agricultural inspectors at the ports, support personnel, and AQI user fees were transferred from USDA to DHS in 2003. To assist in this transition and to encourage joint agency cooperation the National Plant Board, along with regional Plant Boards, has aggressively encouraged the participation of Custom and Border Protection (CBP) in both national and regional plant board meetings.

In March 2005, the U. S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) published a report to Congress on the work Homeland Security is doing to protect agriculture from a terrorist attack. Although the main emphasis of the report was on agroterrorism, the main threat posed to plant resources is the inadvertent introduction of plant pests on plant products entering the U.S. in commercial freight shipments or in personal shipments that are hand-carried or mailed. Unfortunately, the number of newly introduced plant pests continues to grow at a historically high rate. The GAO report noted that since the transfer of agricultural inspectors from USDA to DHS-Customs and Border Protection in 2003, there have been fewer inspections of agricultural products at the nation's ports of entry. Also, when the transfer was made, there were 500 vacant agricultural inspector positions, and at the time of the GAO report there were approximately 800 vacancies nationwide. Although progress has been made in filling these positions, the vacant positions and resulting decrease in inspections make U.S. plant resources more vulnerable to the introduction of exotic plant pests, as well as acts of agroterrorism.

Be it resolved, that the National Plant Board, at its annual meeting held in Biloxi, Mississippi on August 10, 2005, requests that DHS-Customs and Border Protection continue their concerted efforts to fill vacant agricultural inspector positions, that USDA APHIS PPQ and DHS determine the reasons for declining pest interceptions, and that DHS quickly increase inspections to appropriate levels. Further, the National Plant Board appreciates and encourages Customs and Border Protection officials' participation in both the regional and national meetings of the Plant Board and the Plant Board stands ready to participate in Customs and Border Protection meetings.

Motion to Adopt: Bill Dickerson, NC

Seconded by: Terry Bourgoin, ME

DISTRIBUTION:

Michael Chertoff, Secretary, DHS

Mike Johanns, Secretary, USDA

Bill Hawks, Under Secretary, USDA

Robert C. Bonner, Commissioner, DHS-CBP

Dr. Ron DeHaven, Administrator, USDA APHIS PPQ

Dr. Richard Dunkle, Deputy Administrator, USDA APHIS PPQ

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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 three 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, 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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RESOLUTION NO. 5

EMERGING PLANT PESTS AND PEST DETECTION

The ability of USDA-APHIS and state cooperators to safeguard American plant resources is hampered by their inability to secure adequate funding to detect, delimit, and eradicate exotic plant pests. Major control initiatives directed at Asian long-horned beetle, emerald ash borer, citrus canker, and *Phytophthora ramorum* blight are ongoing. All of these initiatives are funded with the emerging plant pests budget line item. For eradication efforts to be successful, full, reliable and continuous funding is imperative to U.S. citizens and the partner agencies serving the public.

Recent increases in federal support for enhanced domestic surveillance through Homeland Security funds allocation and the Pest Detection Initiative have focused on infrastructure development. Expanding world trade and the threat of bio-terrorism have increased the risk of additional destructive insects, diseases, nematodes and weeds being introduced into the United States. Improving pest survey detection and response capabilities to meet the increasing threats posed by new pest introductions require funding at a level of \$100,000,000.

Be it resolved, that the National Plant Board, at its annual meeting held in Biloxi, Mississippi on August 10, 2005, urges that USDA seek through U. S. Congress to increase the appropriation for the Pest Detection line item to \$100 million for the early detection of new pests and timely emergency response.

Be It Further Resolved, that the National Plant Board urges that Congress appropriate at least \$175 million to fund USDA APHIS PPQ's Emerging Plant Pests line item in order to complement Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) emergency funding.

Motion: Ken Rauscher, MI

Seconded by: Harry Fulton, MS

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RESOLUTION NO. 6

***Phytophthora ramorum* (Sudden Oak Death)**

Phytophthora ramorum, the casual agent of the disease commonly called sudden oak death, ramorum blight and ramorum dieback, has been killing trees and other hosts in the coastal counties of California since the mid-1990's. *P. ramorum* causes fatal bark cankers in tanoak, coast live oak, and California black oak. It can also cause leaf blight on species of camellia, rhododendron and California bay laurel, and can spread rapidly in an area to many different hosts. Since the full host range for this disease has not yet been delineated, regulatory safeguards are needed for the interstate and international movement of plant material, in order to eliminate or minimize the potential for spread of this pathogen. It is fully anticipated this disease has the potential to be established throughout the United States, with primary concern for the Eastern and Southern forests, where it is expected to adversely impact the ecosystem balance and economy of affected areas. In addition to forest concerns, foreign and domestic nursery stock and lumber markets are of prime concern. Based on the present USDA, APHIS, PPQ list of hosts and plants associated with *P. ramorum*, there are 68 proven hosts and associated hosts, with additional species being identified regularly.

The interstate and international movement of infected plants continues to be a major pathway for the movement of *P. ramorum* to uninfested areas in the United States. Detected infestations must be eradicated in order to protect the U.S. nursery and forestry products industries and ecosystems from this disease. The public would be greatly affected by the loss of shade trees and ornamental plants in natural areas as well as landscapes affected by this pathogen.

Based on these potential pathways, an interim rule was published by USDA APHIS PPQ on February 14, 2002 to prevent the spread of sudden oak death from twelve infested counties in California and from an area under eradication in Oregon. An Emergency Federal Order dated December 21, 2004 was issued to regulate certain nurseries and plants to prevent the pathogen's spread via nursery plant movement. This order addresses the discovery of *P. ramorum* in nurseries in California, Oregon, and Washington that are outside the quarantined areas. Provisions were also included

for nurseries in regulated areas that were not covered by the previous regulations, which now require inspection and certification of freedom from *Phytophthora ramorum*.

There is concern that there are plants within the nursery trade that have been repeatedly implicated in the detection of *P. ramorum* in interstate plant movement from known infested west coast states. Additional comprehensive regulatory measures may be needed on these genera/species.

RESOLVED, that the National Plant Board, at its annual meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi on August 10th, 2005 urges the Secretary of Agriculture to ensure adequate funding is available for USDA APHIS PPQ to implement the national survey for *P. ramorum* and to conduct critical follow-up activities including trace forwards, testing, the development of new test methodologies, destruction of infected plants and eradication of *P. ramorum*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The National Plant Board, as a cooperating partner in the program, has endorsed the formation of the *Phytophthora ramorum* NPB/PPQ working group. The National Plant Board strongly urges that the USDA APHIS PPQ work aggressively and cooperatively with this group to frame, clarify and track critical policy, scientific, and technical issues relating to the movement of high-risk nursery stock in interstate trade. This cooperative partnership is needed to ensure federal quarantine measures are based on sound science and in accordance with the NPB Principles of Plant Quarantine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Plant Board urges its member states to follow established USDA APHIS PPQ standard sampling and laboratory protocols and that USDA APHIS PPQ fast track approval of laboratories capable of completing *P. ramorum* testing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Plant Board urges USDA APHIS PPQ to complete and implement a *P. ramorum* introduction risk assessment for plant propagative material entering the U.S. for both the A1 and A2 mating types.

Motion to Adopt: Craig Roussel, LA
Seconded by: Mike Cooper, ID

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RESOLUTION NO. 7

NATIONAL HONEYBEE SURVEY

Currently, U.S. beekeepers find certification standards for exporting honeybees to other countries severely restrictive. It is virtually impossible to certify U.S. honeybees apparently free of certain pests not known to occur in the U.S. since no national survey/certification program exists. Necessary surveys include, but are not limited to pests such as *Tropilaelaps clareae* and other pests/diseases not known to occur in the U.S. Certification/surveys are needed to permit U.S. shipments to other countries not known to have such pests and also to prevent shipments from countries known to have them once it is proven they do not exist in the U.S.

Additionally, the Africanized honeybee (*Apis mellifera scutellata*) (AHB), poses a serious threat to the public safety and the viability of the beekeeping industry and the pollination of crops in the U.S. By May 2005, 59 of 653 suspicious swarms trapped in Florida, and 5 of 39 swarms caught near the Port of Mobile in 2004, have been identified as being Africanized to varying degrees using approved diagnostic tests. This problem is expected to be compounded as South and Central American countries will likely request permits to ship honeybees to the U.S. which will be genetically Africanized. The USDA, APHIS, PPQ is now allowing the importation of honeybee queens and packaged bees from Australia and New Zealand under free trade negotiations.

RESOLVED, The National Plant Board, at its annual meeting held in Biloxi, Mississippi on August 10th, 2005 hereby urges the USDA APHIS PPQ and/or the USDA APHIS VS initiate and fund a national survey program to allow U.S. shipments of honeybee queens and packages to foreign countries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The National Plant Board, AIA and USDA APHIS PPQ/CSREES work cooperatively to develop and implement a uniform AHB Action Plan for the Southern states including Best Management Practices (BMP's), outreach and other activities.

Motion: Harry Fulton, MS

Seconded by: Richard Gaskalla, FL

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RESOLUTION NO. 8

NATIONAL SEED HEALTH SYSTEM ACCREDITATION

The USDA APHIS PPQ has promulgated rules providing for the accreditation of private laboratories and inspection entities to perform seed borne disease diagnostics and seed field inspections. These rules require costly documentation, training, and accreditation costs. However, these rules do not provide for or require the accreditation of state governmental laboratories. The USDA APHIS PPQ now is seeking to require accreditation of state governmental laboratories and state seed inspection activities. The National Plant Board is presently on record as opposing the mandatory National Seed Health System accreditation of state governmental laboratories and state seed field inspection activities.

RESOLVED, The National Plant Board, at its annual meeting held in Biloxi, Mississippi on August 10th, 2005 hereby opposes any USDA APHIS PPQ requirements for mandatory accreditation of state governmental laboratories and state seed field inspection activities.

Motion: Shashank Nilakhe

Seconded by: Aurelio Posadas

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President Ken Rauscher (MI) called the meeting to order at 4:55p.m. Vice President Gray Haun (TN), Secretary/Treasurer Aurelio Posadas (CA), Past President B. Dickerson (NC), and the following Board members were present:

T. Bourgoin, ME
D. Hilburn, OR
C. Schulze, NJ

M. Brown, MO
B. Mungari, NY
V. Woehler, NE

M. Cooper, ID
S. Nilakhe, TX

Agenda Item:

1. **Approval of BOD Minutes of January 6 & 7, 2005 and May 5, 2005:** The minutes were presented to the BOD. B. Dickerson moved to adopt them and M. Brown seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The August 7, 2005 minutes were also presented to the BOD for approval. B. Dickerson moved to adopt them and M. Brown seconded the motion. Missing names and corresponding states were provided to A. Posadas to make the *P. ramorum* working group complete. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **2006 Proposed Budget:** The proposed 2006 budget was presented to the BOD. S. Nilakhe moved to adopt them and C. Schulze seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. C. Schulze brought up a dues issue. The EPB is having a problem with two states paying their dues. Discussion occurred and it was decided that Schulze would write them a letter trying to convince them to pay. M. Brown added that the CPB has the same problem.
3. **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - NASDA: September 16-21, 2005
 - NA PPO: October 17-21, 2005
 - Potato Meeting: October 5-6, 2005
 - NPB/PPQ Meetings: November 14-18, 2005
 - March specific date: TBD
4. **EAB Research Forum:** Coming up September 26-29, 2005, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
5. **Regional Plant Board Meetings:** Regional Plant Board meetings were requested. They are as follows:

EPB –April 3-6	SPB – third week of April
CPB – Feb 6-9	WPB – was planned for April 17-20. But agreed to move to a later date.
6. **BRS: Working Group Input Process:** The BOD discussed the BRS working group and what is expected from the NPB. A conference call will be scheduled for next week. Call-in information will be provided.
7. **PPQ: Cooperative Agreement:** The Safeguarding Cooperative Agreement, due to end August 31, 2005, was discussed as to whether it would continue. We need to talk to PPQ.

8. **SOD: Working Group Plans:** The SOD working group was discussed. J. Jones asked that a NPB working group for SOD be established to aid him in dealing with the complicated interstate issues.
9. **PSB: Quantitative PRA:** This issue was discussed by the BOD and it was agreed that B. Dickerson would draft a letter to be sent to Vermont, Mississippi, and perhaps other states.
10. **Seed Potato MOU:** The BOD discussed this issue and a conference call is being scheduled in the next week or two.
11. **Admin. Assistance:** The BOD discussed the need for assistance for the NPB President and it was agreed that we need to draft up some duties this individual would assume. It was noted that Charlie Coffman might be interested in this position.
12. **Peer Review – PRA (CPHST) Bill:** B. Dickerson informed the BOD that these two committees are ready to go. Individuals have been named and contacted. There is a separate Peer Review Cooperative Agreement. However, the CPHST review will fall under the Safeguarding Cooperative Agreement.
13. **Thursday Agenda – 8:00 a.m. Items:** PSB and Hasta Virus as possible agenda items were discussed. Also discussed was the NPB paying for NPB members' per diem to stay for Thursday. Some members were not staying due to lack of state funds for their per diem. It was agreed that any NPB members staying for Thursday would be allowed to submit travel vouchers for per diem.
14. **Agroterrorism Issue:** The BOD discussed this issue.
15. **Website committee:** Gray Haun agreed to chair this committee.
16. **Committee assignments:** President Rauscher agreed to make committee assignments to replace those who have retired.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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