

Draft Missions and Objectives for ABC subcommittees.

Outreach and Education Subcommittee: Ruth Welliver, Carol Holko, Julie VanMeter, Tadd Hardy, (ANLA rep (consult Marc Tefteau) Jerry Lee, or Karen Suslow), and UMD- Karen Raney

Mission: The mission of this Subcommittee is to develop materials and opportunities to express the significance of nursery certification and in particular the value of a systems approach to nursery certification.

Objectives:

1. Develop outreach materials that support strong nursery certification principles, i.e. beginning with clean plants, maintaining pest free production and distribution environments, and market only certified material.
2. Develop material that promotes a systems approach to nursery certification, including but not limited to; establishing pest management standards, identifying CCPs and BMP options to address them, staff training, monitoring, inventory management, performance measures, and industry/regulator partnering.
3. Develop materials that provide an opportunity for promoting material produced under a systems or risk based approach through a branding process.
4. Work with industry and the regulatory community to provide distribution of this material both electronically through webinars and through traditional conferences and training sessions.

The goal is to have this material available in ?? months. This effort may include development of materials collaboratively with Univ. of Maryland staff under their Farm Bill Coop. Agreement.

NPB Model Nursery Law Subcommittee: Gene Cross, Wayne Dixon, Victoria Smith, Mike Bryan, Nick Condos, Dan Hilburn, Dave Blackburn

Mission: The mission of the Model Law Subcommittee is to update and revise the model law and regulation to provide a template that promotes uniform state nursery certification legislation, improves pest management and quality nursery production, and advances the value of state certification programs and the image of the nursery industry.

Objectives:

1. Develop a model nursery law that contains the critical components (definitions, certification standards, fee structures, etc.) that individual states can adopt to revise legislation that promotes the current best management practices of production and certification.
2. Develop a model nursery regulation(s) that contains optional components (quarantine language, inspection protocols, tolerances, etc.) that individual states can adopt to revise or develop regulations.
3. This effort should allow for a great deal of flexibility and options while promoting uniform state statutes and regulations.

The goal is to develop an initial draft of these documents in 9 month with final documents to be completed and available for utilization in ?? .

Training Subcommittee: Gary McAninch, Collin Wamsley, Ann Gibbs, Terry Walker, Stephen Schmidt, HIS representative(s)

Mission: The mission of this subcommittee is to develop training materials and opportunities for industry and state regulatory staffs that promote strong nursery certification programs and encourage systems or risk based approaches.

Objectives:

1. Develop training materials for the nursery production industry and plant brokers and dealers that promote effective pest management, and adoption of systems approaches including but not limited to; development of documented production standards, inventory management, monitoring, performance measures, and industry/regulator partnering.
2. Develop training materials for state regulatory staffs that increase knowledge of pests, improve inspection techniques and quarantine procedures, enhance communication and enforcement skills, and encourage transition to systems or risk based certification approaches.
3. Develop training opportunities for both production nurseries, brokers, dealers, and regulatory staffs that utilize the most practical technologies, including, but not limited to, webinars, short courses conferences, and one on one training regarding audits, pest risk analysis, identification of CCP's, and BMP's.

The goal is to have these training material drafts available in ?? months.

Template/Compliance Agreement Subcommittee: Mike Colvin, Dan Kenny, Kevin King,

Mission: The mission of this subcommittee is to develop examples and templates of compliance agreements and other systems approach components which may be utilized as models by regulatory staffs and industry personnel.

Objectives:

1. Develop model compliance agreements and other system approach models for state and federal quarantine pests that include CCPs and BMPs, control scheduling, shipping windows, certification requirements, etc., which can be utilized by both the production industries and state regulatory staffs.
2. Develop strategies to encourage use of these templates and models for management of quarantine pests.

The goal is to develop these materials and strategies in ?? months in order that they be available for training and outreach purposes