



2026 Central Plant Board Meeting

April 13-16, 2026

[Embassy Suites Grand Rapids Downtown](#)

710 Monroe Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI

Monday, April 13, 2026	
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Registration in Hotel Lobby
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception in Haldane

Tuesday, April 14, 2026			
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration in Grand Foyer		
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast provided in Breakfast Area		
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Central Plant Board Breakout Room: Salon A	USDA APHIS PPQ Breakout Room: Salon B	CAPS Closed Session for SSCs Room: Haldane
9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Central Plant Board / USDA APHIS PPQ Joint Discussion Room: Salon A		CAPS Roles & Responsibilities Upcoming Survey Overview by State Focused Topic Discussion
9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Morning Snack Break in Grand Foyer		
Opening Session Room: Salon A, Moderator: Andria McCubbin, MDARD			CAPS Breakout Session Room: Haldane
10:00 a.m. - 10:05 a.m.	Call to Order, Scott Schirmer, CPB President		10:00-10:45 a.m. CAPS Updates and Q&A Darrell Bays NOM-Pest Detection
10:05 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.	Roll Call, Charles Elhard, CPB Treasurer		
10:10 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.	Introduction of Attendees, Scott Schirmer, CPB President		
10:20 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.	Welcome to Michigan, Molly Mott, MDARD		
10:35 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.	Central Plant Board Report, Scott Schirmer, CPB President		10:45-11:15 a.m. NAPIS Updates and Q&A Bonnie Dietrich Project Coordinator for CAPSIS
10:55 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	National Plant Board Report, Dan Kenny, NPB Vice President		
11:15 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.	USDA APHIS PPQ Report, Katherine Hough, Acting Executive Director, USDA APHIS PPQ		
11:35 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.	SPRO/SPHD Reports – IL, IN		
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch provided in Salon A		
Tuesday Afternoon Room: Salon A, Moderator: Andria McCubbin, MDARD			
1:00 p.m. - 1:40 p.m.	USDA APHIS PPQ Permit Review, Melanie Pickel		
1:40 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Forest Pest Update: Adelgids in Michigan, Rob Miller, MDARD		

2:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.	Forest Pest Update: Emerald Ash Borer Biocontrol, Elizabeth Darling, USDA APHIS PPQ
2:20 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	SANC Incentives, Brian Kuhn, WI DATCP
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	HIS Update, Thomas Jepsen, MDARD
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Afternoon Snack Break in Grand Foyer
3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Panel on Recent Trends in Nursery Industry, Scott Schirmer and Mark Abrahamson
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	SPRO/SPHD Reports – IA, KS, MI, MN
5:00 p.m.	CENTRAL PLANT BOARD PHOTO
	Dinner On Your Own
8:00 p.m. -11:00 p.m.	Hospitality - Breakfast Area

Wednesday, April 15, 2026		
7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast provided in Breakfast Area	
	General Session Room: Salon A, Moderator: Andria McCubbin, MDARD	CAPS Breakout Session Room: Haldane
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	SPRO/SPHD Reports: MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, WI	8:00 a.m. – 8:40 a.m. PPA 7721 Updates & Q&A Chelsea Carey, National Operations Manager PPQ Field Operations
9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Panel on Plant Virus Issues - MI, MN, MO, WI Moderator: Elizabeth Dorman, MDARD	8:40 a.m. - 9:10 a.m. Spotted lanternfly in NJ Saul Vaiciunas, New Jersey State Survey Coordinator (virtual)
9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Export Update – Forest Products, Whitney Swink, USDA APHIS PPQ (Virtual)	9:10 a.m. - 9:40 a.m. Pre and Partial awards and the agreement process Carrie Croy-Owen, APHIS PPQ Supervisory Agreement Specialist
		9:40 a.m. -10:00 a. m. Open Discussion
10:00 a.m. -10:15 a.m.	Morning Snack Break in Grand Foyer	
10:15 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Arthropod Pests of Humans and Livestock, Dr. Jean Tsao, Michigan State University	
10:50 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Forest Pest Update: Spongy Moth, Kimberly Thielen Cremers, MDA	

11:15 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.	Forest Pest Update: Asian Longhorn Beetle, Courtney Fulks, ODA
11:35 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Golden Oyster Mushroom (virtual), Aishwarya Veerabahu, UW Madison
12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Pick up boxed lunch in Breakfast Area and enjoy at location of your choice. Board bus by 12:45 p.m.
	Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park Room: Hauenstein
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Ensuring Diagnostic Excellence: NPDN Updates for the CPB, Dr. Jan Byrne, MSU
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Insider’s Talk on Frederik Meijer Gardens Plant Management and Butterfly Exhibit, Wendy Overbeck Dunham, Director of Horticulture
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Frederik Meijer Gardens Indoor Tour
3:00 -5:30 p.m.	Explore Inside and Out on Your Own <i>Butterfly Exhibit closes 5:00 pm. Other indoor exhibits open during CPB event.</i>
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Hauenstein Room: Networking 5:30, Dinner 6:00-7:15, Closing Remarks 7:15, Bus Leaves 7:30
8:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality - Breakfast Area

Thursday, April 16, 2025	
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast provided in Breakfast Area
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Central Plant Board Business Meeting Room: Haldane