



Horticultural Inspection Society
Eastern Chapter

EASTERN PLANT BOARD 100th ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Liberty Mountain Resort

78 Country Club Trail, Carroll Valley, PA, 17320

All Meeting Rooms are in the Highland Lodge

MONDAY APRIL 6, 2026

Time	Topic
	Travel
5:00–7:00 PM	Registration - Gallery
7:00–9:00 PM	Reception (hors d'oeuvres and beverages) – Gallery

TUESDAY APRIL 7, 2026

Time	Topic
7:00–8:00	Breakfast – Fireside Room (in Eagle and the Owl)
7:30–4:00	Registration - Gallery
8:00–8:15	Welcome, Housekeeping Mike Hutchinson, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
	BREAK OUT SESSIONS
8:15–10:00	EPB Members only – Overlook
	PPQ Meeting - Hearthstone
	HIS Meeting – Millstone A
	CAPS Meeting – Millstone B
10:00–10:30	BREAK Door prizes
10:30–12:00	EPB Members only – Overlook
	PPQ Meeting – Hearthstone
	HIS Meeting – Millstone A
	CAPS Meeting – Millstone B
12:00–1:00	LUNCH (provided) – Overlook
EASTERN PLANT BOARD MEETING - Overlook <i>Moderator: Gary Fish</i>	
1:00–1:10	EPB Welcome Kim Rice, Eastern Plant Board President Maryland Department of Agriculture
1:10–1:30	Pennsylvania State Welcome Russell Redding, Secretary Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

1:30-1:50	View from the National Plant Board Piera Siegert, National Plant Board President New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food
1:50-2:10	PPQ Field Operations Update Nicole Russo, PPQ Acting Associate Deputy Administrator, Field Operations
2:10-2:30	Canadian Food and Inspection Agency Update Dominique Pelletier, National Manager, Forestry Section, Plant Protection Division Canadian Food Inspection Agency Government of Canada
2:30-2:50	100 Years of Maine Horticultural History - The Evolution of the Maine State Horticulturist Gary Fish, State Horticulturist, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
2:50-3:10	BREAK Door Prizes
3:10-3:40	Mollusk Updates: Update on Snails and Slugs of Greatest Regulatory Concern Morgan Bullis (on behalf of the Mollusk CFWG), PPQ National Malacologist Pennsylvania and New Jersey Responses to Snail Infestations Michael Hutchinson, Plant Protection Division Chief, PDA, and Saul Vaiciunas, Supervising Plant Pathologist, NJDA
3:40-4:10	When Collaboration Works Best: Plum Pox - a Successful Eradication Story Matt Travis, PPQ Director - Biocontrol, Forest, Woodland, and Rangeland Pests Ruth Welliver, Former Director, Bureau of Plant Industry, PDA Chris Logue, Director, Division of Plant Industry, NYSDAM
4:10-4:40	SANC Update and Survey Results Dana Rhodes, SANC Program Associate, former Plant Protection Division Chief/SPRO, PDA
4:40-5:00	SPHD/SPRO meeting Panel and Group Discussion of Planning for Service Disruptions
Dinner on your own	

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8, 2026

Time	Topic
7:00–8:00	Breakfast – Fireside Room (in Eagle and the Owl)
7:30-11:30	Registration - Gallery
EASTERN PLANT BOARD MEETING - Overlook <i>Moderator: Chris Logue</i>	
8:00–9:00	Spongy Moth and Other Hardwood Pests Panel Jonathan Geyer, Executive Director, PA Hardwoods Development Council Rosa Yoo, Forest Health Manager, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
9:00–9:20	Forest Service Update, Including Laurel Wilt Angel Saavedra, Regional Plant Pathologist, US Forest Service
9:20-9:40	Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) - Update on 5-year Plan and Future Plans Brianna Flonc, SLF National Operations Manager (NOM)
9:40-10:00	Smuggling Interdiction and Trade Compliance (SITC) Update Anthony Cullen, SITC NOM
10:00-10:15	National Plant Diagnostic Network (NPDN) Update Sara May, Penn State Plant Disease Clinic Manager

10:15-10:30	BREAK Door Prizes
10:30-10:50	Emerging Pests: Two-spotted Cotton Leafhopper (<i>Amrasca biguttula</i>) Christina Devorshak, PPQ Associate Executive Director, District 7, Yellow-Legged Hornet (<i>Vespa velutina</i>) Josie Ryan, PPQ NOM for ALB and Honey bees
10:50-11:10	Nematode Update – Beech Leaf Disease Erika Consoli, Penn State University
11:10-11:30	Break to Prepare for Field Trip
11:30-11:35	BOARD BUSES – BUSES LEAVE at 11:35
11:35-5:00	FIELD TRIP <i>National Apple Museum</i> – Lunch, FREC Presentation, Visit Museum <i>Penn State University Fruit Research and Extension Center (FREC)</i> – Tour of Research Orchards <i>The Gettysburg National Military Park</i> – Tour with Park Biologist
6:00	Banquet, Overlook

THURSDAY APRIL 9, 2026

Time	Topic
7:00-8:00	Breakfast – Fireside Room (in Eagle and the Owl)
7:30-10:00	Registration - Gallery
EASTERN PLANT BOARD MEETING - Overlook <i>Moderator: Joe Zoltowski</i>	
8:00-8:25	EPB Members on NPB Committee Updates (NCC, <i>P. ramorum</i> , Cooperative Agreement, SANC, Mentoring, JB, Awards and others)
8:25-8:45	Recap of NPDN/NPB/APHIS Ralstonia Tabletop Exercise in PA, Update on NY/NJ plans Dana Rhodes (PA), Saul Vaiciunas (NJDA)
8:45-9:05	Cooperative Agreements Carrie Croy-Owen, PPQ Supervisory Agreement Specialist
9:05-9:20	SASI Meeting Update Tracy Svalina, PPQ State Liaison
9:20-10:05	State Updates – Round Robin EPB SPRO's
10:05-10:25	<i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> Survey and Update: Pennsylvania Survey and Perspective Ekaterina Nikolaeva, Plant Pathology Program Manager/CAPS Survey Coordinator, PDA <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> Program Future Hannah Fritz, <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> NOM, PPQ Field Ops
10:25-10:30	2027 Eastern Plant Board Meeting – Welcome to New Jersey Joe Zoltowski, SPRO, New Jersey Department of Agriculture
10:30-10:50	BREAK Door Prizes
10:50-11:10	HIS Report (joint)
11:10-11:30	CAPS Report (joint)
11:30-12:00	EPB Meeting/Wrap Up, Members only
SAFE TRAVELS!	