

**Eastern Plant Board**  
**97<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**  
**Hotel 1620**  
180 Water Street  
**Plymouth, MA 02360**

**MONDAY APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Time	Topic
	Travel
5:00 – 7:00 PM	Registration
7:00 – 9:00 PM	Reception (light hors d'oeuvres and drinks) – Atlantic Room

**TUESDAY APRIL 4<sup>th</sup>**

Time	Topic
7:00-8:00	<b>Breakfast (provided)- Regency Ballroom</b>
8:00-8:15	<b>Housekeeping, Welcome – Regency Ballroom</b>
8:15-10:00	<b>Discussion-EPB Members only</b>
8:15-10:00	<b>APHIS, PPQ Meeting-PPQ Lead – Standish Room</b>
8:15-10:00	<b>CBP Meeting, CBP Lead – Wampanoag Room</b>
8:15-10:00	<b>HIS Meeting - Carver Room</b>
8:15-10:00	<b>CAPS Meeting – Plympton Room</b>
10:00-10:30	<b>Break</b> Door Prizes
10:30-12:00	<b>EPB Business Meeting, <i>Members only</i> – Regency Ballroom</b>
10:30-12:00	<b>APHIS PPQ Meeting – Standish Room</b>
10:30-12:00	<b>CBP Meeting – Wampanoag Room</b>
10:30-12:00	<b>HIS Meeting – Carver Room</b>
10:30-12:00	<b>CAPS Meeting – Plympton Room</b>
12:00-1:00	<b>Lunch (provided) – Regency Ballroom</b>
<b>JOINT WELCOME SESSION</b> <b><i>Moderator: Vicki Smith, State Entomologist, CAES</i></b> <b>Regency Ballroom</b>	
1:00-1:15	<b>EPB Welcome:</b> <i>President of Eastern Plant Board, Dana Rhodes, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture</i>
1:15-1:30	<b>Massachusetts State Welcome</b> <i>Commissioner TBA, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources</i>
1:30-1:50	<b>New Pest Find Process</b> <i>Billy Newton, Director for New Pests - USDA-APHIS-PPQ</i>

1:50 – 2:10	<p align="center"><b>What Makes a Pest Eradicable</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Scott Pfister – Director, Forest Pest Methods Laboratory, USDA-APHIS-PPQ</i></p>
2:10 – 2:35	<p align="center"><b>Asian Longhorn Beetle Update</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Ryan Vazquez – Program Director, Massachusetts Asian Longhorn Beetle Cooperative Eradication Program, USDA-APHIS-PPQ</i>  <i>Nicole Keleher– Forest Health Director, MA Department of Conservation and Recreation</i></p>
2:35 : 3:00	<p align="center"><b>Elkinton Lab Updates</b></p> <p align="center">Spongy Moth Management and Knotweed Biocontrol  <i>Joe Elkinton, Professor and Jeremy Anderson, Assistant Professor – University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Elkinton Lab</i></p>
3:00-3:15	<p><b>BREAK</b> Door Prizes</p>
3:15-3:45	<p align="center"><b>Chili Pepper Mosaic Virus</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Ekaterina Nikolaeva, Ph.D. – Plant Pathology Program Manager, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture</i>  <i>TBD - National Policy Manager, Pest Evaluation and Response – USDA-APHIS-PPQ</i></p>
3:45 – 4:10	<p align="center"><b>Pathways for Beech Leaf Disease Transmission</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Mihail R. Kantor Ph.D.</i>  <i>Assistant Research Professor of Nematology, Dept of Plant Pathology and Environmental Microbiology, Penn State University</i></p>
4:10 – 4:30	<p align="center"><b>SLF Strategic Planning Update</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Matt Travis –National Policy Manager Spotted Lanternfly, USDA-APHIS PPQ</i></p>
4:30 – 5:00	<p align="center"><b>Export Certification Services – What Do I Do</b></p> <p align="center"><i>David Hirsch, Export Certification Specialist for PA, NJ, NY, CT, MA, RI, VT, NH, ME – USDA-APHIS-PPQ</i></p>
Dinner on your own	

WEDNESDAY APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>

Time	Topic
7:00-8:00	Breakfast (provided) – Regency Ballroom
<b>EASTERN PLANT BOARD MEETING</b> <b>Moderator: Kimberly Rice, Plant Protection &amp; Weed Management Program</b> <b>Director, MDA</b> <b>Regency Ballroom</b>	
8:00-8:20	<b>View from National Plant Board</b> <i>Mia Kirk, National Plant Board Vice President, Supervisor, Plant Industry Section, Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources, Division of Agriculture</i>
8:20-8:40	<b>View from PPQ Field Operations</b> <i>Carlos Martinez- Associate Deputy Administrator Field Operations</i> <i>USDA-APHIS-PPQ</i>
8:40-9:00	<b>CBP Update</b> <i>Jared Franklin, Texas Agriculture Liaison, CBP</i>
9:00-9:45	<b>Invasive Plant Laws Panel</b> What Works, What Doesn't Work – HIS Perspective <i>Sarah Scally &amp; Carole Neil – Assistant Horticulturists, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation &amp; Forestry</i> <i>Jaime Tsambikos – Administrator, Plant Protection &amp; Weed Management, Maryland Department of Agriculture</i>
9:45-10:00	<b>BREAK</b> Door Prizes
10:00-10:30	<b>Northeast RISCC Network</b> <i>Bethany Bradley – Professor, Department of Environmental Conservation, University of Massachusetts, Amherst</i>
10:30-10:50	<b>Benefits of PRISMS</b> <i>Chris Logue – Director, Division of Plant Industry, New York Department of Agriculture and Markets</i>
10:50 – 11:10	<b>New Initiative for International Pests</b> <i>Fan Wang Cahill, Ph.D. – Trade Director, USDA-APHIS-PPQ</i>
11:10 – 12:00	<b>Boston Port Trends</b> <i>Baljeet Kaur - Agriculture Operations Manager, Sean Smith - Biological Threat Exclusion Coordinator, Customs and Border Protection &amp; Jonathan Brusck – Identifier, USDA-APHIS-PPQ</i>
12:15 - 1:00	<b>Lunch, provided on bus Be on bus by 12:15</b>
1:00 – 5:00	<b>Field Trip</b> <b>Forest Pest Methods Laboratory</b> <b>Cranberry Experiment Station</b>
6:00 -7:00	Banquet, 1620 Hotel – Atlantic Room

THURSDAY APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>

Time	Topic
7:00-8:00	Breakfast, provided – Regency Ballroom
<b>EASTERN PLANT BOARD MEETING –</b> <b>Moderator: Gary Fish, State Horticulturist, MDACF</b> <b>Regency Ballroom</b>	
8:00-8:15	<b>EPB Members on NPB Committee Updates</b>
8:15-9:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Developing a Better PPA Suggestion Panel</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dana Rhodes, Plant Protection Division Chief – Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jessica Munski, Plant Industries Program Administrator – Delaware Department Of Agriculture</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Judy Rosovsky, State Entomologist – Vermont Agency of Agriculture</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Gary Fish, State Horticulturist – Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation &amp; Forestry</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lisa Jackson – National Operations Manager, Pest Detection USDA-APHIS-PPQ</i></p>
9:00 – 9:20	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PPA 7721 - What Happens After Goal Team Review</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Feridoon Mehdizadegan, National Operations Manager-PPA Section 7721 – USDA-APHIS-PPQ</i></p>
9:20-9:40	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>E-Commerce Panel</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Julie Hong-Sakowski – National Operations Manager SITC- USDA-APHIS-PPQ</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Deborah Hayes, Agricultural Inspector Plant Protection &amp; Weed Management – Maryland Department of Agriculture</i></p>
9:40 – 10:10	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How to Sell Legislative and Regulatory Amendments</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Bob Mann – National Landscape Association</i></p>
10:10 – 10:25	<b>BREAK</b> Door Prizes
10:25 -10:40	<b>HIS Report (joint)</b>
10:40 -10:55	<b>CAPS Report (joint)</b>
11:00 – 12:00	<b>EPB Meeting/Wrap Up, Members only</b>