



Horticultural Inspection Society
Eastern Chapter

51st ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
Liberty Mountain Resort
78 Country Club Trail, Carroll Valley, PA, 17320

All Meeting Rooms are in the Highland Lodge
All sessions in gray are joint sessions with the Eastern Plant Board in Overlook

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 (joint session) Mike Hutchinson, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
8:15 – 10:00	HIS BREAKOUT SESSION – Millstone A
8:15 - 8:20	HIS Call to Order – Eastern Chapter HIS President
8:20 – 10:00	State Snapshot Round <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each state should come prepared with items of interest to share with the group • Target 5 minutes for presentations and 5 minutes for questions • Submit any pictures/slides to Sarah Scally (Sarah.H.Scally@maine.gov) before 3/27/26
10:00 – 10:30	Break (joint session) Door Prizes
10:30 – 12:00	HIS BREAKOUT SESSION CONTINUED – Millstone A
10:30 – 12:00	HIS Business Meeting – Eastern Chapter HIS President
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 – 2:50	HIS Breakout Session: Compliance Issues with Interstate Shipping Panel and Discussion – Millstone A Sarah Scally (ME), Sydney Moore (PA), Sarah Katzenbach (NJ), Jaime Tsambikos (MD)
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 (SPHD/SPRO Only) 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 (joint sessions) <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)

Final 3-26-2026

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 – Lunch, FREC Presentation, Visit Museum</i> <i>Penn State University Fruit Research and Extension Center (FREC) – Tour of Research Orchards</i> <i>The Gettysburg National Military Park – Tour with Park Biologist</i>
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
8:00 – 9:30	HIS BREAKOUT SESSION – Millstone A
8:00 – 10:30	HIS Business Meeting – Eastern Chapter HIS President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Reports • Nominations Committee • Membership Committee • Constitution Committee • Finance Committee • Resolutions Committee • Website Committee • Finalize Horticultural Inspection Society report to Eastern Plant Board
10:30 – 10:50	Break/Door Prizes (joint) - Overlook
10:50 – 11:10	HIS Report (joint) - Overlook
11:10 – 11:30	CAPS Report (joint) - Overlook
11:30 – 12:00	EPB Meeting/Wrap Up – EPB Members only
SAFE TRAVELS!	