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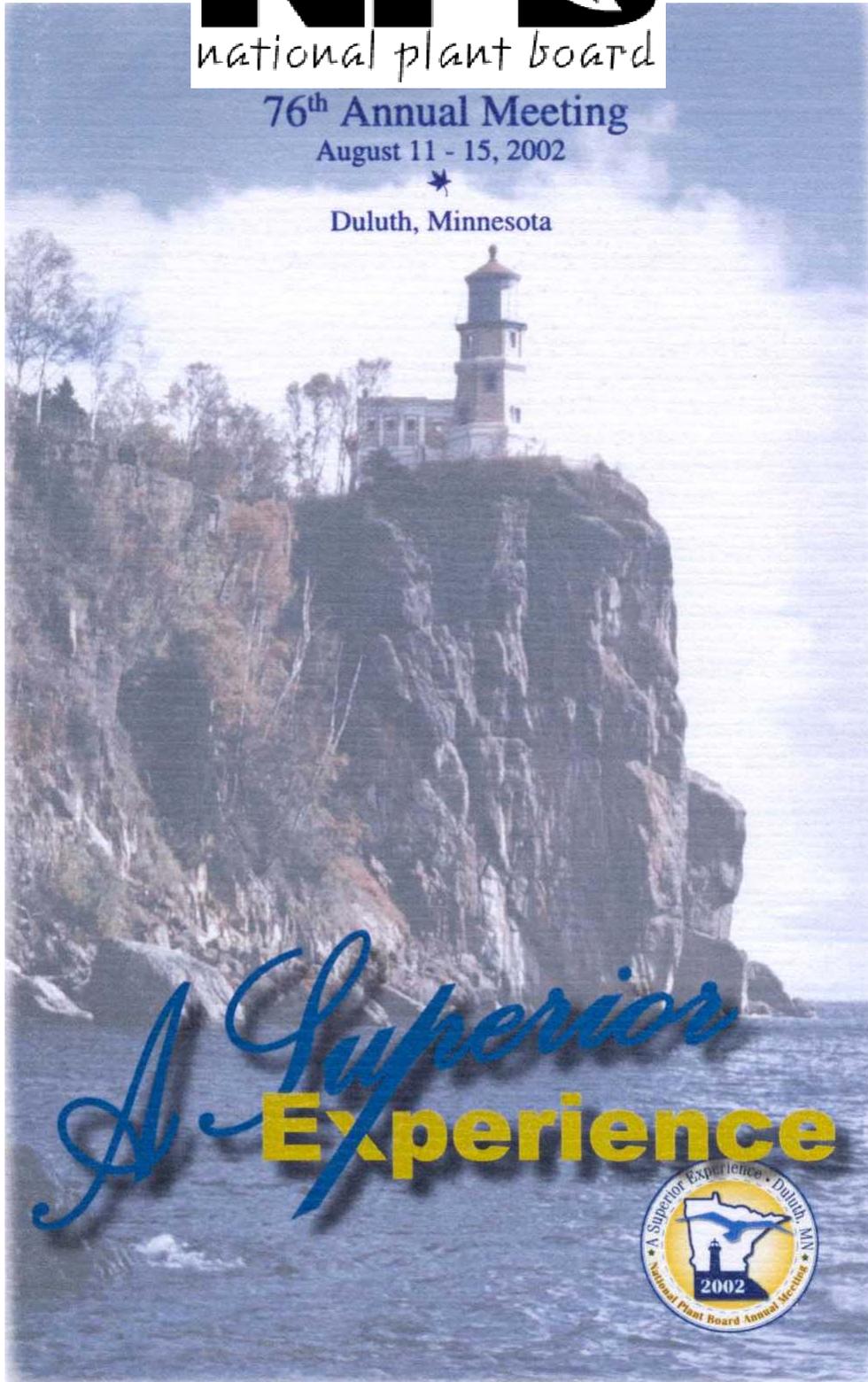
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In Memoriam - William W. Metterhouse

For many years Bill Metterhouse proudly served the American agricultural industries and plant protection agencies and organizations until his passing on June 1, 2002. Bill was 78 years young.



Born in Jersey City, New Jersey, he lived in Upper Freehold Township for 50 years. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. Mr. Metterhouse was a 1950 graduate of Ohio State University. He was an entomologist for 40 years with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, retiring in 1992 as Director of the Division of Plant Industry. He was chairman of the Upper Freehold Township Environmental Commission, member of the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions, Monmouth County Planning Board, and Allentown (NJ) United Methodist Church. He also taught for the Allentown, NJ school system. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Bonnie Dillon Metterhouse; a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and

Carolyn of Maineville, Ohio; a daughter, Lori L. Metterhouse of Cream Ridge; three grandchildren, Jessica C. Magowan, Dillon W. Metterhouse and Angela Adams; three sisters-in-law and a brother-in-law, Norma Markley, Gwenda Warix and Shirley and David Harper; and nieces and nephews.

Bill was nationally recognized in the area of plant health and pest management. As a State Plant Regulatory official with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, he served the states as Chairman of both the Eastern Plant Board and the National Plant Board (NPB). As a long time supporter and champion of biological control of plant pests, Bill served on numerous USDA biological control committees. He was the recipient of numerous awards for his devotion and service to agriculture, including the NASDA Honor Award for Regulation in 1981, the USDA Award for Superior Service in 1982, the ESA Distinguished Service Achievement Award in Regulatory Entomology in 1991, and the USDA-APHIS Administrator's Award in 1999.

Following his retirement from state service in 1992, Bill served as the Executive Director of the Interstate Pest Control Compact insurance fund and promoted its use in controlling plant pest problems in several states that did not have the resources to effectively deal with pests that could easily become regional or national problems. In his post-retirement role as the NASDA-NPB-USDA, APHIS, PPQ liaison on plant regulatory issues, Bill was an intermediary for all three organizations and helped to ensure that the concerns of all the organizations were equally addressed. Bill volunteered his time to serve as Chairman of the Permits Committee on the NPB sponsored Safeguarding Review; he provided insightful recommendations towards improvement of APHIS' safeguarding ability and responsibility.

The National Plant Board and all that it serves will deeply miss Bill Metterhouse.

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Secretary-Treasurer	Ken Rauscher, MI

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Central Plant Board	Dave Nelson, ND Ken Rauscher, MI Esther Chapman, WI <i>Mike Brown, MO (Alternate)</i>
Eastern Plant Board	Carl Schulze, Jr., NJ Dennis Martin, RI Scott Pfister, VT <i>Charles Coffman, WV (Alternate)</i>
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Western Plant Board	Sherry Sanderson, NM Bill L. Callison, CA Doug Warner, AK <i>John Caravetta, AZ (Alternate)</i>

**Interstate Pest Control Compact –
Robert J. Balaam, Executive Director**

NPB 2002 ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

AUDIT

Members

Walt Blosser (EPB)
Tom Harrison (CPB) - Chair
Benny Graves (SPB)
Dick Wilson (WPB)

AWARDS AND SERVICE RECOGNITION

Members

Faith Kuehn (EPB)
Kevin Fridley (CPB)
Shashank Nihlahke (SPB) - Chair
Clinton Campbell (WPB)

Assignments

1. Identify previous members and colleagues that have passed away and prepare suitable acknowledgements.
2. Identify retirees and propose suitable means of recognition.
3. Review Carl Carlson Award language with a view to reducing it. (Consult with Geir Friisoe)
4. Determine if there are other awards the members out to consider
5. Report to the NPB membership at the Thursday business meeting.

NOMINATIONS

Members

Bob Mungari (EPB)
Stan Smith (CPB)
Ken Glenn (SPB)
Bob Gronowski (WPB) - Chair

POLICY AND RESOLUTIONS

Members

Charlie Coffman, WV, Chairman
Dave Nelson, ND

Bob Mungari, NY
Esther Chapman, WI

Gray Haun, TN
Robert Gronowski, NV

Sancho Dickinson, OK
Clinton Campbell, WA

Assignments

1. Determine which of the 2002 RPB resolutions the NPB ought to consider approving, edit them as needed, and present them to the membership at the business meeting on Thursday.
2. Determine if any new resolutions are needed, draft them and present them at the business meeting on Thursday.
3. Determine if there any policy topics that ought to be addressed by the NPB. If so, present them for action/approval for assignment to the Policy Committee at the business meeting on Thursday.

2002 National Plant Board Standing Committees

COMMITTEE NAME	REGIONAL PLANT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES				
	Central Plant Board	Eastern Plant Board	Southern Plant Board	Western Plant Board	Other
Quarantine and Nursery Standards and Certification	Michael Brown, MO	Ann Gibbs, ME	Tad Hardy, LA – Chair	Daniel Hilburn, OR	Craig Reggelbrugge, ANLA Mike Lidsky, USDA-APHIS-PPQ (<i>ad hoc</i>)
Finance	Ken Rauscher, MI – Chair	Vacant	Bill Dickerson, NC – (Secretary-Treasurer)	Bill Callison, CA	
Policy	Dave Nelson, ND	Charles Coffman, WV	Gray Haun, TN	Clinton Campbell, WA	Bill Dickerson, Vice-President (<i>consultant</i>)
	Esther Chapman, WI	Bob Mungari, NY	Sancho Dickinson, OK	Robert Gronowski, NV	
Annual Meeting Program	Dave Nelson, ND	Dennis Martin, RI	Craig Roussel, LA	Clinton Campbell, WA	Mary Neal, USDA Geir Friisoe, MN – Local Arrangements Committee Bill Dickerson, NC – Chair
Nominations	Stan Smith, IL	Bob Mungari, NY	Ken Glenn, SC	Bob Gronowski, NV – Chair	
Audit	Tom Harrison, OH	Bill Gimpel, MD	Harry Fulton, MS – Chair	Dick Wilson, UT	Ken Rauscher, MI – Secretary-Treasurer (<i>ad hoc</i>)
Awards & Service Recognition	Kevin Fridley, SD	Faith Kuehn, DE	Shashank Nilahke – Chair	Clinton Campbell, WA	
Interstate Pest Control Compact Advisory	Geir Friisoe, MN	Charles Coffman, WV	Benny Graves, MS	John Caravetta, AZ	Robert Balaam, Executive Director IPCC
	Tom Harrison, OH	Randy Ciurlino, DE	Mike Evans, GA	Dick Wilson, UT	
Legislative Analysis					

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Section I

General Proceedings



**National Plant Board
2002 Annual Meeting Agenda
The Inn on Lake Superior
Duluth, MN**

Time	Topic/Event	Speaker	Event Location
Sunday, August 11, 2002			
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	NPB Meeting Registration		Eagle Harbor
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Poster Setup and Display		Prefunction Area
8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	National Plant Board, Board of Directors Meeting		Copper Harbor
12:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Lake Superior Fishing Trip		
6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Timber Lodge Fish Fry		Timber Lodge
8:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suite Open		Eagle Harbor
Monday, August 12, 2002			
6:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet		Lobby Dining Area
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	NPB Meeting Registration, Poster and Display Setups		Eagle Harbor
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Audio-visual Preparation Room		Eagle Harbor
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Joint Meeting of NPB Board of Directors and APHIS Management Team		Copper Harbor
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch – on your own		
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	NAPPO Meeting		Copper Harbor
6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Railroad Dinner Trip		DECC
8:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suite Open		Eagle Harbor
Tuesday, August 13, 2002			
6:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet		Lobby Dining Area
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Registration Desk Open and Poster Display Viewing		Eagle Harbor
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Audio Visual Room Open		Eagle Harbor
8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	Regional Plant Board Meetings Central Eastern Southern Western		Cooper Harbor Rock Harbor Eagle Harbor Prefunction Area
8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	USDA, APHIS Employee Meeting		Northern Lights I
9:30 a.m.-9:55 a.m.	Break		
9:55 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	National Plant Board Annual Meeting Opening Session	Bill Callison	Northern Lights Ballroom
9:55 a.m.-10:05 a.m.	Call to Order and Opening Remarks	Bill Callison	Northern Lights Ballroom
10:05 a.m.-10:15 a.m.	Roll Call	Ken Rauscher	Northern Lights
10:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Welcome to Minnesota	Minnesota Commissioner of Agriculture, Gene Hugoson	Northern Lights Ballroom
10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	Welcome to Duluth	Duluth Mayor Doty	Northern Lights Ballroom

10:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.	President's Report	Bill Callison	Northern Lights
11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	Committee Assignments and National Plant Board Awards and Recognition	Bill Callison	Northern Lights Ballroom
11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	USDA, ARS Report	Ken Vic	Northern Lights
12:00 p.m.	Adjourn		
12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Harbor Cruise and Lunch		DECC
MODERATOR – Bill Dickerson			
2:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	USDA, APHIS, PPQ National and Regional Issues	Ric Dunkle, Jim Reynolds, Jerry Fowler	Northern Lights Ballroom
3:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m.	Mexico Report	Jorge Hernandez Baeza	Northern Lights Ballroom
3:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Canada Report	Robert Carberry	Northern Lights Ballroom
3:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m.	Break		
3:45 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	USDA Forest Service Report	Rob Mangold	Northern Lights
4:00 p.m.-4:15 p.m.	NASDA Report	Jennifer Molen	Northern Lights
4:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	NAPPO Report	Ian McDonnell	Northern Lights
4:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.	ANLA Report	Craig Regelbrugge	Northern Lights Ballroom
4:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	NASF Report		Northern Lights
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn – Evening meal on your own		
7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suite Open		Eagle Harbor
Wednesday, August 14, 2002			
6:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet		Lobby Dining Area
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Registration and Poster Viewing		Eagle Harbor
8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Audio Visual Preparation Room Open		Eagle Harbor
MODERATOR – Mike Brown			
General Session Topics			
8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	Coordination of Trade Negotiations with Karnal Bunt Policy	Dr. Jim Butler, Deputy Under Secretary, USDA, for Marketing and Regulatory Programs	Northern Lights Ballroom
8:30 a.m.-8:50 a.m.	Karnal Bunt Issues	Bob Spaide	Northern Lights
8:50 a.m.-9:10 a.m.	Invasive Species Advisory Committee Activities	Lori Williams	Northern Lights Ballroom
9:10 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	Phyto Sanitary/Excerpt/Advisory Committee	Parul Patel	Northern Lights Ballroom
9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Field Audit of Pre-Clearance Process	Dave Reeves	Northern Lights Ballroom
10:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.	Break		Prefunction Area
MODERATOR – Dennis Martin			
General Session Topics			
10:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	New Pest Advisory Group	Gordon Gordh	Northern Lights
10:30 a.m.-10:50 a.m.	Industry Perspectives on Export Certification Issues	Arvid Hawk Cargill, Inc.	Northern Lights Ballroom
10:50 a.m.-11:15 a.m.	Emergency Programs and the Pest Detection Initiatives	Chuck Schwalbe	Northern Lights Ballroom

11:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Policy Issues/AQI	Mary Neal	Northern Lights
11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Systems Approach	Alan Dowdy and Bill Callison	Northern Lights Ballroom
12:00 p.m.-12:45 p.m.	Lunch – Box lunches available for purchase		
12:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Tour		Bus loads at The Inn
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Social Hour		DECC
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Banquet		DECC
8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	Entertainment		DECC
9:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suite Open		Eagle Harbor
Thursday, August 15, 2002			
6:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet		Lobby Dining Area
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Registration and Poster Removal		Eagle Harbor and Prefunction Area
8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Audio Visual Preparation Room Open		Eagle Harbor
MODERATOR – Craig Roussel General Session Topics – Quarantines			
8:00 a.m.-8:15 a.m.	Imported Fire Ant	Matt Royer	Northern Lights
8:15 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	Plum Pox Update	Don Albright	Northern Lights
8:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.	Asian Longhorned Beetle Update	Chris Markham	Northern Lights Ballroom
8:45 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Soybean Rust	Mike Stefan	Northern Lights
9:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m.	Sudden Oak Death	Jonathan Jones	Northern Lights Ballroom
9:15 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	Boll Weevil	Bill Grefenstette	Northern Lights Ballroom
9:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	Japanese Beetle Exclusion Activities	Matt Royer	Northern Lights Ballroom
9:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Solid Wood Packing	John Payne	Northern Lights
10:00 a.m.-10:10 a.m.	Questions and Answers		Northern Lights
10:10 a.m. –10:30 a.m.	Break		Prefunction Area
MODERATOR – Clinton Campbell General Session Topics			
10:30 a.m.-10:50 a.m.	Status of Science and Technology in PPQ	Gordon Gordh	Northern Lights Ballroom
10:50 a.m.-11:10 a.m.	Biotechnology Realignment And Issues	Ric Dunkle	Northern Lights Ballroom
11:10 a.m.-11:35 a.m.	Official Control	John Payne	Northern Lights
	Petition/for Special Local Needs	John Payne	Northern Lights
11:35 a.m.-11:50 a.m.	Asian Ash Borer	Ken Rauscher	Northern Lights
11:50 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Questions and Answers		Northern Lights
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch – on your own		
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	National Plant Board Business Meeting	Bill Callison	Northern Lights Ballroom
3:00 p.m.	2002 Annual Meeting of National Plant Board Adjourned		Northern Lights Ballroom
3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	National Plant Board, Board of Directors Meeting	Bill Callison	Bull Dog Suite
5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Dinner – on your own		
Friday, August 16, 2002			
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting		Copper Harbor

NATIONAL PLANT BOARD MEETING – 2002
Roll Call of States

State	Present	Absent
Alabama		X
Alaska		X
Arizona	X	
Arkansas		X
California	X	
Colorado		X
Connecticut		X
Delaware	X	
Florida	X	
Georgia	X	
Hawaii	X	
Idaho	X	
Illinois	X	
Indiana	X	
Iowa		X
Kansas		X
Kentucky		X
Louisiana	X	
Maine	X	
Maryland	X	
Massachusetts		X
Michigan	X	
Minnesota	X	
Mississippi	X	
Missouri	X	
Montana		X
Nebraska	X	
Nevada	X	
New Hampshire		X
New Jersey	X	
New Mexico	X	
New York	X	
North Carolina	X	
North Dakota	X	
Ohio	X	
Oklahoma		X
Oregon		X
Pennsylvania	X	
Puerto Rico	X	
Rhode Island		X
South Carolina	X	
South Dakota	X	
Tennessee		X
Texas	X	
Utah		X
Vermont		X
Virginia		X
Washington	X	
West Virginia	X	
Wisconsin	X	
Wyoming		X
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NATIONAL PLANT BOARD MEETING
August 11-15, 2002

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Welcoming Remarks – The Honorable Gene Hugoson, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture



Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Gene Hugoson, Commissioner

On behalf of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, I welcome you to Minnesota's beautiful North Shore and the 76th Annual National Plant Board meeting. We are privileged to host this important event in the State of Minnesota.

Minnesota boasts a diverse agriculture industry that serves as the backbone of the state's economy. This diverse agricultural system affects every Minnesotan and people in other states and in dozens of countries around the globe.

Whether we live in urban or rural areas, we all depend on agriculture in some way. Not only do we depend on agriculture to provide our food, clothing and shelter, but 20 percent of Minnesota depends on agriculture for employment.

Minnesota's 79,000 farmers keep this state both a world and a national leader in agricultural production. In fact, one Minnesota farmer feeds 128 people per year, including 94 Americans and 34 people in other countries. Minnesota ranks first among states in the production of oats, sugar beets, green peas and turkeys and it is in the top 10 in nearly 30 other agricultural categories. Minnesota's retail nursery and landscape sales also contribute \$453 million to the state's economy. And, with an estimated \$2 billion worth of cargo shipped from its locks each year, the Duluth Seaport handles more cargo, by volume, than any other port on the Great Lakes.

The NPB Local Arrangements Committee has worked hard to make this year's meeting a success by arranging some outstanding facilities for the meeting and recreational events. The NPB Program Committee has also coordinated an agenda that will make you want to attend every session and get involved in all the discussions related to the issues facing today's plant pest regulatory community. I encourage you to attend each session and actively participate in every way you can.

Again, I welcome you to Minnesota and the Duluth area. I encourage you to take a look around at some of the best scenery our country has to offer. May this be a wonderful time for you and your family as you spend time with us here in the Land of 10,000 Lakes!

Sincerely,

Gene Hugoson
Commissioner

NATIONAL PLANT BOARD

President's Report

August 11-16, 2002

Duluth, MN

Bill Callison, President

It has been a busy year. It has been a year with some aggravations. American publisher Malcolm S. Forbes is quoted as having said, "if you have a job without aggravations, you don't have a job." I doubt anyone here will conclude that s/he does not have a job—a job that is more challenging than ever.

We welcome new members **Faith Kuehn** of Delaware, **Michael Cooper** of Idaho, **Mitchell Yergert** of Colorado, **Paul Shell** of Arkansas, **Vicki Wohlers** of Nebraska, **Joe Collins** Kentucky and **Carl Schulze** of New Jersey. These folks replace Don Eggen, Roger Vega, John Gerhardt, David Blackburn, Stephen Johnson, Bobby Pass, and Bob Balaam in their respective states. Welcome to you all!! I apologize if it turns out that I have missed anyone.

We lost a friend and a valued colleague this past year. On June 1, Bill Metterhouse passed away at his home after a three-month battle with cancer. We extended our sincere condolences to his wife Bonnie, his daughter Lori, and son Mark.

All of us who had the opportunity to know and work with Bill developed a deep respect for his personal abilities and fine qualities. When I last spoke with him, he was thinking of others. He spoke of family, friends and other matters that make our lives fulfilling and happy. His death is a reminder to us all of these values and the attention we ought to give to them.

The last year has been marked by momentous events—most notably the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the drastic economic downturn precipitated by dot.com failures, and consequent lack of public confidence in the stock market. The considerably lower attendance here at our annual meeting reflects the economic challenges facing the states we represent.

Concern about protecting against future terrorist attacks motivated formation of the new federal Department of Homeland Security and the associated transfer of the USDA's Agricultural Quarantine Inspection program to it. This transfer likely will have significant adverse impacts on federal foreign and domestic safeguarding program funding and operations; and federal/state relationships. We might be feeling a bit pessimistic about this.

However, perspective is important and pessimism won't help. Opportunities might be created.

- Sir Winston Churchill said, "A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

The challenge is finding and taking advantage of the opportunities. It's important to know where we are going. Only then can we identify and take the right road for getting there.

- Wrongly, the scarecrow in "*The Wizard of OZ*" told Dorothy, "If you don't know where you are going, it doesn't matter which road you take." The truth is that not all roads go to good places.

A lot of work and close federal-state collaboration will be required to achieve the best possible outcome. We should commit ourselves to doing the work.

- Thomas Edison said, "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."
- Vidal Sassoon said that, "The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary."
- Peter Drucker said, "The best way to predict the future is to create it."

PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS ATTENDED

As your President, I dealt with more e-mail messages and other correspondence than I care to think about, coordinated many federal/-state efforts, and attended and participated in the:

- **NASDA Annual Meeting in Burlington, VT.**
- **The Karnal Bunt Workshop in Oklahoma City.**
- **Joint PPQET/NPB-BOD Meeting, Washington DC, November 13-15, 2001.**
- **NASDA's 2002 Midyear Legislative Conference, Washington, DC, February 22-26, 2002.**
- **Joint PPQET/NPB-BOD Meeting, Riverdale, MD, March 2002.**
- **Four Regional Plant Board Meetings:** 78th CPB Annual Meeting in February at Rapid City, SD; 77th EPB Annual Meeting in March at Providence, RI; and the SPB and WPB Annual Meetings in Baton Rouge, LA and Salt Lake City, UT in April.

Additional detail on meeting actions and outcomes is included at the end of this report.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Amendments to the NPB By-laws, including guidelines for the formulation and issuance of policy, were approved by the Board of Directors and subsequently approved by the membership.
2. Three draft policies were approved by the Board of Directors for distribution to stakeholders for review and comment.
3. Win McLane and Homer Collins were given certificates of appreciation and \$100 gift cards for Home Depot in appreciation for their work in support of Japanese beetle and imported fire ant programs.

4. We submitted to PPQ the NPB's 80-page report entitled, "Preventing the Introduction of Plant Pathogens into the United States: The Role and Application of the 'Systems Approach'".
5. Our six 2001 Annual Meeting resolutions were presented to and approved by the Animal and Plant Industries Committee.
6. We were successful in getting language in the final NASDA 2002 Farm Policy Initiative document putting more emphasis on plant pest and disease prevention. This included an elaboration of the elements of the national safeguarding system and language supporting a major baseline augmentation for the PPQ pest detection budget line item.
7. Thanks to Chairman Bob Gronowski and his committee members, we submitted to PPQ the NPB's recommendations for revision of the federal domestic imported fire ant quarantine and a proposal for allocation of the FY 2002 federal IFA funding totaling \$2,868,000.
8. At the NPB's request, the PPQ added a stakeholder registry to enable interested state plant regulatory officials to track bilateral and other trade negotiation meetings.
<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/pim/trade/bilat02.html>
9. We sent letters to USDA Secretary Ann M. Veneman supporting a \$45 million appropriation for pest surveillance and detection and supporting the appointment of Bobby Acord as APHIS Administrator. Secretary Veneman acknowledged our pest detection letter and thanked us for our support; and Bobby was appointed as the APHIS Administrator.
10. We sent letters to Senator Tom Harkin and Secretary Veneman opposing the transfer of APHIS or AQI to the new Department of Homeland Security.
11. NPB representatives participated as members of numerous New Pest Advisory Groups.
12. NPB members participated on the Chrysanthemum Rust Management Plan Review Team.
13. NPB members participated on the USDA Preclearance Program Review itself and on the review of the draft report. All review team members agreed there were areas where preclearance program improvements need to be made including pests not listed as federal action pests, regulated non-quarantine pests, federal state communications, risk associated with trade in perennial plant species, and proper documentation and appropriate action when pests are discovered in the U.S. on foreign-origin plants. Preclearance is a topic on our Wednesday morning program agenda.
14. The NPB selected Carl Schulze of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture as our Carl Carlson Award recipient. Unfortunately, due to travel restrictions, Carl will not be able to accept his award here. We will present it to him at the EPB Annual Meeting.
15. We nominated Stephen Johnson for the ESA Regulatory Entomology Award and Bill Dickerson for the NASDA Service Award.

CHALLENGES

As challenges for the National Plant Board, I see the following:

1. Collaboration with the PPQ in identifying and seizing the opportunities associated with the transfer of AQI.
2. Managing fiscal constraints associated with state budget problems.
3. Working with PPQ to implement the new pest surveillance and detection program.
4. Developing state programs for early detection of bioterrorist acts aimed at damaging our food and fiber supply system.
5. Working with the PPQ to establish rules for approval of state quarantines and plant certification programs as official control and for response to state petitions seeking the approval of the Secretary for state imposition of prohibitions or restrictions greater than those contained in federal domestic quarantines.
6. Working to develop guidelines for state phytosanitary response to reports of new pest finds. If the reaction to such reports and the establishment of New Pest Advisory Groups is immediate quarantine action, a strong disincentive will exist for state reporting.
7. On a similar vein the advent of DNA-based diagnostics has enabled us to identify pest populations that are morphologically indistinguishable but genetically different. There is some inclination to begin to regulate these populations. This will require some considerable evaluation—possibly leading to the establishment of some guidelines on the issue.
8. Working with PPQ to eliminate Karnal bunt as a quarantine pest.
9. Collaborating with the PPQ to implement new International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures—particularly those associated with official control, regulated non-quarantine pests, pest notifications, pest risk analyses, and systems approaches.
10. Working with PPQ to ensure the eradication of the Asian long-horned beetle, plum pox, and other serious pests.
11. Working with PPQ to address potato trade and preclearance program issues.
12. Working with PPQ and industry to develop a national stone fruits nursery stock certification program.

MEETING ACTIONS AND OUTCOMES

- **NASDA Annual Meeting in Burlington, VT.** Our annual meeting resolutions were presented to the Animal and Plant Industries Committee for consideration.
- **The Karnal Bunt Workshop in Oklahoma City.** The outcome of this meeting was development of and considerable federal, state and industry dialogue about a strategic framework for eliminating Karnal bunt as a quarantine pest. Proposed changes to the federal domestic Karnal bunt quarantine include:

1. Reduction of the four-county regulated area in Texas to a 3-mile boundary around each KB-positive field.
2. Removal of livestock manure from the list of regulated articles.
3. Proposed guidelines for removal of a quarantine area.
4. Allowing seed produced in a regulated area, that tests negative for spores, to be planted inside or outside a regulated area.

These changes are a move in the right direction but the most significant change that could be made is to stop regulating grain for milling and, like the Kansas regulation, only regulating seed, portable seed cleaning equipment, etc.

We have invited Dr. Jim Butler, Deputy Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, to speak to us on Wednesday morning about the roles and responsibilities of federal officials including Dr. Butler himself as the Karnal bunt policy coordinator.

We also would like to know about roles and responsibilities of the USTR, Secretary Veneman, Under Secretary Hawks, APHIS Administrator Acord, and the Plant Protection and Quarantine's Deputy Administrator and Director for Phytosanitary Issues Management.

In addition to roles and responsibilities, we would like to hear about the trade negotiations strategy and how the trade negotiation efforts of all those involved will be coordinated.

- **Joint PPQET/NPB-BOD Meeting, Washington DC, November 13-15, 2001.** We got good news about significant increases in the PPQ budget and John Payne spoke to us about warrant-less inspection and pre-emption.

Relative to warrant-less inspection, the constitution protects against unreasonable search and seizure. Probable cause is generally required but there are situations where there is no reasonable expectation of protection against search.

With regard to pre-emption, the Plant Protection Act provides for: 1) Regulatory action by states when an importer has processed an imported product or used it to produce additional plants or plant products and 2) that states may petition the Secretary for more strict enforcement of federal domestic quarantines to meet local needs.

The NPB Board of Directors met separately on July 14. Three draft policies and amendments to the NPB By-laws were approved. The latter were submitted to and subsequently were approved by the membership.

The Quarantine and Nursery Standards Committee was charged to:

1. Develop by February 15, 2002 draft language for a federal rule establishing criteria for state petition of the USDA for approval to apply more stringent rules to meet state local needs.
2. Review and submit to the BOD by November 1, 2002 appropriate changes in the "Quarantine, Nursery Inspection, and Certification Guidelines".

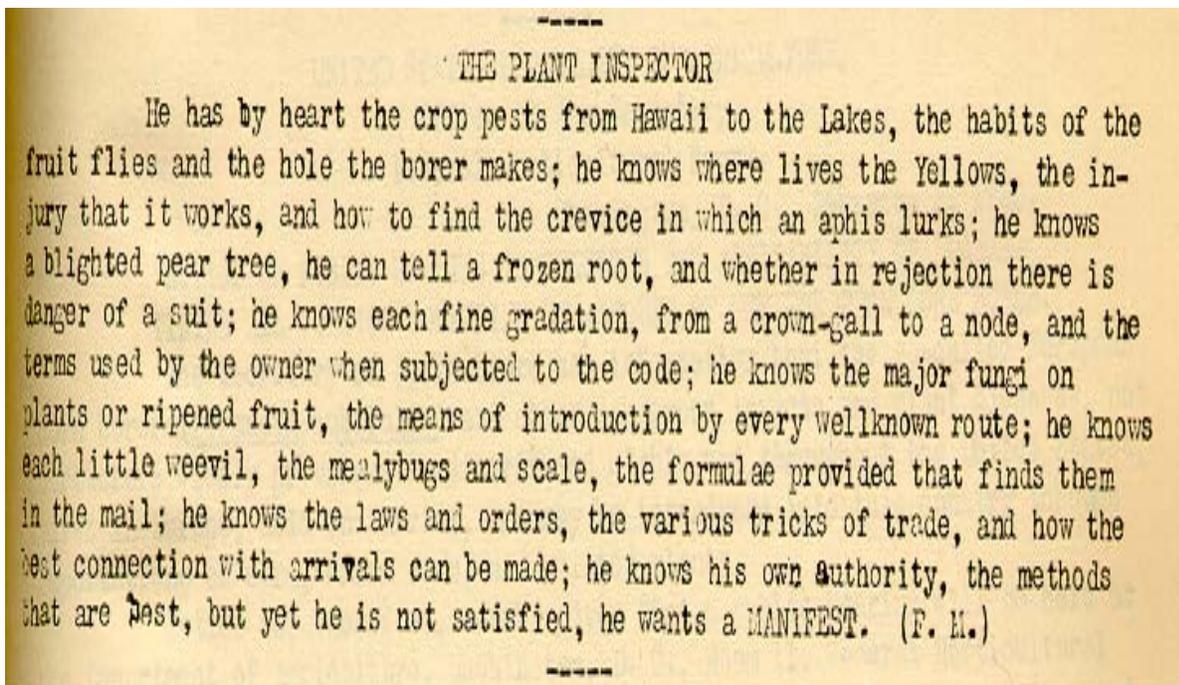
- **NASDA's 2002 Midyear Legislative Conference, Washington, DC, February 22-26, 2002.**

I presented the three NPB draft policies approved by the Board of Directors in November to the Animal and Plant Industries Committee for review and input.

Two amendments to NASDA's Policy Statement on "Plant Health Protection and Disease Control" were presented and approved. The first emphasized the need for 1) federal-state collaboration and cooperation in program delivery and 2) research focused on preventing the introduction of pathogens, controlling plant pests and diseases, and developing new methods for reducing and eliminating potential health hazards during the production process.

The second amendment called for 1) the USDA to make provision for approval of state quarantine and plant health program regulations as "official control" programs, including both "quarantine" and "regulated non-quarantine" pests as defined in the International Plant Protection convention and 2) optimization of state plant pest prevention organization delivery of federal domestic programs using partnership agreements, memoranda of understanding, and contractual agreements.

- **Joint PPQET/NPB-BOD Meeting, Riverdale, MD, March 2002.** The PPQ reported a FY 2003 budget request including a significant overall increase of \$95.621 million.
- **Four Regional Plant Board Meetings:** 78th CPB Annual Meeting in February at Rapid City, SD; 77th EPB Annual Meeting in March at Providence, RI; and the SPB and WPB Annual Meetings in Baton Rouge, LA and Salt Lake City, UT in April.



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National Plant Board Meeting Presentations

National Plant Board meeting presentations are available on CD upon request. Please refer to the 2002 general meeting agenda for topics and presenter information. In addition, presentations may be available from the individual presenters. Presenter information is available under "List of Speakers" on page 18.

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Section II

Committee Reports & General Business Meeting

**National Plant Board
Board of Directors Meeting
8:30 AM, August 11, 2002
Duluth, Minnesota**

The meeting was called to order by President, Bill Callison. Vice President Bill Dickerson, Secretary-Treasurer Ken Rauscher, and the following Board members were also present:

Esther Chapman
Stan Smith
Ann Gibbs

Connie Riherd
Sherry Sanderson
Robert Gronowski

Geir Friisoe, meeting host and Bill Dickerson, chair of the Program Committee, provided a brief update on registrations and meeting activities. One hundred and two registrations received thus far with 31 states participating. Bill D. provided a few last minute changes in speakers for the Duluth meeting.

The minutes of the March 7, 2002 board of directors meeting were presented, reviewed and approved. The Treasurer's Report by Ken Rauscher indicated a balance of \$184,880.78 on hand. This included balances of \$70,812.88 for Safeguarding and \$54,207.81 for the Systems Approach project. The board reviewed the financial document reports including the estimates of expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year (August 31, 2002). Report approved.

The proposed budget for FY 2003 was presented and reviewed. Brief discussions of the proposed membership dues increase to \$600 per state. The budget reflects a substantial increase in costs for travel to address concerns that individual states may not be able to cover NPB travel. Motion by Ann Gibbs and Esther Chapman to pay for Bill Dickerson's travel to NASDA if he is selected for the NASDA Award. Motion approved. There was a brief discussion regarding the future of the safeguarding and systems approach accounts. Bill C., Bill D. and Ken R. will be meeting with PPQ officials to review the utilization of the balances for these accounts and the need to include overhead provisions in future cooperative agreements. Proposed budget approved for presentation to the general membership.

Bill C. led a discussion regarding incorporation of the Board. General consensus that incorporation would provide a level of protection to the board member from personal liability. Bill to request that Scott Pfister pursue incorporation. Bill to request that the membership provide authority to move forward with incorporation actions based on Scott's determination of needs.

Charlie Coffman provided an update on resolutions received by the policy committee.

Ann Gibbs provided an overview of the Special Local Need document. Motion to move the document with amendments to the membership for approval and direction to USDA. Ann Gibbs also provided a brief overview of the revisions to the QNSC guidelines. Board of directors requested that the QNS Committee proceed with the revisions to the guidelines and that the draft

be completed in time for review at the November, 2002 BOD meeting (draft to president by October 20, 2002). Additionally that the revised draft be completed by January 15, in time for review by the regional plant board and approval by the general membership at the annual meeting in August, 2003.

Awards – President Callison announced that Bill Dickerson was nominated by the NPB for the NASDA Award for Service, Carl Schulze had been selected for the Carl Carlson Award and Steve Johnson was nominated for the ESA Award. Shashank N. is working on a list of retiring state plant regulatory officials. The awards committee will recommend to the board appropriate recognition for the retirees, including Bobby Pass.

Brief discussion regarding maintenance of the NPB website. This site is currently being maintained by Bob Balaam with no reimbursement. Bob has indicated that he will be able to continue to perform this service if desirable, on PPQ time as long as the maintenance does not require reformatting or substantially recreating the site.

There was a brief discussion regarding SPRO names on the NPB website as it impacts access to state officials and the inconvenience of all calls coming to one person. It was decided that individual state could submit up to two names of state plant pest regulatory officials for placement on the NPB website. SPRO's are also requested to review their state website for clarity as they are linked to the NPB site.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05

Submitted by

Ken Rauscher
Secretary/Treasurer
National Plant Board

**National Plant Board
General Business Meeting
Thursday, August 15, 2002
Duluth, Minnesota**

President Bill Callison called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Ken Rauscher conducted the roll call. Thirty states and Puerto Rico reported as present. The minutes of the August 2001 general business meeting were approved as presented.

No Old Business was presented. The following items were discussed under New Business:

1. Motion by Bill Dickerson to provide the board of directors the authority to move forward with incorporation of the National Plant Board based on what Scott Pfister is able to recommend as the best course of action. Motion seconded by Charles Coffman and approved.
2. Harry Fulton presented the Audit Committee Report. Harry reported that the committee had reviewed the reviewed the bank account and financial documents of the NPB and found the records to be in good order. He recommended approval of the Audit Report. Report unanimously approved by voice vote. The audit committee recommended that portions of the NPB funds be placed in a higher interest bearing account.
3. Shashank Nilakhe presented the Awards and Service Recognition Committee Report. Carl Schulze was the recipient of the Carl Carlson Award. Bill Dickerson was the National Plant Board nominee for the NASDA Service Award and Stephen Johnson was the nominee for the ESA Regulatory Award. Report was approved. Bill Metterhouse was recognized with a moment of silence for his contributions to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, the National Plant Board and the Interstate Pest Control Compact. The Eastern Plant Board is looking at options for a long-term recognition for Bill.
4. Motion by Bob Gronowski to authorize the Board of directors to take appropriate action to recognize retired and deceased members of the plant pest community. Seconded by Lyle Wong and approved.
5. Charles Coffman presented the Policy and Resolutions Committee Report. Seven resolutions were approved with minor changes. These resolutions are included in these proceedings. Included in these resolutions is recognition of tremendous job Minnesota Department of Agriculture staff did in hosting this meeting and accommodating the needs of its guests. A motion was approved to allow for needed modification and editing of the resolutions. Report approved.
6. Ken Rauscher presented the financial report. Motion to approve report by Kevin Fridley. Seconded by Mike Brown and approved. Ken presented the Proposed Budget for 2003. Motion to approve the proposed 2003 by Geir Friisoe and seconded by Connie Riherd.

Budget approved. Their reports are included in these proceeds. Recommendations were made for future budget proposals to include line item #'s, charge printing against the cooperative agreements, incorporate any appropriate overhead and incorporate the cost of the Carl Carlson plaque under Awards.

7. Bob Gronowski provided the Nomination Committee Report. The Committee recommended that the current officers be re-elected for 2002-03. The recommendation was approved by the membership.
8. Motion by Geir Friisoe to prepare the proceedings and make them available on electronic media and post the proceeding on the NPB website. Seconded by Bill Gimpel and approved.

Other New Business:

1. Cost Share – Bill Callison advised the membership that the federal Office of Management and Budget is pursuing state cost share when ever possible as a match with emergency funds for addressing animal and plant health pests. This is contrary to the goal of rapid response and the need to eradicate pests of national significance effectively. Anticipate additional directives in the future.
2. Official Control – Bill Callison described this regulatory concept as a critical issue that needs to be resolved to effectively manage imported exotic pests.
3. QNSC Report – Ann G. reports that the QNSC Committee chaired by Tad Hardy and including Mike Brown, Dan Hilburn, Ann G. and Craig Rugelbrugge had developed the Special Need criteria. Bill C. agreed to send the criteria to the membership for comment. Motion by Ken R. and second by Clinton C. to move these criteria on to USDA following review and comment by the membership. Motion approved. A copy of these criteria are included in these proceedings. Special Thanks to Tad Hardy for efforts on the QNSC Committee.
4. Clinton Campbell provided a preview of the 2003 meeting site in Tacoma Washington. The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Tacoma on August 9 to the 14th.
5. Harry Fulton extended an invitation to host the 2004 annual meeting in Mississippi. The invitation was eagerly accepted and approved.

President Callison thanked everyone for their support and hard work during the past year. He adjourned the General Business Meeting at 3:40 pm.

Submitted by

Ken Rauscher
Secretary/Treasurer
National Plant Board

Audit Committee Report August 15, 2002

The Audit Committee consisting of Bill Gimpel, Tom Harrison and Harry Fulton (chairman) met with Ken Rauscher on the night of August 13, 2002. We were very pleased with his financial report, his record keeping and the documentation kept on all transactions. The Committee goes on record to say that the financial records are in good order. We do however, recommend the following:

1. That NPB's Executive Board authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer a "comfortable" portion of NPB's non-federal cash assets to an interest bearing investment type account, but not to one that would make the funds unavailable to cover unexpected expenses.
2. That the NPB, when negotiating future grants with federal agencies, include a line item for administrative costs. Current grants (Safe Guarding and Systems Approach) do not do so.
3. That the NPB pursue obtaining a Charter of Incorporation as a non-profit organization.

The Committee further supports the NPB's contractual service of a private accounting firm because of its involvement with federal grants and IRS tax exemption. Should a federal audit be conducted such would be invaluable.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Gimpel
Tom Harrison
Harry Fulton

Awards and Service Recognition Committee Report

2002 National Plant Board Meeting

Shashank Nilakhe, Chairman, represented the Awards and Special Recognition Committee.

I want to thank Clinton Campbell, Kevin Fridley and Faith Kuehn for their help in putting together this report. I will begin with the Awards part of my report.

The NPB's nominees are: Carl Schulze for the Carl Carlson award, Stephen Johnson for the ESA Regulatory Entomology award, and Bill Dickerson for the NASDA Service award.

The National Plant Board recognizes the retirement of the following distinguished plant pest regulatory officials:

Don Alexander, Director, Arkansas State Plant Board. Don served in various capacities on the SPB and the NPB. He is also a member of NASDA. Don was a major driving force behind the NPB, especially in changing the NPB's structure to make it more functional.

Ed Dyess, Director, Bureau of the Plant Industry and State Entomologist, Mississippi Department of Agriculture. Ed served in various capacities on the plant board.

Guy Karr, Supervisor, Plant Protection Section, Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries. Guy served as secretary/treasurer, vice chairman, and chairman of the Southern Plant Board.

Roger Vega, Administrator, Division of Plant Industry, Idaho department of Agriculture. Roger served both the regional and national plant boards.

John Gerhardt, Director, Division of Plant Industry, Colorado Department of Agriculture. John recently served on the NPB's Board of Directors.

Dwight Robinson, Research Scientist with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Richard Watson. Richard was a horticultural inspector with the New York Department of Agriculture.

Mary-Margaret Gaye from British Columbia.

Bob Balaam, Director, Division of Plant Industry, New Jersey Department of Agriculture. Bob was the communication guru, and played major role in the Safeguarding Review. Bob was a major spokesperson for the NPB. He has now joined USDA-APHIS-PPQ.

Steve Johnson, Chief Entomologist, Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Steve served as past NPB President and was a major force in the Safeguarding Review project. Steve now works as the Nebraska USDA State Plant Health Director.

Win McLane, USDA-APHIS-PPQ, Otis Plant Protection Center. Win worked extensively on the Japanese beetle program.

Dr. Bisham Singh, USDA-APHIS-PPQ, Riverdale. Bisham worked on containment facility permits.

Charles Bare, USDA-APHIS-PPQ, Riverdale. Charles worked on environmental documentation.

Carlos Garcia, USDA-APHIS-PPQ, Riverdale. Carlos worked on Phytosanitary Export issues.

Richard Jackowski, Fort Collins. Worked on CAPS, gypsy moths.

Carl Muck and Gene Binder, USDA-APHIS-PPQ officers from New York. Both worked on the golden nematode program.

Luz Henriquez-Vidal, USDA-APHIS-PPQ pre-departure area Puerto Rico; Bill Blair, passenger clearance, New York; Gladstone Brown and Aurelio Maruri, passenger clearance, Miami Airport.

Two port directors: Ron Hennessey from Los Angeles; Lynn Oglesby from Miami.

Three SPHDs: Gene Holt from New Hampshire; Tom Crowe from Tennessee; and John Larsen from Wyoming.

The National Plant Board recognizes the passing of the following distinguished contributors to plant pest management:

Bill Metterhouse, former director of the Plant Industries Division, New Jersey Department of Agriculture. Bill later administered the Interstate Pest Control Compact. Bill was a forceful voice on biological control and attended the NPB/PPQ Board of Directors meetings.

George Mittak, Virus Certification Program, New York Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Gerald King, former director of the Arkansas State Plant Board and chairman of the SPB in 1989 and 1990.

Earl Graham, former chief of Plant Inspection, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

David Keim, port director, Spokane, Washington; Robert Rivera, SITC officer, Puerto Rico; Michael Schulbe, PPQ officer, New York; and William Vila Pagan, PPQ officer from Florida.

Please rise and observe a moment of silence in memory of those who have passed away.

Submitted by,

Shashank Nilakhe, Chair
Faith Kuehn
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Secretary/Treasurer's Report

2002 National Plant Board Meeting

NATIONAL PLANT BOARD CASH ANALYSIS - September 2001 - July 2002

	<u>Safeguarding</u>	<u>Systems Approach</u>	<u>National Plant Board</u>	<u>Total</u>
Beginning Balance, 9/1/01	\$83,533.21	\$67,381.43	\$36,444.22	\$187,358.86
Interest Income - 9/01 to 6/02	-	-	354.90	354.90
Deposits:				
Safeguarding Revenue	-	-	-	-
Systems Approach Revenue	-	-	-	-
Membership Dues	-	-	28,050.00	28,050.00
Annual Meeting Income	-	-	1,972.76	1,972.76
Contribution	-	-	-	-
Expenses:				
Bank Charges	-	-	(14.50)	(14.50)
Filing Fee	-	-	-	-
Website	-	-	-	-
Meetings	-	(6,678.26)	(4,166.37)	(10,844.63)
Dues	-	-	(150.00)	(150.00)
Professional Fees	-	(2,200.00)	(875.00)	(3,075.00)
Travel	(12,720.33)	(2,785.13)	(953.84)	(16,459.30)
Safeguarding Study	-	-	-	-
Telephone	-	-	(602.08)	(602.08)
Awards	-	-	(200.00)	(200.00)
Printing	-	(1,510.23)	-	(1,510.23)
Postage	-	-	-	-
Ending Balance, 7/31/02	<u>\$70,812.88</u>	<u>\$54,207.81</u>	<u>\$59,860.09</u>	<u>\$184,880.78</u>

NATIONAL PLANT BOARD
 FINANCIAL ESTIMATES
 July 24, 2002 thru August 31, 2002

	SYSTEMS APPROACH	SAFEGUARDING	NPB ACCOUNT	TOTAL
<u>Balance 7/24/02</u>	<u>\$54,207.81</u>	<u>\$70,812.88</u>	<u>\$59,860.09</u>	<u>\$184,880.78</u>
Estimated Income				
Carl Carlson (Pioneer)			250.00	
Interest Income			75.00	
<i>Total Anticipated Income</i>				325.00
<u>Estimated Expenses</u>				
Travel	4,500.00	4,000.00	1,500.00	
Awards	7,000.00			
Professional Services (Accounting/Tax)			925.00	
Printing			227.71	
<i>Total Anticipated Expenses</i>	11,500.00	4,000.00	2,652.71	18,152.71
<u>Estimated Balance (8/31/2002)</u>	<u>\$42,707.81</u>	<u>\$66,812.88</u>	<u>\$57,532.88</u>	<u>\$167,053.07</u>

NATIONAL PLANT BOARD
 PROPOSED BUDGET FY-03
 September 1, 2002 – August 31, 2003

	SYSTEMS APPROACH	SAFEGUARDING	NPB ACCOUNT	TOTAL
<u>Estimated Balance</u> <u>(8-31-02)</u>	<u>\$42,707.81</u>	<u>\$66,812.88</u>	<u>\$57,532.38</u>	<u>\$167,053.07</u>
Estimated Income (FY-03)				
Membership Dues			30,600.00	
Interest Income			420.00	
Annual Meeting			4,000.00	
Pioneer (Carl Carlson)			250.00	
Total Estimated Income	--	--	<u>35,270.00</u>	<u>35,270.00</u>
 <u>Estimated Expenses</u>				
Personal Services	--	--	?	
Permanent Salaries				
Permanent Benefits				
Temporary Salaries				
Temporary Benefits				
 Operating Expenses				
Office Furniture,				
Computers,		--	?	
Supplies				
Banking Fees			50.00	
Professional Services				
Website Maintenance			2,500.00	
Accounting/Tax Prep.			1,200.00	
Misc.				
Meeting Expenses	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Annual Meeting			4,000.00	
(Advance)				
Travel				
President	3,000.00	2,000.00	12,000.00	
Other Travel	3,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00	
Telephone			1,200.00	
Awards				
Carl Carlson			250.00	
President's Recognition			200.00	
Retirees			400.00	
Misc. (flowers, etc)			400.00	
Printing			2,000.00	
Postage			1,000.00	
Dues (NAPPO)			150.00	
Misc. Expenses			500.00	
<u>Total Estimated Expenses</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>19,000.00</u>	<u>32,850.00</u>	<u>59,850.00</u>

INTERSTATE PEST CONTROL COMPACT REPORT

2002 National Plant Board

No Report

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

2002 National Plant Board Meeting

The Nominations Committee Report was provided by Bob Gronowski, chair. The Committee recommends that the current NPB officers be re-elected for 2002-03.

Submitted by:

Bob Gronowski, chair
Bob Mungari
Stan Smith
Ken Glenn

POLICY AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

2002 National Plant Board

The Policy and Resolutions Committee Report was presented by Charles Coffman, chair. Resolutions approved with minor changes. Resolutions are included in these proceedings.

Submitted by,

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**2002 NATIONAL PLANT BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 1
POTATO VIRUS Y^N COMPLEX**

Potato virus Y, tobacco vein necrosis strain (PVY^N) and potato virus Y, potato tuber necrosis strain (PVY^{NTN}) are serious potyvirus diseases of tobacco and potato respectively. Mixed infections of PVY variants produce new viruses by recombination. It is likely that PVY^{NTN} is a result of recombination between PVY^N and a common strain (PVY^O). If it becomes established in the potato growing areas of the U.S., the PVY^N complex would destroy the \$ 2.5 billion seed potato industry, threaten the North American food supply and devastate potato export markets.

In 1991, PVY^N was discovered on Prince Edward Island, Canada and subsequently in New Brunswick, Canada. In 1994, in order to protect the U.S. tobacco industry and facilitate the trade of potatoes between the U.S. and Canada, a management plan was developed and endorsed by both countries. This management plan included the incorporation of ELISA testing of seed potato lots at the tissue culture and G2 (second year in the field) levels. Participation in this management plan has been optional in the United States.

Survey information from seed certification agencies in several states indicates that this PVY^N complex may have infected a small percentage of seed lots in those states. Mandatory participation in a PVY^N management plan will provide protection from the spread of PVY^N and the development of virulent strains like PVY^{NTN} and will help protect export markets for seed and table potatoes.

Be it resolved, that the National Plant Board, at its 76th annual meeting in Duluth, Minnesota, on August 15, 2002, requests that USDA-APHIS-PPQ convene a technical committee of federal, state, and seed certification agencies in the U.S. to review the current PVY^N Management Plan and recommend possible changes to strengthen the plan in order to better manage the pathogen and protect potato production and trade.

Be it further resolved, that USDA-APHIS-PPQ is urged to develop a federal rule incorporating a mandatory PVY^N management plan based upon the resulting recommendations of the technical committee.

Be it further resolved, that USDA-APHIS-PPQ is urged to work with USDA-ARS to develop improved diagnostic testing protocols to assist in accurate identification of both PVY^N and PVY^O variants.

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2002 NATIONAL PLANT BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2 SUDDEN OAK DEATH

A disease known as sudden oak death (SOD), caused by the fungus *Phytophthora ramorum*, has killed thousands of coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*), black oak (*Quercus kelloggii*), tanoak (*Lithocarpus densiflorus*) and Shreve oak (*Quercus parvula* var. *shrevei*) in 10 central coastal counties of California. The disease has also caused tree mortality in at least one county in Oregon.

In controlled seedling inoculations, red oak has been found susceptible to SOD, raising the fear that oak species in other parts of the U.S. may be at risk.

California and Oregon have implemented regulations to help prevent the artificial spread of the disease. Oregon has undertaken eradication measures at all sites where the disease has been detected. In addition, Canada regulates the movement of host material from California into Canada.

The National Plant Board, at its 75th annual meeting in Asheville, North Carolina, on August 15, 2001, passed a resolution urging USDA to promulgate a rule restricting the movement of known host material and other means of conveyance of the pathogen from known infested areas and to amend Quarantine 37 to ensure that host materials are restricted from other parts of the world where the pathogen exists. In addition, the National Plant Board urged increased funding for research and monitoring to determine the threat this pathogen poses to the nursery, blueberry, cranberry, and forest industries and oak woodlands in general in the United States.

USDA has published an interim rule to prevent the artificial spread of sudden oak death. However, the interim rule does not address concerns associated with areas immediately adjacent to the quarantine area.

Be it resolved, that the National Plant Board at its 76th annual meeting in Duluth, Minnesota on August 15, 2002, supports the National Plant Board Sudden Oak Death Resolution of August 15, 2001. We applaud the publication of the interim USDA rule intended to prevent the artificial spread and establishment of sudden oak death and request that the USDA quarantine for sudden oak death be finalized and implemented as soon as possible and that USDA implement a national survey for this pest. In addition, we encourage California and Oregon to continue to conduct delimiting surveys and make survey results available to other states in a timely manner.

Be it further resolved, that USDA investigate any additional plant species that may be hosts of sudden oak death, further refine diagnostic procedures, investigate pathways of spread and be conservative in allowing infected material to move intrastate for processing, i.e. needs to be done in such a way that minimizes risk of spread of the disease.

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**2002 NATIONAL PLANT BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 3
Ralstonia solanacearum CONTROL PROGRAM**

Ralstonia solanacearum race 3 biovar 2 is a pest of quarantine significance in the United States and other countries. The potato industry is concerned that this pathogen could cause production-related losses if it becomes established in the U.S., and could adversely affect trade with countries that are free of the pathogen. *Ralstonia* has a relatively large host range, including a number of horticultural crops such as geranium, which are imported into the U.S. from Central America and other areas where the pathogen is known to occur. The importation of infested crops significantly increases the potential for establishment. Therefore, steps must be taken to prevent infested material from entering the United States.

Since *Ralstonia solanacearum* race 3 biovar 2 cannot be visually detected on imported plant material, testing of such material for this pathogen is necessary. Inasmuch as, testing plant material after it has entered the U.S. is inefficient and costly, testing for the pathogen should be conducted in the country of origin prior to shipment. Additionally, operations in countries from which infested material has been shipped must be cleaned up and monitored to prevent movement of infected stock in the future.

Be it resolved, that the National Plant Board, at its 76th annual meeting in Duluth, Minnesota, on August 15, 2002, requests that USDA-APHIS-PPQ implement a program to prevent the introduction of *Ralstonia solanacearum* race 3 biovar 2 into the United States.

Be it further resolved, that USDA-APHIS-PPQ facilitate development of diagnostic protocols that will enable timely and accurate identification of *Ralstonia solanacearum* race 3 biovar 2.

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**2002 NATIONAL PLANT BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 4
HEMLOCK WOOLLY ADELGID**

In the 1950s, hemlock woolly adelgid (*Adelges tsugae* Annand) was first observed on hemlock trees in Virginia. Since then, hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) has spread to 11 eastern states and now is responsible for extensive mortality and decline of hemlock trees. HWA has become the single greatest threat to the health and sustainability of hemlock as a forest resource in eastern North America. Half the range of hemlock in the eastern part of the U.S. is infested. The entire range is at risk and isolated infestations have been detected in Maine, New Hampshire and Michigan.

The USDA Forest Service, with the support and cooperation of the National Association of State Foresters and the National Plant Board, has proposed an initiative for management of HWA. The initiative calls for expanded research and technology development combined with accelerated management efforts implementing existing and newly developed control techniques.

An estimated \$25 million in federal funds over 5 years is needed to develop the necessary management tools to mitigate HWA impacts and slow the spread of this pest.

Be it resolved, that the National Plant Board, at its 76th annual meeting in Duluth, Minnesota, on August 15, 2002, requests that the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture:

- Support the FY03 funding levels proposed by the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Interior and Related Agencies in Federal Lands Forest Health Management and Cooperative Lands Forest Health Management budget line items, and the National Fire Plan for the USDA Forest Service, State and Private Forestry, Forest Health Management Program; and
- Urge Congress to retain, in the final appropriations bill, current language supporting the Forest Service's efforts on established and newly introduced forest pests such as gypsy moth, Asian longhorned beetle, sudden oak death, hemlock woolly adelgid (adelgids in the East) and others, like emerald ash borer, that are unexpectedly detected.

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**2002 NATIONAL PLANT BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 5
RAPID DETECTION AND RESPONSE TO EXOTIC SPECIES**

Asian longhorned beetle, citrus longhorned beetle, emerald ash borer, plum pox virus, sudden oak death, potato mop top virus, and tropical soda apple are recent examples of exotic pests that have been introduced into the United States. All of these require quick delimitation and effective emergency response action.

Whenever detected, aggressive, proactive action to delimit, treat and prevent the further spread of these pests is of strategic importance. Federal support and funding must be assigned and allocated quickly to achieve these ends even though all of the risk assessment and program planning has not been completed. Federal collaboration with state cooperators and stakeholders to determine and implement emergency containment actions is vital. The combined resources of USDA, the states and industry should be applied to eradication and/or control program activities including delimitation survey, quarantine, diagnostics and other appropriate scientific support, research and methods development, and public outreach/education.

Be it resolved, that the National Plant Board, at its 76th annual meeting in Duluth, Minnesota, on August 15, 2002, strongly urges the USDA-APHIS-PPQ to continue to increase federal and cooperative state pest detection capabilities and to establish a special fund dedicated to emergency response to new pest outbreaks.

Be it further resolved, relative to the recently discovered emerald ash borer, that USDA-APHIS-PPQ take the necessary emergency regulatory measures to prevent the movement of infested and potentially infested ash materials from Ontario, Canada into the United States.

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**2002 NATIONAL PLANT BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 6
JAPANESE BEETLE**

Over 200 live Japanese beetles (JB) have been discovered in airfreight aircraft in JB protected states and JB has been trapped in or nearby airports in California, Oregon and Montana. This puts the uninfested states at significant risk of JB infestations. Where airport administrators and air cargo operators take appropriate measures, the risk is greatly reduced.

While the U.S. does not enforce JB entry requirements on nursery stock from Canada destined for infested areas of the United States, Canada does enforce JB quarantine requirements even for stock destined for JB infested areas of Canada. This unfair trade practice has resulted in a one-way flow of nursery stock from Canada into the eastern United States.

Be it resolved, that, relative to the JB pest risk to uninfested states, the National Plant Board, at its 76th annual meeting in Duluth, Minnesota, on August 15, 2002, requests the USDA-APHIS-PPQ to revise the JB quarantine to include the following JB infested area airport administration and aircraft operation requirements:

1. **Habitat Management** – Airport administrators must manage JB food, shelter, and reproduction habitat to keep JB populations at very low levels. To ensure acceptably low population levels, habitat management should include measures such as host and shelter plant removal and treatment of turf areas to kill beetle grubs and food and shelter plants to kill adult beetles.
2. **Aircraft** – To prevent the entry of JB adults, aircraft must not be left open in infested areas for extended periods before loading.
3. **Japanese Beetle Excluders** – Each air cargo carrier must develop and use excluder devices that are effective in preventing aircraft entry by JB adults during cargo loading. The UPS and Airborne Express have demonstrated the efficacy of such excluders as part of their operations.
4. **Air Cargo Containers** – As has been demonstrated by numerous trap catches at remote sorting sites throughout California, JB may enter unsecured cargo containers prior to or during loading and be transported to uninfested areas. Air cargo carriers must manage containers to prevent JB entry.

Be it further resolved, that the USDA-APHIS-PPQ effect a reciprocal agreement with Canada to allow nursery stock from JB infested areas of one country to enter JB infested areas of the other country without restriction. If a reciprocal agreement cannot be effected, the United States' JB entry requirements must equal those applied by Canada.

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**2002 NATIONAL PLANT BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 7
APPRECIATION OF THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Whereas, Duluth, Minnesota was the site of the 76th Annual National Plant Board Meeting on August 12-15; the meeting was wonderfully arranged, hosted and organized by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture; the Minnesota staff was exceedingly accommodating, professional, hospitable and warm; the meeting was exceedingly successful and enjoyable for all; and we had great tours, food and fun.

Be it resolved, that the members of the National Plant Board, one and all, do sincerely and wholeheartedly appreciate the planning, long hours of preparation and hosting performed by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be provided to Commissioner Hugoson and every last staff member that was so instrumental in the success of the National Plant Board's 76th annual meeting in Duluth, Minnesota. Special thanks are extended to: Geir Friisoe, Anne Selness, Val Cervenka, Erich Borchardt, Chuck Bock, David Simmons, and John Masengarb of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and Linda Friisoe, freelance.

QUARANTINE AND NURSERY STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

National Plant Board Meeting

Ann Gibbs provided the Quarantine and Nursery Standards and Certification Committee Report. The committee has completed a draft set of Special Need Criteria. A copy of the draft criteria is included in these meeting proceedings. Report approved.

Submitted by:

Tad Hardy, Chair
Ann Gibbs
Mike Brown
Dan Hilburn
Craig Rugelbrugge

**National Plant Board
Board of Directors Meeting
8:00 AM, August 16, 2002
Duluth, Minnesota**

President Callison called this meeting to order at 8:10 am. Vice President Bill Dickerson, Secretary-Treasurer Ken Rauscher and the following Board members were also present:

Ann Gibbs	Robert Gronowski
Dave Nelson	Shashank Nilakhe
Connie Riherd	Sherri Sanderson

Absent: Scott Pfister, and Stan Smith.

Ken Rauscher distributed the minutes of the BOD meeting held on August 11, 2002. Minutes approved.

Kansas Certification Approach - Bill C. led a discussion regarding the Kansas certification system. Tom Sim will provided a presentation of the Kansas system at the Central Plant Board meeting in Illinois in February, 2003. Ken Rauscher agreed to contact Tom Sim and request an executive summary of the Kansas certification system. This summary will be provided to the BOD.

NPB History - Bill C. suggested that we establish a Board historian to maintain the essential history and documents. There was a discussion and questions raised about the materials maintained at the NPB archive at the Kansas State Historical Society. Ken Rauscher agreed to contact Tom Sim to determine is being maintained at this site. Bill C. asked the local arrangements committee to arrange for group photos at future annual meetings.

Executive Session – Bill C. provided a summary of the executive session held on August 12, 2002, which included Rick Dunkle, John Payne, Bill Callison, Bill Dickerson and Ken Rauscher. Discussion included Cooperative agreements and overhead provisions, possible NPB coordination of the review of the USDA germplasm facility, and communication between NPB and PPQ. See a copy of the minutes of this session for more details.

Awards - Bill C. led a discussion regard NPB recognitions relative to retirements and memorials. It was decided that:

1. NPB member retirees would receive a framed certificate of appreciation
2. Non-NPB members (Associates, i.e. USDA, etc.) would receive a certificate and letter from the NPB president.
3. NPB members who had been actively involved in plant board projects would receive a framed certificate and letter from the NPB president.

Shashank agreed to develop a list of retirees who should be so honored. Connie agreed to put together the certificates, acquire Bill's signature and distribute. The NPB will cover necessary costs. It was also agreed that retirees would be invited to NPB meetings and offered free registration. Ken agreed to acquire the list of retirees to be invited to the meetings from regional plant board secretaries. It was also agreed that upon their death, spouses or direct family members would received the following:

1. Active members: Flowers and a letter of condolence from the NPB president.
2. Retired members: A letter of condolence from the president.

NPB Policy Statements – Bill C. led a discussion regarding the Orderly Marketing of Nursery Stock Policy. The QNSC had developed this policy at the request of the board in order to encourage a national set of standards for marketing nursery stock, perhaps utilizing a federal certificate. The BOD at its November 2001 meeting had taken exception to provision #3 of this proposed policy. Subsequently, the Southern Plant Board raised concerns about the policy and voice little support. Bill C. agreed to recraft the proposed policy and submit to the BOD for comment. Bill C. has received comment from USDA on Policies 1, 2 & 3. Bill indicated that he had not received any comments from NASDA on the policy statements.

Proceedings – A motion was proposed by Bill Dickerson and seconded by Connie to abbreviate the annual meeting proceedings to include the following:

- Minutes of the initial BOD meeting,
- General Session – Agenda; Presenters names, agencies and topics only,
- Minutes of the Business meeting,
- Minutes of the final BOD meeting.

The proceedings will be provided to stakeholders by e-mail and posted on the NPB website. One hard copy to be retained by the NPB Secretary and one copy to be provided to the NPB archives at the Kansas State Historical Society. Motion approved.

National Stonefruit Certification Program – Responding to a request from Scott Pfister, President Callison established a National Stonefruit Certification Committee. The goal of this committee is to explore the feasibility of a mandatory national stonefruit certification program. Dr. Ruth Welliver, of the Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture, will chair the committee.

Boll Weevil Quarantine – USDA is crafting a boll weevil quarantine. In some cases the people drafting the quarantine do not understand the significance of this regulation and its impact. NPB members need to apply assertive and positive support for this quarantine. The BOD supports Bill C. and Bill D. in encouraging USDA to complete work on this quarantine. The quarantine needs to be in place and functioning once eradication is complete.

Incorporation – Bill C. will contact Scott Pfister regarding moving forward with incorporation.

Executive Director – Bill C. and Bill D. will keep their eyes on the opportunities to work with NASDA on the Executive Director position.

Strategic Plan – Bill C. brought up the need to review the existing strategic plan. Bill C. will craft some revisions and updates for the November meeting.

Committee Assignments – Bill made the following committee assignments to Standing and President appointed committees, and Non-NPB committees:

Standing Committees

Dave Nelson and Esther Chapman were appointed as Central Plant Representatives to the Policy Committee.

President Appointed Committees

Phil Lewis – APHIS-PPQ will replace Winn McLane as chair of the Japanese Beetle Regulatory Review Committee

Anwar Rizvi – APHIS-PPQ will chair the Japanese Beetle Survey Committee.

Bob Gronowski will be the Category 1 State Representative – JB Regulatory Review.

Tom Harrison will be a Category 2 State Representative –JB Regulatory Review.

Non-NPB Committees

National CAPS Committee John Haanstad, Scott Pfister, Benny Graves, and Jeff Knight.

USDA Insect Pest List: Bob Waltz

USDA APHIS PPQ Wood Dunnage: Bob Mungari and Dorthea Zadig.

USDA APHIS PPQ Weed Policy: Gene Cross.

ASTA Seed Health: Debbie Meyer

USDA APHIS PPQ NBCI Customer Advisory Committee: Ken Rauscher

USDA APHIS PPQ 526 Permit Committee: Dave Nelson, Carol Lemmon, Suzanne Spencer, and Steve Brown.

USDA APHIS PPQ Golden Nematode Advisory Committee: Bill Callison

USDA Technical Advisory Group for Biological Control of Weeds: Dan Hilburn.

USDA APHIS PPQ EXCERPT Committee: Chuck Stoltenow, Walt Blosser, Joe Beckwith and Jan Hedberg.

USDA APHIS PPQ Karnal Bunt Science Advisory Panel: Tom Sim.

USDA Forest Service – Forest Health Technology Enterprise Steering Committee: Bill Dickerson

USDA Gypsy Moth Working Group: Esther Chapman.

Gypsy Moth Management Board: Gene Cross and Clinton Campbell.

USDA APHIS PPQ Pine Shoot Beetle Working Group: Bob Waltz and Dortehea Zadig.

Homeland Security – There was general agreement by the BOD that the NPB should be involved in Homeland Security planning. Rick Dunkle has asked that the NPB be involved in implementation and use of resources.

Distribution of Workload – Bill C. indicated that he would look to the BOD to share the administrative work of the NPB.

PVYn – There was a brief discussion regarding the feasibility of the PPQ PVYn proposal. Dave Nelson and Terry Bourgoin will be providing input. The NAPPO potato policy is being revised by the potato panel. The revised draft standard will go out for review.

Pest Detections and Regulation – There was a brief discussion regarding the need to regulate every pest that is detected as a result of advance technology. Bill D. will approach Gordon Gordh to have CPHST take a look at this issue.

Pest Surveillance and Detection Initiative – Concerns raised regarding the direction of the pest surveillance and detection initiative. There seems to be confusion about when this federal money may be available for use and how USDA pest lists and state survey activities might impact the use of this money. There seems to be a need for a visionary plan to be developed regarding this initiative and the use of these resources. Bill C. will raise this issue with Rick, John Payne and Paula. There was a suggestion that perhaps a few visionary NPB members could join representatives from academia to bring some vision and focus to this initiative.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Submitted by:

Ken Rauscher, Secretary
National Plant Board

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Kenneth J. Rauscher