

National Clean Plant Network (NCPN) Governing Board (GB) Meeting Schedule for FY 2011

The National Clean Plant Network (NCPN) is administered at the national level by a Governing Board (GB) composed of 8 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and State Department of Agriculture representatives. Since initiating its formation in January 2009, the NCPN-GB has been meeting regularly. In addition to three regular 'Face-to-Face' sessions annually, the NCPN-GB also teleconferences at least once each month. Its discussions include a broad spectrum of topics germane to the administration of the program nationally.

NCPN-GB 'Face-to-Face Meetings – FY 2011:

The NCPN-GB meets at least 3x's annually in face-to-face sessions to further carry-out their duties. The 3 NCPN-GB Face-to-Face sessions are:

- 1) NCPN-GB Business Meeting (Autumn/Winter) >>> January 3-7, 2011
 - > Conducted at the beginning of each Federal FY
 - > Generally closed session (but open for Agenda item suggestions) - often held at an NCPN supported center to allow the GB the opportunity for a working site visit
 - > For FY 2011 --- to be held at Cornell Univ. Geneva, NY the week of Jan. 3-7, 2011 in tandem with the USDA/APHIS sponsored Plum Pox Virus (PPV) Symposium
- 2) The NCPN Stakeholders Meeting (Spring/Summer) >>> TBD
 - > Conducted at around the time that NCPN's Cooperative Agreements Program 'Request for Applications' (RFA) is released
 - > Open session - public access to the NCPN-GB
 - > For FY 2011 --- meeting location and dates TBD
- 3) NCPN-GB Cooperative Agreement Proposal Review Process (Summer) >>> TBD
 - > Generally conducted within 30-45 days of NCPN-RFA closing
 - > Generally closed session
 - > Usually held in the Washington, DC area; for FY 2011 > dates TBD

NCPN-GB Teleconference Schedule – FY 2011:

Additionally, for Federal FY 2011, the NCPN-GB's regularly scheduled teleconferences (the 3rd Thursday of each month) are as follows:

October 21, 2010
November 18, 2010
December 16, 2010
January 20, 2011
February 17, 2011
March 17, 2011
April 21, 2011
May 19, 2011
June 16, 2011
July 21, 2011
August 18, 2011
September 15, 2011

Though the NCPN-GB teleconferences are generally held in 'closed' session, the Governing Board occasionally makes provisions for listeners as well as for persons with an agenda item placed before the Board for which an open session is desirable.

Invitation for Agenda Items for Inclusion at Future NCPN-GB Teleconferences or Meetings:

The NCPN-GB would like to extend an invitation to stakeholders, and especially to the existing NCPN Tier 2 Governing Bodies (Fruit Trees, Grapes, Hops, Citrus, and Berries) and any associated working groups to consider providing it with any agenda items, issues, questions, news, opportunities, and concerns for their information or discussion at future NCPN-GB sessions.

If you have such an item of interest, please feel free to provide it via e-mail to Erich Rudyj, NCPN Coordinator at Erich.S.Rudyj@aphis.usda.gov or at (301) 734-6748 at your soonest opportunity whenever they arise for consideration at the next scheduled NCPN-GB session.

Thanks very much,

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