

EASTERN PLANT BOARD
83rd ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
 Charleston, West Virginia

MONDAY
 March 31, 2008

Time	Topic
	Travel
3:00 - 5:00	Registration
6:00 - 8:00	Reception

TUESDAY
 April 1, 2008

Time	Topic
	Facilitators: Betty Alfred and Keith Colpetzer, USDA PPQ
8:00 - 10:00	EPB Identity Discussion – EPB members only “We are the EPB.” Discussion on the purpose and intent of the Regional Plant Board and its relationship and interaction with the National Plant Board and the Eastern Region (APHIS). Determine member expectations.
10:00 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 12:00	EPB Business Meeting – EPB members only
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 - 2:00	Welcome <i>Ann Gibbs - EPB President</i> <i>Gary Gibson - WV SPRO</i> <i>Commissioner Douglass - WVDA</i>
2:00 - 2:30	WV Nursery & Landscape Association <i>Cary Levenson</i>
2:30 - 3:00	Break
3:00 - 5:00	CAPS Discussion What is the CAPS vision for pest detection? How do CAPS activities fit into the overall goal of safeguarding American Plant Resources. The SPHD and SPRO are key players within states and possess a vested interest in the early detection of actionable pests that are at risk for introduction and establishment in the U.S. How do we insure that exotic pests that threaten the diverse agricultural environment of the northeast are identified, ranked and targeted? (Note: to date “commodity” driven surveys have been marginally applicable to the northeastern states.) Concerns relating to SPHD/SPRO interactions concerning Cooperative Agreement work and financial plans. <i>John Bowers(Natl CAPS), Vicki Smith (EPB Natl Comm), Steve Knight (SPHD Natl Comm)</i>

WEDNESDAY
April 2, 2008

Time	Topic
8:00 - 9:30	<p>Firewood – What to do? The transport of firewood may facilitate the spread of actionable pest species. A number of states have called for the federal regulation of this commodity while others have initiated regulations or guidelines on their own. What has been accomplished to date? How have various actions been measured i.e., performance standards? <i>Jerry Carlson (NY) Dan Rider (MD) Walt Blosser (PA) - policy</i></p>
9:30 - 10:00	<p>EAB National Strategy The Emerald Ash Borer has proven to be a challenge to federal-state cooperative eradication and containment objectives. A strategy has been developed in response to our present understanding of this pest and its biology. What is the collective position of EPB member states with regard to this strategy? <i>Phil Bell, APHIS PPQ</i></p>
10:00 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 11:30	<p>EAB - The EPB States Perspective EAB is present in three EPB states (MD, PA & WV). The expectations of each state are specific to its unique situation and may influence EPB member states in formulating a formal position to share with the National Plant Board and Eastern Region (APHIS). <i>Carol Holko (MD erradicating), Walt Blosser (PA managing), Gary Gibson (WV not sure)</i></p>
11:30 - 12:00	<p>Canadian Report CFIA is facing multiple pest threats some of which are shared by the U.S. Others may pose a threat to introduction to the U.S. We would appreciate a frank discussion of the challenges faced by CFIA and the safeguards implemented to protect the U.S. from the risk of introduction. It is also important to share CFIA concerns regarding U.S. issues of concern to the CFIA. Some pests we hope will be covered include Swede Midge, Sirex Woodwasp, PCN, and Spruce Longhorn Beetle. <i>Greg Stubbings, CFIA</i></p>
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 - 2:30	<p>Quality Pests To successfully manage a quality pest issue uniformity among EPB member states may be considered advantageous. How do you handle HVS, daylily rust, foliar nematodes? Are EPB member states interested in developing and implementing regional strategies for quality pests? <i>Carol Holko (MD idea coordinator)</i></p>
2:30 - 3:00	Break
3:00 - 3:30	<p>View from the National Plant Board <i>Gray Haun, NPB President</i></p>
3:30 - 4:00	<p>View from the PPQ Eastern Region <i>Vic Harabin, APHIS PPQ</i></p>

4:00 - 5:00	<p>PCIT What will happen when administrative user fee is in place and PCIT is mandatory? Will states opt out of issuing phytosanitary certificates? How will this impact PPQ? <i>Laney Campbell, APHIS PPQ</i></p>
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THURSDAY
April 3, 2008

Time	Topic
8:00 - 8:15	<p>CAPS Report Is there a benefit derived from SSC and others meeting in conjunction with the annual EPB meeting? What is important for the SPHD's and SPRO's to know with respect to your meeting and interaction with the CAPS program? <i>Terry Carrington, WV</i></p>
8:15 - 8:30	<p>HIS Report <i>Mike Arnold, WV</i></p>
8:30 - 10:00	<p>“Actionable Pests” Situation Report One page summaries identifying issues relating to a pest and your state. Examples of pest briefs may include PPV, GN, Sirex, Swede Midge, ALB, CWR, Fire Ant, SOD. Member states will identify the primary issues from their perspective. Do we need to continue discussing these pests at EPB meetings or not? <i>Bob Mungari (NY idea coordinator)</i></p>
10:00 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 11:30	<p>State Level Communication SPHD SPRO Relations. It takes two to tango. A discussion on how to improve working relationships at the state level. <i>Bob Mungari (NY mediator)</i></p>
11:30 - 12:00	<p>EPB Meeting Accomplishments <i>Ann Gibbs (ME optimist)</i></p>
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