



## MINUTES

### NATIONAL CLEAN PLANT NETWORK – HOP TIER 2 BOARD MEETING

January 20, 2015

Rancho Bernardo Inn, San Diego CA

**Attendees:** Jason Perrault, Gayle Goschie, Reggie Brulotte, Bernard Gamache, Vicki Gamache, Ed Atkins, Paul Matthews, David Gent, Mark Nelson, Ann George, Paul Fobert, Missy Raver, John Henning, Harald Schwarz, Rebecca Bennett, Daniel Jones, Scott Dorsch, Martin Joseph, Steve Miller, Brooks Erikson, Zach Turner, Sidney Grief, Gene Probasco, Fred Geschwill, Nancy Sites, Debbie Woodbury. Attending via telecon: Ken Eastwell, Nate Jackson, Brian Tennis.

The meeting was called to order at 3:20pm by Gayle Goschie, Chair. Self-introductions were made. The minutes from the August 5, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved. It was announced that Tom Wessels, the Regulatory representative on the NCPN-Hop Tier 2, has retired and efforts are underway to identify a replacement candidate.

#### NCPN Updates

**2015 Cooperative Agreements:** Ken Eastwell reported that grant decisions should be made by late March and funding made available in early August. Funds available to clean plant programs can expect to be reduced in the future, as new crops join the network; roses and sweet potatoes were added in 2015.

**National meeting:** planning is underway to hold a meeting of all cooperators in late 2015 or early 2016. Each Tier 2 group will be asked to send representatives to this meeting, to be held in the D.C. area; the primary focus will be strategic planning.

**Outreach:** Each NCPN specialty crop has been asked to send representatives to a national-level meeting of the Education & Outreach working group. The meeting will be held May 5-6, 2015, in Dallas, Texas. At this point, Debbie Woodbury will be representing Hops, but additional representation is welcome, and encouraged. Contact Debbie for further information.

#### Clean Plant Center Northwest Updates

**Clean-up Status:** There are 60 cultivars now in the program. Of these 40 are available for distribution, 3 require release by USDA, 4 are proprietary, and 13 are still in process.

**Winter Hop Sale:** Deadline is January 30 for request of dormant potted plants. The program is working on a protocol for shipping these plants bare root.

**2015 Clean-up Nominations:** As of the January 6, 2015 deadline, there were 4 nominations for cleanup; all 4 are proprietary. Per the committee's agreement, CPCNW will review sales data and

make recommendations for additional cultivars that may be candidates for testing efficacy of removing Hop latent viroid, using the 4 remaining slots for 2015 clean-up.

**Budget Status:** Ken Eastwell reported that the 2015 NCPN grant application reflected a status quo work plan; however, the program will again be challenged for space when cultivars currently in process are ready to move to the screenhouse. The recently erected screenhouse is already full. It will cost approximately \$150K to purchase and construct an additional screenhouse; also lab equipment is reaching the point of needing replaced soon, requiring \$50 to \$80K above the current budget. The ensuing discussion yielded an array of ideas for revising the funding structure and program outputs. Gayle Goschie committed to organizing a sub-committee which would present detailed proposals, including an assessment option for consideration by WHC. The sub-committee will prepare the proposals and present them to this group during the summer meeting (currently being scheduled for August 4, 2015). In the meantime, Ken Eastwell shared that industry members might be contacted by the office of Jim Moyer, WSU ARC Director, regarding participation in a series of meetings intended to set direction for the future of CPCNW.

### **Regulatory Activities**

Brian Tennis reported that the Michigan Department of Agriculture is establishing a state certification program for hop plants, and suggested that final regulation could result in an even greater demand of virus-tested material.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:45.**