

# SANC Spotlight

## The latest news about SANC



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### Governing Board Established

The purpose of the Governing Board is to provide a mechanism for maintaining the vision and harmonization of SANC amongst the States. Specifically, the Governing Board charter specifies the Board shall:

- Provide program oversight, evaluation and policy development;
- Ensure that the SANC program is implemented and measured equally for states and industry;
- Identify future issues and trends as they apply to systems approaches for plants for planting in the broader context;
- Provide a forum for resolving issues between states and/or industry;
- Provide states and/or industry guidance on participation and training to ensure program quality.

This mandate is overseen by the voting Board members which include National Plant Board (NPB) representatives (one from each region with at least one of the representatives being a member of the BOD), Industry representatives (AmericanHort/HRI plus at least two participating SANC nursery representatives) and non-voting members (APHIS-PPQ representation, NPB Executive Secretary, NPB and AmericanHort SANC contractors).

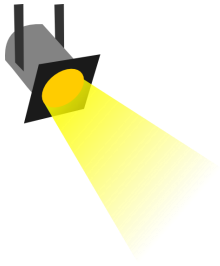
The Board looks forward to contributing to SANC's continued success!

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### SANC FACTS

- Key elements of SANC can be applied to any nursery, regardless if they ever become a fully certified SANC facility.
- **36** individuals representing **22** states are involved in SANC committee work.
- There are now 7 nurseries that are shipping SANC certified plant material. Those nurseries are: Conard Pyle (PA), Forrest Keeling (MO), McKay Nursery (WI), Oregon Pride Nursery (OR), Walla Walla Nursery, (WA), Greenleaf Nursery (OK), North Creek Nursery (PA).
- SANC-certified nursery stock is being shipped to **all** states in the continental US. This means that your state is receiving SANC plant material!
- A detailed discussion about SANC will be held at the 2018 NPB annual meeting to determine state acceptance of the program. Please plan to attend and participate.



## Spotlight on the Training Subcommittee

*Each issue of the SANC Spotlight will highlight a different subcommittee and their work.*

The Training Subcommittee is comprised of co-chairs Collin Wamsley (MO) and Joe Collins (KY) and members Ann Gibbs (ME), Joy Goforth (NC), Ruben Arias (CA), Gary McAninch (OR) and Aaron Paul (WA).

The training subcommittee training is specifically designed for the SPROs and Inspectors. How the training is presented has been evolving ever since the SANC program began—the first trainings involved classroom style teaching along with a site visit to a local facility. However, it was determined that adding a visit to a local facility did not improve the training and it might be said was actually a deterrent to learning the SANC principles because the facilities had already gone through the process. With that in mind, the training subcommittee has focused on delivering a succinct training (1.5 days) that gives a deeper understanding of what SANC is about.

The goal of the training is not for the training participants to go out and actively recruit nurseries to become involved in SANC. The desire of a nursery to become involved will be industry-driven. The purpose of the training is for inspectors and SPROs to become more familiar with SANC so that if a business does approach them they are able to have an informed conversation about what is involved. Inspectors who have attended past trainings report they are talking to their nurseries about SANC principles and how it can make their nursery better, even if the inspectors know the nursery will never become interested in SANC. The inspectors are seeing how SANC principles can help those nurseries keep pests out of their production system.

What is covered in a training session? The training is geared to give inspectors and SPROs a hands-on approach to SANC. Active input from the inspectors is strongly encouraged. Since every state is different, we open the training by having a general roundtable conversation about state programs. Not only does this help the trainers understand how each state currently operates, but it also helps to get the audience involved in discussions early during the training.

In reviewing the evaluations from previous trainings, it was clear that there was a lot of ambiguity about how a risk assessment is conducted. The nursery is the one that is responsible for conducting the risk assessment, but the inspector and the SPRO have the final word so they need to be comfortable with the findings. To help address that issue, one aspect that has recently been added is a mock risk assessment. This gives the inspectors and SPROs a chance to work through the risk assessment spreadsheet and better understand how it works. From there, the training looks at building the SANC manual and how to conduct a thorough audit.



For 2018, the training committee is working on two training meetings. The first is tentatively being planned for California during the summer months and the other will occur during September in Indianapolis for the Central Region. There will be more information coming out about these meetings as the details are finalized.



## 2018 Jacksonville Workshop

The SANC Subcommittee Winter Workshop met March 6-7 in Jacksonville, FL and was attended by 39 people. This is the meeting where all the subcommittees get together, roll up their sleeves, and focus on SANC activities for a full two days. It is amazing the amount of work that gets accomplished in such a short time! The first half of day one focused on the subcommittees visiting with each other one-on-one in order to see what may be needed to make their committee function better; i.e., the training subcommittee when meeting with evaluation subcommittee discussed how evaluations play a key role in the trainings and what additional feedback would be useful to both make the trainings better, but also to help the evaluation subcommittee better understand SANC progress.

The remainder of the meeting time allowed the subcommittees to work on planning for the upcoming year as well as any work that could be finalized while the group was together. Some of the outcomes from the meeting will be highlighted in future SANC Spotlights.

The SANC NPB Steering Committee, which is made up of the subcommittee co-chairs and the Core Group, will be meeting in Harrisburg, PA June 5-6 to further develop the SANC budget and timelines/goals for the future.



## SANC Core Group

The Core Group is responsible for handling the day-to-day activities of SANC. The Core consists of Dana Rhodes (PA), Joe Collins (KY), Wayne Dixon (NPB associate), Aurelio Posadas (NPB associate). Joe is a new addition to the Core as he agreed to serve as co-chair with Dana in November 2017.

