



# HORTICULTURE INSPECTION SOCIETY

## Western Chapter

### SUMMER NEWSLETTER



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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS !**

### **WHIS 15th Annual Meeting**

### **Salt Lake City, Utah**

### **September 29 through October 1, 2015**



WHIS will be returning to Salt Lake City Utah for our next Annual Meeting. Our host, Utah Dept. of Agriculture and Food, have planned training and education on a wide variety of topics to be presented by Research and Regulatory professionals, and have chartered a bus for travel to informative field trip locations. Tentative agenda and meeting registration information follows this page.

For additional information please contact:

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# WHIS 2015 ANNUAL MEETING TENTATIVE AGENDA



## Monday, September 28 (Travel Day)

3:00- 8:30 Hospitality Suite / Early Registration  
(Drop off Silent Auction Items)

## Tuesday, September 29

- 8:00am: Registration
- 8:30am: Welcome and Introductions  
Jack Wilkins, UDAF
- 9:00am: State Reports
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (provided)
- 1:00pm: A Pollinators Buzz, The state of the Bee Hive State  
Sandra Burnet, PHD, Brigham Young University
- 2:30pm: Pollinator lab overview & Alternative pollinators  
Jamie Strange, PHD, Utah State University
- 3:15pm: Honey Bee Health Survey & New EPA rule  
Joey Caputo, UDAF State Entomologist
- 3:45pm: Over view / Juab County Invasive Species Mitigation  
Rich Riding, UDAF, ISM Manager
- 7:00 - 9:00 pm: Hospitality Suite / Silent Auction  
(Dinner on your own)



## Wednesday, September 30

- 7:45am: Field Trip (Load Bus and depart at 8am)  
To Mona Utah, 90 miles south of Salt Lake City
- 10:00 am: Houweling's Tomatoes  
State of the art Hydroponic Greenhouse
- 11:45 am: Departure  
Invasive Species, Coop. Weed Management Area  
Kevin Bailey, Juab County Weed Supervisor
- 12:30 pm: Departure  
Mt. Nebo loop to Hell's Kitchen Geologic site  
(Lunch provided)
- 1:30 pm: Uinta National Forest Invasive Pest Issues  
Darren Blackfoot, USFS Entomologist
- 6:00 pm: Return to Hotel  
(Dinner on your own)
- 7:00 - 9:00 pm: Hospitality Suite / Silent Auction Ends



## Thursday, October 1

- 9:00am: Utah's Priority Pests of Concern  
Diane Alston, Utah State University Extension
- 9:45 am: Brown Marmorated Stink Bug & USU CAPS overview  
Lori Spears, USU CAPS coordinator
- 10:45 am: Emerald Ash Borer - The March Westward  
Ryan Davis, USU Arthropod Diagnostician.
- 11:30 am: Bugging Weeds to Death / Developing Bio-Controls  
Amber Mendenhall, USDA, APHIS & UDAF
- 12:00 pm: Lunch provided
- 1:00 pm: Marketing Native plants in Intermountain West  
Barney Barnet, Industry point of view.
- 1:30 pm: USU Botanical Center overview  
Richard Anderson, Utah State University Extension
- 2:30 pm: SANC Roll Out at Oregon Nursery  
Melissa Lujan, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
- 3:15 pm: Why SANC overview  
Aurelio Posadas: National Plant Board
- 4:00 pm: Adjourn (Dinner on your own)

**Refreshments will be provided through out each day. If you have special dietary concerns, please let us know and we'll be happy to accommodate.**

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**Members donate auctions items that are placed on display in the hospitality suite for attendee's to bid on. This is our only fund-raiser during the year. Make sure your state is represented!**



## REGISTRATION FORM

**RESPONSE REQUIRED BY: August 31, 2015.**

**Western Horticultural Inspection Society 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**September 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & October 1<sup>st</sup> 2015**  
**Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel**  
**150 W 500 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84101**

The cost of attendance is **\$100** for members in good standing. The cost of one-day attendance is **\$60**. The cost of attendance for **Non-Members is \$120**. If you would like to become a member, please submit completed WHIS Membership Application and Renewal along with membership fee to address below.

**Please submit completed forms, and check or money order for appropriate fees to:**

**Mariea Stout, Plant Industry Division, Nevada Dept. of Agriculture**  
**405 S 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Sparks, Nevada 89431-5557**

**PH: 775.353.3677 E-mail: [mstout@agri.nv.gov](mailto:mstout@agri.nv.gov)**

**Enclosed fees made payable to WHIS.**

(Please Print)

NAME:

TITLE:

REPRESENTING:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

- \$100** Registration Fee Enclosed.       **\$120** Non-Member Fee Enclosed.  
 **\$60 Per Day Fee Enclosed. (Specify Days)** \_\_\_\_\_  
 **\$20** Membership Fee / Application for 2016 Enclosed.



**Sheraton**

**Salt Lake City Hotel**

**Reservations: 888.627.81552**

**[www.sheratonsaltlakecityhotel.com](http://www.sheratonsaltlakecityhotel.com)**

**Single Room Rate: \$100 per night - Reserved under WHIS.**

**Hotel Reservations Must Be Made By September 8, 2015**

*Room rates and availability are not guaranteed after this date.*

**Transportation: The Sheraton offers free shuttle service from the airport every 30min.**

**Option #2 UTA TRAX (light rail) from airport to the court house on main on the **Green Line**. \$2.00**

**Get off at the Court house station and walk east 1 block. You can see the hotel from the court house station.**



## 2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL

***PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORY:***

NEW MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_

***PLEASE PRINT:***

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MARK BOX IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE.**

**CHECKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20.00 SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO:  
*HORTICULTURAL INSPECTION SOCIETY – WESTERN CHAPTER***

**PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK TO:**

***Marlea Stout, Nevada Department of Agriculture, 405 S 21<sup>st</sup>, Sparks, NV 89431***

# WHIS ANNUAL MEETING STATE REPORT

*Please provide 10 copies of your State Report at our Business Meeting  
and/or email a copy of your report to:*

Sue Welch, Email: [swelch@agr.wa.gov](mailto:swelch@agr.wa.gov)

*The following is a standardized outline to follow when writing your state report submitted at our Annual Meeting. The oral portion of the report should not exceed 5 minutes in order to maintain the meeting schedule. A brief question and answer period is allowed after the presentation of the report.*

## **Nurseries:**

1. Who needs a nursery license and how are nurseries/vendors/dealers categorized in your state?
2. How much does a nursery license cost?
3. How many nurseries are licensed?
4. How many routine nursery facility inspections were performed last year?
  - a. Was this an increase or decrease over the last year?
  - b. How is it determined what facility is inspected?
5. How many pest exclusion/intervention inspections were performed last year?
  - a. Was this an increase or decrease over the last year?
6. How are inspection activities records stored and/or maintained?
7. How many nursery inspectors does your state have?

## **Phytosanitary Certificates:**

8. How many licensed ACO's in your state?
9. How many Federal phytosanitary certificates were issued for plant products last year?
  - a. Was this an increase or decrease over the previous year?
10. How many State phytosanitary certificates were issued for plant products last year?
  - a. Was this an increase or decrease over the previous year?

## **List Other Program Regulatory Activities Performed/Provided:**

### **Trapping Data:**

*Gypsy Moth, Japanese beetle, Emerald Ash Borer, Other...*

*Please describe find, how many traps were placed, and how many insects were discovered.*

## **New Insect/Disease Finds in the Last Year:**

### **Program Changes, new personnel:**

### **Other Relevant Information:**

### **Top Ten List**

- a. Top 10 insect/mite pests.
- b. Top 10 diseases

# CHAPTER BUSINESS

## OPT IN~OPT OUT



An email ballot was sent out to members seeking approval to list all current member contact information on our website. The majority of responses were in favor of providing this information. Keeping privacy issues in mind, the executive committee decided to give members the option whether to have their contact information posted or not. The 2016 membership application has been revised to include a check box for members to mark if they do not want their contact information posted.



It was recommended at our last business meeting in San Diego to amend our constitution to include the word “harmonization” which would then align us with the National Plant Board model. An email ballot was sent to members seeking approval of this change, with the majority of responses in favor.

The entire wording of our chapter purpose that includes the word harmonization is provided below.

We are exploring a suggestion to modify or change our logo to better describe all western states represented in our chapter. If you have talent for such a thing, any and all ideas will be entertained by the executive committee.



Our current WHIS Editor, John Wraspir-WSDA, has volunteered in this position for the last few years and is close to retiring from state service. Now would be a good time to find a replacement while John is still around to assist a new person with this transition if needed. We are seeking a volunteer that is able to commit some time and talent in this position.

### **Editor Duties and Responsibilities:**

1. Prepare, compile, edit, and send out newsletter at least two (2) times a year.
2. Take notes at the annual meeting speaker series and field trip on topics covered, and includes a narrative of the meeting in the newsletter.
3. Serve on the Executive Board.
4. Maintain a current membership list as provided by the Treasurer.
5. Serve as Chair of the Education Committee.
6. The mechanics of printing, addressing, and mailing of the newsletter is contributed by one of the states. This should be moved around among the member states every two (2) years.

### **CHAPTER PURPOSE:**

**\* To promote high standards of inspection work \* To combine and share expertise, knowledge, experience, and training among Plant Pest Inspectors \* To stimulate interest and professionalize plant inspection work \* To provide a means of disseminating information particularly pertinent to plant pest inspection work \* To provide a means of furthering fellowship among Plant Pest Inspectors and allied workers \* To advocate harmonization between State and affiliated agencies \* WHIS members, through dialog and training expand the level of expertise necessary for professional horticultural inspection and plant protection.**

# San Diego Meeting Summary

## WHIS 14th ANNUAL MEETING

### Town and Country Resort & Convention Center



Members and guests began arriving to the **Town & Country Resort** on Monday, greeted by typical Southern California weather, and delighted by beautiful, tropical, and tranquil walkways throughout the facility.

The first morning of our meeting began with welcome and introductions, followed by State Reports. Representatives from Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Washington (48 altogether) were in attendance.



Our first field trip began after lunch traveling to **Altman Plants** based in Vista, California, located in the North County area of San Diego. This one of three locations in California covers 500 acres, and includes over 3-million square feet of greenhouse and shade house production for annuals, perennials, roses, cacti, and succulents. In addition, Altman Plants has facilities located in Colorado, Texas, and Florida.



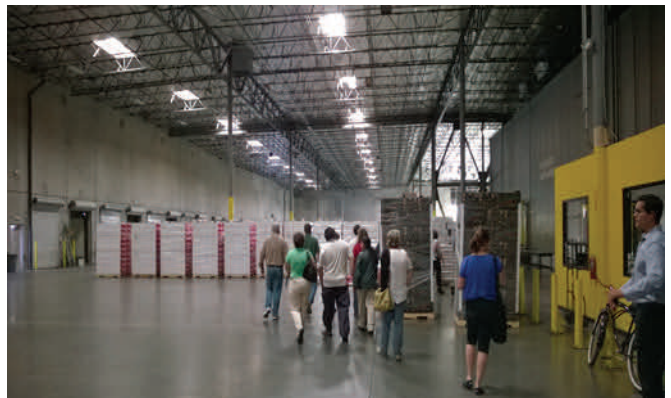
**The Center for Applied Horticultural Research** located in Vista, CA includes state of the art greenhouse, shade, and sunspaces for outdoor research, weather monitoring equipment and laboratory. CfAR is a newly founded, non-profit organization with the purpose of addressing, through research, the practical issues the nursery and floriculture industry face. The Center conducts research designed to give answers to practical problems commercial growers and the green industry deal with on a daily basis.



Wednesday's Training and Education Seminar included presentations by Research and Regulatory Officials on Plant Pathogens of Quarantine significance, Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer, Sudden Oak Death, Japanese Beetle, Diaprepes Weevil and SANC



Thursday field trips began with traveling to the Mexican Border where we were provide with a seldom allowed behind-the-scenes tour of US Customs Port Operations. The **Otay Mesa Port of Entry** is one of three ports of entry in the San Diego-Tijuana metropolitan region, connecting Otay Mesa in the City of San Diego with the Otay Centenario borough of Tijuana. Commercial importations through Otay Mesa accounts for billions of dollars' worth in freight. The port of entry is the third-busiest commercial port of entry on the Mexico-United States border.



The field trip concluded with a tour at **Mexbro's Fruit Inc.** Import/Export Broker Operations Facility. This is a large warehouse where shipments of agricultural commodities are inspected for export to Mexico.

**Horticultural Inspection Society – Western Chapter**  
**October 9, 2014 Annual Business meeting Minutes**  
**Town and Country Resort in San Diego, CA**  
**(Sue Welch, WSDA)**

Officers Present

President: Beth Eiring, MT

Vice President: Ruben Arias, CA

Treasurer: Melissa Lujan, OR

Also attending: Jack Wilkins, UT; Marlea Stout, NV; Sue Welch, WA; Ken Raucher, NPB

- -2013 WHIS Annual Business Meeting minutes were approved by vote.
- Treasurer Melissa Lujan gave brief report on financial status

Topics Discussed

- 2015 Meeting location: Salt Lake City, Utah
- Future meetings (tentative): 2016: Arizona, 2017: Washington, 2018: Nevada, 2019: Oregon
- SANC Funds – How to spend? –General agreement to spend some on sending WHIS members to attend other regional HIS meetings (no decisions made; needs further discussion)
- Pay Pal – Melissa to set up a PayPal account for people to use to pay dues and other fees
- Google Docs – Melissa to set up a Gmail account through Google Docs for sharing info and pictures. Also, she will determine the legal requirements for records retention, and look in to scanning in the necessary documents to a computer file; as well as purchasing an external drive for storage/backup. We need to determine what to do with all of the paper records (not settled).
- Ruben would like to have presentations and powerpoints on the WHIS website (which is managed by Lisa Rehms of ODA).
- Purpose Statement – The word “Harmonization” is to be added to the WHIS Purpose Statement per NPB & Sand (OK’d).
- Vote on new Board Members: Jack, Sue and Marlea (OK’d)
- Sue is to do Thank You cards to guests who gave tours and presentations and/or helped out at the conference, at the request of board members.

Words from new President: "I would to thank the WHIS executive board for this opportunity as WHIS incoming president. I would also like to thank the following for making this year’s conference in San Diego a success; Local arrangements and host county- Jose Arriaga and his staff, the 2013 WHIS executive committee and other members of the 2013 conference committee."

- Conference call scheduled for January 14, 2015 @ 9 AM
- Adjourn

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