Management Structure
Breakout session: Goal 1

The NCPN will develop and implement a management structure that ensures continual, unimpeded flow of information throughout the network.
What we liked about the Goal 1?

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• goal should be broader, not about information flow, but more about governance
Concerns/issues discussed

• governance should be management and leadership
• triangle of regulators, researchers and industry triangle is important. (include federal agencies)
• Management structure critical so funds are going to those projects intended.
Components of the network.

- **Clean plant programs**
  - State, federal (ARS and APHIS), university
  - NGO’s (non gov organizations), other certifying agencies

- **Regulatory**
  - APHIS
  - National Plant Board (State Dept of Ag.)

- **Stakeholders**
  - Nursery and commercial industries, growers,
  - Homeowners (end users of product)

- **Research community**
Concerns/Questions:

• What kind of management can we devise to support the clean plant network that supports/implements what is coming from the Farm Bill?

• Do we expand the network beyond what currently exists?

• Should we develop criteria to expand (change, augment) aspects of the network?

• Is this system voluntary?
Conclusions:

• Don’t ask for funds just to continue doing what we are currently doing.
• Identify gaps in current program activities.
• Must be dedicated line item in budget for this funding.
• Need a dedicated person to serve as director/coordinator.
• Ensure strong, unimpeded input from regulators, scientists & industry.
USDA agencies need to be represented

• We need to spell out roles of USDA agencies (e.g., ARS: research and development of diagnostics, germplasm repositories, APHIS: regulatory, etc.)

• Governance board should identify roles and responsibilities of all federal agencies and other members (all components of the network).
Changes/Modifications

National Clean Plant Network Coordination Committee (NCPNCC)

– Say that 3 times really fast!
– Rationale: Model used in USDA to ensure active support from USDA (ask Tom to explain this!)
New Goal 1

• NCPNCC enables the interaction among regulators, industry and research communities to determine the resources and structure needed to ensure a viable and fully functioning clean plant system.
New Objectives; Goal 1

**Objective 1:** The NCPN will develop and implement a management/governance structure.

**Objective 2:** Develop mechanisms to manage the scope of the network.

**Objective 3:** Provide leadership by ensuring continual, unimpeded flow of information among the components (regulators, industry, and researchers) of the network.
Benefits of the goal on the way we do business

• NCPNCC enables the interaction among regulators, industry and research communities to determine the resources and structure needed to ensure a viable and fully functioning clean plant system.

• What do you think?