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**ANBP Fall Meeting follows virtual trend during 2020 pandemic year**

What a year! Our first hope is that everyone is healthy and looking forward to a “normal” 2021. ANBP held its Spring Board of Directors meeting in Portland, Oregon (March 3<sup>rd</sup>), and while we did not yet wear masks, we bumped elbows and had an *idea* of what was coming.

Well, maybe not a clear idea of what 2020 would look like, but as March progressed, we reprioritized our Action Plan to start with our statement on the essential nature of our industry. Fortunately, our North American governments did recognize the roles we play in maintaining a safe supply of agricultural products, and reports from ANBP members during the course of the year indicated that we were doing as well as can be expected. An immediate impact felt by many organizations (and individuals, of course) was the cancelation of meetings and non-essential travel. For ANBP, this meant defaulting to a virtual meeting platform. While many of us disparage the typical *Zoom* meeting, we’re lucky to have this technology so readily available. Even though they tax our concentration, meeting “face-to-face” does make a difference. ANBP does, however, enjoy the networking that takes place during our dinner, so we did miss that! We held our Virtual Fall Board and Annual General meetings on October 20, 2020, inviting any ANBP members to join. We hosted about 20 individuals and met for over an hour.

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**ANBP’s Mission is to address key issues of the biological control industry through advocacy, education, and quality assurance.**

### Meeting highlights include:

- **Membership and Financial reports** were both healthy. If any company is experiencing difficulties during this period, please drop us a line.
- **Regulatory issues** were quiet since our last meeting in March.
- The **ANBP website** will be re-vamped and placed on a much more current software platform. Our current website is not mobile-friendly and the new software update will include moving away from Paypal to another service that should be *much more easily* used via credit cards. We hoped this would be finished before the end of 2020, but now it may be the end of January. If the current dues page (Paypal) has been problematic for you, you may wish to hold off on paying dues (see more below).
- We will also create a **Regulatory page**. We envision this to be a set of country (Federal) and state links that help you find answers to permitting. [Lynn LeBeck](#) is collecting this information now, so if you have links that are particularly useful to you, please send them off to her anytime!
- Our extremely popular ***Guidelines for Purchasing and Using Commercial Natural Enemies in North America*** has been updated and is now in a format that should allow us to revise it more frequently. It has currently been sent to over 300 biological control researchers at universities and departments of agriculture, many of whom post it on their biocontrol and IPM websites for clientele looking for available products. It is always posted on our ANBP home page.
- We have identified a possible way to provide input to the US government on the very critical need for research determining the **impacts of pesticides** on natural enemies. Please send a list of pesticides commonly used in the systems for which you use or supply beneficials. We may be able to get these on a request list for determining non-target impacts.
- **Meetings update:** 2021 meeting locations for ANBP are currently undetermined. In the past several years, our spring Board of Directors meeting has been scheduled during the BIOCONTROLS meeting on the west coast, so we will watch and see if and where that happens in 2021. Our fall 2021 meeting was to have been held with the IOBC Mass Rearing and Quality Assurance Workshop in Bologna, Italy, but that has now been pushed to September 2022. Watch this [link for program information](#). We will keep everyone posted as these events develop.

### Board Service *Thank You* and New ANBP Board Members



We wish to say **thank you** to **Dominique-Andre Demers**, Biobest USA and Canada, for his years of service on the ANBP Board of Directors. Even before he became an official BOD member, Dominique was an active participant in ANBP issues. He is leaving Biobest at the close of this year and we wish him the very best!

We are very pleased to welcome two **new Board Members** for 2021, both of whom were nominated (and joined) our Fall Virtual Meeting.



**Ascencion Urquidez**  
General Manager North America  
Bioline AgroSciences



**Kimberley Riley**  
Operations Manager  
Biobest North America

**Breaking Membership News:** Beneficial Insectary, one of ANBP's founding member companies, has been acquired by Biobest Group NV/Biobest USA Inc. Sinthya Penn, owner of Beneficial Insectary since 1986, is not only one of ANBP's earliest members, but has been an ANBP President, Board Member, and recipient of ANBP's Award of Excellence. She made the announcement in the past week citing her great pleasure that the company will continue to operate at the Redding facility, maintaining staff and the standards that have synonymized Beneficial Insectary with the high quality products, research and development, and service to clientele that has allowed the company to thrive. Biobest, another long time ANBP member, is equally excited about this new endeavor and is looking forward to strengthening its ability to offer the highest quality biological pest management products in North America. Beneficial Insectary will continue to operate autonomously under its own name. Both companies will remain separate members of ANBP and will each be represented on the ANBP board. Beneficial Insectary and Biobest are looking forward to their new collaboration and to a wonderful new year!



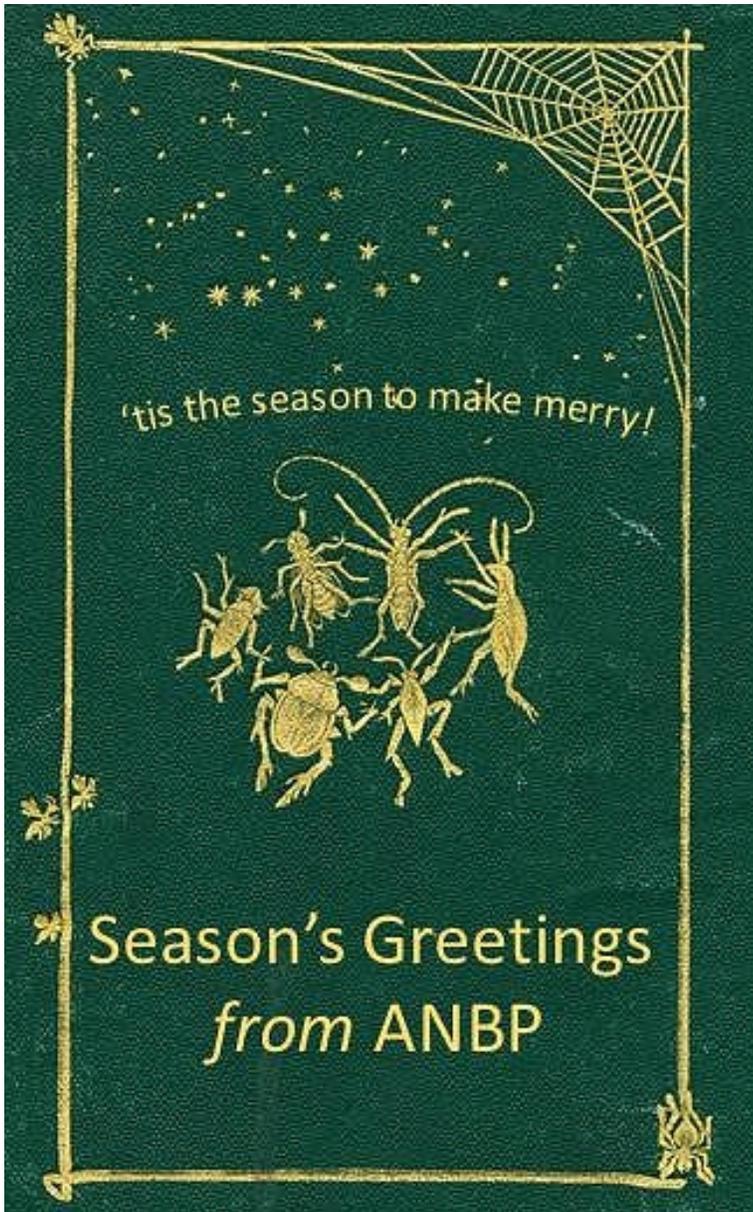
**Do you have company or member news you would like to share with us?** We would like to add a *News from ANBP Members* in the early 2021 issue. New staff, facilities, products to report? We have several new members to highlight, as well as publications of note. Speaking of publications, don't forget to visit our ANBP webpage, [News and Views](#). We list publications of general interest that are accessible to everyone. Recommendations for this list are always welcome!

### It's that time of the year!

Our **DUES RENEWAL** season is open for those who like to renew before the end of the calendar year. The official deadline is March 1, 2021. This year we will be automatically **sending invoices** based on your last dues payment. If you have any changes please drop Lynn LeBeck a message at [exdir@anbp.org](mailto:exdir@anbp.org) and we will do our best to accommodate your fiscal needs! **You can download our dues renewal form here** [http://anbp.org/mm\\_uploads/ANBP\\_Dues\\_2021.pdf](http://anbp.org/mm_uploads/ANBP_Dues_2021.pdf) Or you can pay online at: <http://anbp.org/index.php/join-anbp> Let us know if you have any questions!

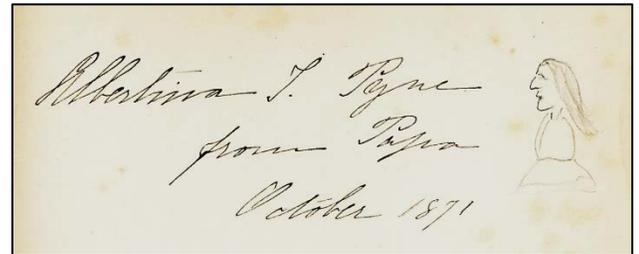


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