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ANBP Fall Board of Directors and Annual General Meeting

Our ANBP Fall Board and Annual General Meeting was held via Zoom this year on November 20, 2025. We had hoped to meet in-person with our new USDA, APHIS permitting scientists to personally get to know the new staff and reconnect with former folks in the area. However, the US government shut down kept delaying their participation in a virtual meeting and, as it turns out, our new leader in that office, Dr. Kirsten Dyer, is in Florida. Not surprising in this day and age! But, as soon as the shut down was lifted, she was able to join us with her key staff member, Joanne Serrels. We gave a brief overview of ANBP, our mission, goals, activities, membership, and current issues. We emphasized our product movement problems with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and our history in trying to work with that agency. Another key area has been permitting new species, whether from foreign sources or domestic. Putting endemic species on the [330 list](#) of permitted species has been an important goal for our industry members and we have seen some progress in that area.

Our membership and finances are both in good shape. We gave a big Thank You to our exiting Treasurer, Kyra Rude, who has left Rincon Vitova this year! Stepping up to take her place is Board Member, Tyler Palmer, from Sierra Biologicals and for that he gets a big Thank You as well.

Other committee reports included revisiting our [ANBP Research Priorities](#) to focus them a bit more should we call for small proposals to help match funds for projects. And we will be sending out an edited version of our ANBP Mission Statement for comments. Watch for that soon!



Kyra Rude



Tyler Palmer

At this point, we do not have a physical location determined for our Spring Board of Directors meeting. It's always such a busy time of the year to get together. We had been meeting at the [BIOSOLUTIONS](#) (former BIOCONTROLS) conferences when they were in the west (started ten years ago now!), because they have an associated trade show and some of our members exhibit there. But we have always had a virtual option at the same time. We will keep everyone posted on date and location – usually sometime in March. Speaking of meetings...see our next item.

Updates for the IOBC, Mass Rearing and Quality Assurance Workshop

While we were sorry to cancel the 6th Workshop of the IOBC Global Working Group on Mass Rearing & Quality Assurance (MRQA) this past fall, we are hopeful it will be the location for our joint meeting in the fall of 2026. Our committee will still move forward with a webpage for the MRQA group and that will be the landing site for all updates, as well as the full workshop when it takes place. Fall is a beautiful time of year to visit Arizona and we still plan on Tucson, Arizona as the location. We hope to share all the details with everyone in early 2026.

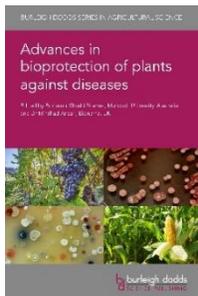
Short videos about IPM

ANBP has been considering different outreach vehicles to update members and the public about biocontrol, especially as it relates to our industry. Webinars are at the forefront, but even short videos could be considered on different topics. While this link is to professionals giving their thoughts about IPM in 2013, something similar could easily be produced about augmentation biological control today. These [YouTube videos about IPM](#) are short and diverse, but many of the thoughts are still relevant. Ideas for interviewees or webinar topics are welcome!



ANBP 2026 dues invoices available now

It's that time of year! We will be distributing invoices before the end of this month. Remember that ANBP dues are based on 2025 revenue, so please let us know if there are changes to your membership.



Special discount on plant disease book

Burleigh Dodds Science Publishing are delighted to announce the publication of their new title, [Advances in bioprotection of plants against diseases](#), edited by **Professor Shashi Sharma**, Murdoch University, Australia and **Dr Minshad Ansari**, Bionema, UK. The bioprotectants market was estimated to be worth \$5.5 billion in 2022, with this figure set to rise to over \$11 billion by 2027. With more than 1000 products on the market, a greater understanding of how individual species/strains function as bioprotection agents is required. The book also includes a variety of case studies which detail the successful implementation of bioprotection

agents to control diseases in a variety of crops, including grapes, cereals and potatoes. Find out more about this new book [here](#). ***Special Offer*** Enter code **BIO20** at checkout via www.bdspublishing.com to redeem **20%** off your purchase of the book. Discount code expires 31st December 2025.

Our next ANBP News Flash will focus on Member News and more plans for 2026. If you have something for us, please drop us a [line](#).



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