

# *National Plant Diagnostic Network*

## **Operations Committee Function**

**The way we do those things we do...**



# *NPDN Operations Committee*

## Who are we?

- **CSREES National Program Leaders**
- **APHIS**
- **States Department of Agriculture**
- **IPM**
- **EDEN**
- **Industry**
- **NPDN Regional & CERIS Directors**
- **NPDN Committee Chairs**

# *NPDN Operations Committee*

## **What is our charge?**

- **Development, implementation, and maintenance of programs necessary to fulfill the NPDN mission.**
- **Preparation and execution of the USDA CSREES cooperative agreement**
- **Submission of funding requests, and the compilation of reports of accomplishments.**

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## What do we do?

- **Prioritization of objectives**
- **Allocation of funding**
- **Progress toward national and regional goals assessed**
- **Annual plans of work developed**
- **Detailed project planning: **The Matrix****

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## What do we do?

- **Reporting coordinated**
- **Facilitate communication among regions**
  - **compare program effectiveness**
  - **coordinate resource sharing**
- **Committee activities discussions**
- **Special issues: Governance**

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## How do we do what we do?

- **Regular Conference calls: biweekly to monthly**
- **Conference calls as needed to address specific issues**
- **Face-to-face meetings: twice per year**
  - **APS Annual Meeting**
  - **Nov - Dec**

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## How do we make decisions?

- **Deliberately and informed**
- **Often issue is assigned to an NPDN Committee**
- **Ad hoc committee may be established to develop a position**

**Consensus**

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**Thank you**

