



New York State Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation 30th Annual Meeting

October 17, 2020

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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Meeting Agenda

Saturday (10/17)

- 11:00 AM Welcome by *Allen Nichols, President*
- 11:10 AM District Director's Reports
- District 1 Niko Nantsis/Frank Piccinnini
 - District 2 Dale Travis
 - District 3 Bill Munzer
 - District 4 Allen Nichols
 - District 5 Emmett Hoops
 - District 6 T. Urling Walker
 - District 7 Roy Hopke
 - District 8 Paul Ackerman
 - District 9 William Snyder
- 11:30 AM Collaboration between ESF, NY-TACF, & TACF – *Lisa Thomson, TACF President*
- 11:40 AM Diversity Breeding – *Dr. Jared Westbrook, Director of Science*
- 12:00 PM Break
- 12:10 PM Science Reports – ESF Staff & Students
- TWCF Grant's "Kick Starting" Restoration Projects - *Dr. William Powell*
 - USDA Public Comment Period Update - *Kaitlin Breda*
 - Transformation of American Chestnut Embryos using a Carbon-nanotube/CRISPR System - *Josh Mott*
 - Polygalacturonase-inhibiting Proteins (PGIPs) and Plant Pathogens - *Kristen Stewart & Dakota Matthews*
 - Current Status of the American Chestnut Project's Mother Tree Seed Production Orchards and Holding Plots – *Jeff Zarnowski & Sean Satchwell*
 - Branching Out: Can the American Chestnut Pave the Way for Other Native Tree Species Restoration? - *Dr. Allison Oakes*
- 1:20 PM Producing Transgenic Pollen – *Tom Klak, Maine Chapter of TACF*
- 1:40 PM Mother Tree Orchards – *Tom Huff, NY Chapter of TACF*
- 2:00 PM Q&A
- 2:45 PM Annual Meeting Adjourns

Business Meeting

Required for Board of Directors Members

Recommended for NY-TACF Members

Minutes, treasurer's report, and nominating committee report can be accessed at <https://www.acf.org/ny/board-of-directors/>. Please review before the meeting begins.

- 3:00 pm President's Report – *Allen Nichols, President*
- 3:10 PM Annual Meeting Minutes – *John Neumann, Secretary*
- 3:20 PM Treasurer's Report - *Fran Nichols, Treasurer*
- 3:25 PM Nominating Committee Report/
Election of Directors – *John Neumann, Nominating Committee Chair*
- 3:30 PM Open Discussions, Q&A, and Proposals