

Steven H. Long  
National Plant Board, President  
ISAC, Ex-Officio

Steven H. Long was born and raised in rural South Carolina on his Father's and Grandfather's shared tobacco farm. It was there, and through extensive involvement in his high school's FFA program, that his passion for agriculture was instilled. He went on to attend Clemson University and completed a BS degree in Turfgrass Science and a MS in Environmental Sciences.

Steven began his post college career managing a 500-acre sod farm in South Carolina before turning toward a career in plant regulatory with Clemson University. Since joining Clemson's Regulatory and Public Service Programs Division, he has held various inspector positions which included nursery, fertilizer, turfgrass, organic, and pesticide inspections. He was eventually named State Plant Regulatory Official for South Carolina when he was appointed to Assistant Director, a position he still occupies today.

In this role, he has implemented and adjusted several state regulations and quarantines and managed numerous plant pest emergency responses, including Asian longhorned beetle, citrus canker, *Phytophthora ramorum*, tomato brown rugose fruit virus, citrus greening, sweet potato weevil, Benghal dayflower, and still others. Steven assists with legislative support on regulations and quarantines in his state and remains heavily involved with South Carolina Farm Bureau, a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the state's farmers and forging relationships across the state and nation.

As State Plant Regulatory Official for South Carolina, Steven is a member of the National Plant Board (NPB). He has been an active contributor within the organization serving on various committees including the Whitefly Taskforce, Pest Evaluation Committee, *Phytophthora ramorum* Safeguarding Working Group (chair), Spotted Lanternfly Strategic Planning Group, *P. ramorum* review team (PAARTe), NPB Board of Directors, and the NPB officer roles of Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President, and now President.

He looks forward to utilizing his experiences and education to support the ISAC in an ex-officio capacity and in whatever ways maximize plant protection locally, nationally, and internationally.