- Welcome, introductions, agenda review: Dr. Ioannis Minas hosted the meeting which was conducted virtually from Grand Junction, CO and began with a welcome, introductions, and agenda review: the meeting started with a general welcome to the group as well as reviewing the agenda. Introductions were done with the whole group, which included not only NC-140 members but also postdocs, students, and nursery growers who attended. The 2022 meeting will be held in Auburn, AL. The 2023 meeting will be held in Michigan, and Colorado will host in 2024. New Mexico, Vermont, and Wisconsin are possible future locations. An update of the NC-140 website was also provided.
- Administrative Update: Richard Marini provided an administrative update to outline the process for renewing the project. Greg Lang (MSU) is coordinating the process.
- Multistate trial updates: Trial coordinators provided updates on 9 current multistate trials as well as 5 trials being planned. There were discussions about two-phase trials. Phase 1 involves a short-term trial (5 to 6) years with few replications to identify poor rootstocks and classify rootstock vigor. Phase 2 involves a longer trial with more replication, from which recommendations can be made.
- State reports: Each committee member provided an update on multistate trials and related research projects.
- Project Renewal planning: The renewal process is on track for timely submission and several sections have been submitted. Members volunteered to serve on several committees to write various aspects of the project renewal.