

FANR FOCUS: WHAT'S THE LATEST?

APLU's Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources (FANR) UPDATE

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From Doug's Desk

Doug Steele, Vice President

I guess if you work long enough, you begin receiving updated editions of books that were printed years ago. Low and behold, a friend just sent me the 20th Anniversary Edition of Half Time: Moving from Success to Significance by Bob Buford. The book focuses on creating a new vision for people to live a revitalized, rewarding second half of "the game of life". I wouldn't call it a "self-help" book, but rather a good time for reflection AND looking to the future. It's an easy read and really does help you understand how to live your personal and professional life with significance for the second half.

PROPOSAL THAT THE COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING COMMITTEE BECOME A STANDING COMMITTEE

The Board on Agriculture Assembly's (BAA) voting members received the Policy Board of Directors' notice of the Proposed Amendment to BAA "Rules of Operation" on February 10, 2022. The Policy Board of Directors recommends that the Communications and Marketing Committee become a Standing Committee of the BAA. The thirty (30) day listening period ends March 15, 2022. The voting period is March 15-April 1, 2022. These "Rules of Operation" may be

amended by a two-thirds majority of the BAA's voting representatives.

SAMPLE BALLOT: Amendment to the Board on Agriculture Assembly "Rules of Operation" to add the Communication and Marketing Committee as a Standing Committee of the Policy Board of Directors

Please send comments or questions to Doug Steele in writing by email (dsteele@aplu.org) by **Close of Business on March 15, 2022.**

[View more details.](#)

EVENTS

2022 NATIONAL EXTENSION AND RESEARCH ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS CONFERENCE (NERAOC)

April 10 – 13, 2022

St. Louis, MO

[Learn more](#) about the conference and [register by April 4th.](#)

2022 EXTENSION COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND POLICY (ECOP) SPRING MEETING

March 29 – 30, 2022

Ontario, CA

[Learn more](#) about the conference and [register by March 14th.](#)

SAVE THE DATE

2022 Joint Committees on Organization and Policy (COPs) Summer Meeting

July 19 – 21, 2022

Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington DC

[View the draft agenda.](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FANR WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD ON HUMAN SCIENCES

We are pleased to announce that Kelly Dalton, PhD, RDN will join APLU as the Executive Director, Board on Human Sciences (BoHS) and Director, FANR. Dr. Dalton is an experienced leader in higher education and nonprofit management with a lifelong commitment to human sciences and community empowerment. After an extensive national search, Dr. Dalton will provide strategic leadership to BoHS and lead key FANR initiatives in her new position beginning in March 2022.

Dr. Jana Hawley, Dean of the College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism, University of North Texas and Chair of BoHS, commented "We are excited to welcome Dr. Dalton to the Board on Human Sciences team. She brings key insights and expertise that will help the Board on Human Sciences continue its important work in advocacy for the human sciences."

[For a full bio, please see here.](#)

Previously, Dr. Dalton served as the Founding Director for the Center for Service at Marymount University, and Assistant Professor in the School of Integrative Studies and Director of the Nonprofit Fellows Program at George Mason University. She also held Extension positions at the University of the District of Columbia, where she implemented SNAP-Ed programming and nutrition education in early childhood classrooms. Dr. Dalton is active globally and her work has spanned across four continents. Her research has been presented at over 20 national and international conferences on topics such as early childhood nutrition, community development, transformative education, and leadership.

Wendy Fink, APLU and Chair of the search advisory committee commented "We are excited to have Dr. Dalton join our team. With her background in nutrition and higher education engagement, she is poised to lead BoHS in their mission to strengthen the intellectual integrity, stature, and centrality of the human sciences in member institutions."

Dr. Dalton is a Registered Dietitian with a B.S. in Human Nutrition, Foods and Exercise and M.S. in Nutrition Education and Behavior from Virginia Tech, and a Ph.D. in Education from George Mason University.

IMPORTANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

FANR wants to make sure that our member institutions are aware of this important development and funding opportunity. On Feb. 7, 2022, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will invest **\$1 billion** in partnerships to support America's climate-smart farmers, ranchers and forest landowners. The new [Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities](#) will finance pilot projects that create market opportunities for U.S. agricultural and forestry products that use climate-smart practices and include innovative, cost-effective ways to measure and verify greenhouse gas benefits. **USDA is now accepting project applications for fiscal year 2022.**

A range of public and private entities may apply including Public and State-controlled institutions of higher education. Please note that the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (page 11) **specifically lists university Extension** as eligible to apply.

Grant deadlines are:

- **April 8, 2022**, for the first funding pool (proposals from \$5 million to \$100 million)
- **May 27, 2022**, for the second funding pool (proposals from \$250,000 to \$4,999,999).

More information, including how to apply, is here: [Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities](#)

APLU's Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) is a Steering Committee member of The Food and Agriculture Climate Alliance (FACA). **The more than 80 member organizations of FACA are pleased to see the program structured in a manner consistent with FACA recommendations.** FACA strongly commends USDA for advancing a voluntary, incentive-based approach to deploy climate-smart practices on working lands through its Partnership for Climate-Smart Commodities.

CONGRATULATIONS, 4-H!

The FANR office congratulates the National 4-H Council for receiving a transformational \$50 million gift from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott! The gift will support positive youth development for nearly six million kids and their families in every U.S. county. Cooperative Extension's 4-H programs are delivered through the nation's land-grant universities.

TRIBUTE TO DR. NEVILLE CLARKE

Dr. Neville Clarke, 91, passed away on February 12, 2022, at his home in Bryan, Texas. Doug Steele commented that “Dr. Clark was truly a giant in agricultural research, a mentor, friend and collaborator who impacted hundreds of scientists, Extension specialists and students throughout his distinguished career. Neville and I had many conversations in the breezeway between the Texas A&M AgriLife buildings because we both enjoyed starting the day early.” For more details about his life, please see: [Neville Clarke, longtime Texas A&M AgriLife leader, dies.](#)

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National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Seeks Qualified Candidates

NIFA's Director, Dr. Carrie L. Castille, has requested that the current listing of NIFA position openings and vacancies be shared with the national system of land-grant universities and related institutions. There are a number of positions, both scientific and support, that are now advertised for application. Each posting may be seeking a number of individuals to fill vacancies. Please distribute this information within your networks.

Please go to the [NIFA Career Opportunities](#) page for a current listing of career opportunities.

USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture | (NIFA) Calendar

See events and application deadlines here: National Institute of Food and Agriculture |
(usda.gov)

<https://nifa.usda.gov/calendar>

APLU Member Job Postings

APLU has a [job board](#) on which member institutions may list available positions for which they are recruiting.

FOCUS is a recurring update from the Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources office of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) to provide timely, relevant information and action items to the membership of the Commission on Food, Environment, and Renewable Resources (CFERR) and its member boards and sections.

If you know of someone who is not receiving or should be receiving our newsletter, please forward this newsletter to them and ask them to contact Suzette Robinson srobinson@aplu.org with their name, address, and contact information.

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