

FANR FOCUS: WHAT'S THE LATEST?

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

FROM DOUG'S DESK

Doug Steele, Vice President

There is no doubt that in the northeast the fall season is quickly approaching. Cooler temperatures, kids back in school, and, most importantly, college football is back! I trust as students have returned to campus and fall activities begin, you are enjoying the best of campus life. One of my favorite fall quotes from Henry Beston (American writer and naturalist), "The leaves fall, the wind blows, and the farm country slowly changes from the summer cottons into its winter wools."

This fall we will also say good-bye to Caroline Henney, who recently announced her retirement at the end of September. For over 30 years, Caroline has worked with Extension at the local, state, federal, national, and international levels, as well as supporting the human sciences. Caroline has personally been a friend and colleague to me for well over 20 years. We will certainly miss her friendly smile, engaging personality, and leadership. Please review the position description for the Executive Director for the Cooperative Extension Section and Extension Committee on Organization and Policy that is included below in this update.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APLU welcomes President Mark Becker! Here is his "First Day Letter"

September 1, 2022 – All of us know the sense of excitement and feeling of limitless potential that permeates across a college campus as a new school year begins. There is a genuine buzz as students fill classrooms, laboratories, and student centers to begin the next chapter in a journey

that will shape the rest of their lives. As I begin my journey today as APLU president, I feel that same excitement along with the same sense of responsibility I had as university president to not only be a good steward of my institution, but to be forward-thinking, inclusive, and innovative to maximize its full potential. Continue here: [Mark Becker: My First Day](#)

Welcome New CMC Members

As a result of the Communications and Marketing Committee (CMC) becoming a standing committee of the Board on Agriculture Assembly, the CMC's composition is changing to include five regional ag communicators. We are thrilled that these expectational communications professionals will serve on the CMC.

- 1890s: **Latasha Ford**, Research Communications Specialist, **Fort Valley State University**, Agricultural Communications
- Northeast: **Stacey Stearns**, Communications Specialist, **UConn** Extension; UConn College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources
- South: **Frankie Gould**, Associate Vice President and Professor, Strategic Communications and Outreach Relations, **LSU AgCenter**
- North Central: **Michelle Enger**, Director of Strategic Communication and Marketing, College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, **University of Missouri**
- West: **Jennifer Alexander**, Director of Communications, **Oregon State University** Division of Extension & Engagement

The change in the CMC's membership becomes official in early November during APLU's annual meeting. We are enthusiastic to work with such an outstanding group of communicators on our critical issues.

We're Hiring: Executive Director, Cooperative Extension System (CES) and Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP)

The Extension Committee on Organization and Policy seeks a highly skilled Executive Director to serve, guide and report to ECOP in addressing four core themes: 1) building partnerships and acquiring resources; 2) increasing understanding and visibility of cooperative extension at the national level; 3) enhancing leadership and professional development; and 4) strengthening organizational functioning. Successful candidates will have extensive experience with the CES, be an exceptional leader and communicator, and possess the ability to develop partnerships and relationships across a variety of constituencies, including the federal enterprise.

This full-time National ECOP position is based in Washington, DC at APLU.

For more information and to apply, visit: [Executive Director, Cooperative Extension System and Extension Committee on Organization and Policy](#)

Washington Update

Written for the Board on Agricultural Assembly by Lewis-Burke Associates

On August 12, Congress passed an energy, climate, health care, and tax package referred to as the [Inflation Reduction Act of 2022](#). The legislation passed the House and Senate with a Democrat-only majority. Overall, the bill would raise approximately \$790 billion generated through new tax revenue and savings and spend \$485 billion on energy, climate, health care, and tax policies. The legislation calls for using the over \$300 billion remaining in savings for deficit reduction, which Democrats that supported the bill argue could help combat inflation. The bill would provide \$20 billion for climate-smart agricultural conservation programs at the **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)**. These investments would be distributed through a variety of programs that aim to reduce emissions, improve soil health, and increase carbon sequestration, including:

- \$8.5 billion over five years for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, including a doubling from \$25 million to \$50 million for a program to test new or innovative conservation approaches;
- \$3.2 billion over five years for the Conservation Stewardship Program;
- \$1.4 billion over five years for the Conservation Easement Program; and
- \$6.7 billion over five years for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program.

There is also \$250 million to support agricultural research, education, extension, and scholarship programs at 1890, 1994, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Hispanic-serving, and insular area institutions of higher education, an increase of nearly \$200 million from what was designated in the American Rescue Plan of 2021. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) also gets a boost, with an additional \$1 billion to provide technical assistance and \$300 million for quantifying carbon sequestration and greenhouse gas emissions through field-based data collection. The bill would also provide \$5 billion to support forest health programs, including grants to non-federal forest landowners for cooperative forestry and for tree planting in urban and underserved communities.

More details will be provided as available.

Election Results for 2023 Policy Board of Directors

Tom Coon, Chair of the Policy Board of Directors, is pleased to announce the results of the 2022 PBD Voting Membership, welcome the new members to the Policy Board and thank everyone who voted during the election.

Academic Programs Section (APS):

- Susan Sumner, Virginia Tech, Voting Member;
- Amy Wright, Auburn University, Alternate;

Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP):

- Michelle Rodgers, University of Delaware, Voting Member;
(Because of a recent change in positions, ECOP will need to name another Alternate to serve on the PBD.

Non Land-Grant Universities (NARRU):

- Cindy Akers, Texas Tech University, Voting Member;
- Fanson Kidwaro, Illinois State University, Alternate;

1890 Land-Grant Universities:

- Vonda Richardson, Florida A&M University, Voting Member;
- Vernon Jones, Langston University, Alternate;

Insular/Territorial Institutions:

- Raúl Macchiavelli, University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez, Voting Member;
- Tom Zimmerman, University of Virgin Islands, Alternate;

International Agriculture Section (IAS):

- Jennifer Kushner, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Voting Member;
- José Cisneros, North Carolina State University, Alternate.

Additionally, Dr. Tom Coon will complete his term as chair of the Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) and Policy Board of Directors (PBD). We extend our sincere thanks to Tom for his leadership to the board and also serving on the APLU Board of Directors. The Incoming chair is Dr. Ernie Minton, Dean of the College of Agriculture at Kansas State University. Ernie will assume the chair role at the conclusion of the 2022 APLU Annual Meeting.

Members that will continue serving on the PBD include:

Experiment Station Section

- Mark McGuire, University of Idaho, Voting Member;
- Marty Draper, Kansas State University, Alternate.

1994 Land-Grant Universities

- Stephen R. Yanni, Bay Mills Community College

The Policy Board of Directors (PBD) of the Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) takes appropriate action on key matters affecting the interests of the member institutions and of the Assembly and is responsible to APLU for the management of Assembly affairs.

EVENTS

Increasing the Impact of Agricultural Research and Development

Virtual | September 9, 2022, 11:30am - 1:00 pm EST

Join Bread for World in conversation with lab leads, private sector, NGO, and Hill policy staff. This will be a time for learning and sharing with stakeholders about agricultural research and development investment. Attendees will come away with insights on the importance of research on **nutrition, equity, and the environment** in the Farm Bill and Global Food Security Act (GFSA), needed actions for impact, and future conversations.

Learn more here: [AG R&D Invite](#)

Joint ESS/CES-NEDA Meeting

Baltimore, MD | Sep 25 - Sep 28, 2022

Theme: Building Trust

The Meeting Planning Committee is co-chaired by Chris Watkins, Cornell University, and Matt Wilson, West Virginia University, and consists of equal representation by each Section and Region. Members of Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Sections of the Board on Agriculture Assembly, a unit of APLU's [Commission on Food, Environment, & Renewable Resources](#) are encouraged to register. The Joint Meeting Planning Committee has engaged Trust

Edge Leadership Institute to keynote, provide a working session, and detail a summary of meeting conversations and resources for action.

Learn more and register here: [Joint 2022 ESS CES-NEDA Fall Meeting Registration](#)

White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health

Washington, DC or Virtual | September 28, 2022

The White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health will bring government leaders, academics, activists, and Americans from all walks of life together to achieve the goal of ending hunger and reducing diet-related diseases in the U.S. by 2030 – all while reducing disparities among the communities who are impacted the most by these issues. The White House has published a [toolkit](#), which you can access from the conference website, whitehouse.gov/hungerhealthconference, for hosting satellite events, such as watch parties, discussions, and days of service.

Registration is now open for the 2022 APLU Annual Meeting!

Denver, CO

***Some BAA meetings start on Saturday, November 5, including tours of CSU Denver Spur Campus and Awards Reception.**

APLU Annual Meeting - November 6-8, 2022

The APLU Annual Meeting is the premier gathering of senior leaders from public research universities, land-grant institutions, and state university systems. No other meeting in higher education brings together such a diverse array of public university presidents, chancellors, and other senior leaders. The theme of this year's APLU Annual Meeting is Future Forward.

For travel and planning purposes, the Commission on Food, Environment and Renewable Resources, the Board on Agriculture Assembly and the Board on Human Sciences draft agenda can be found: [DRAFT: CFERR / BAA / BoHS - 2022 Annual Meeting Schedule](#). The final agenda will be sent out once room names/numbers have been assigned.

Learn more and register: [2022 APLU Annual Meeting](#)

Save the Date!

2023 BoHS|CAFCS Joint Spring Meeting

March 7-10, 2023

Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC

2023 CARET-AHS Joint Annual Meeting

March 12-14, 2023

Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC

INFORMATIONAL



National Institute of Food and Agriculture
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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

NIFA is hiring! Please see the [NIFA Career Opportunities](#) page for a current listing of career opportunities.

USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture Calendar

See application deadlines [here](#).

APLU Member Job Postings

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

FOCUS is an 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 actions 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 would like to receive our newsletter, please ask them to sign up here: [FANR Focus Newsletter](#)

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