

Board on Agriculture Assembly
1890 Universities Report to Policy Board of Directors

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<p>Innovations in Food and Agricultural Science and Technology (I-FAST) Competition</p> <p>On November 1, 2016, the U. S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) announced the winners of the first Innovations in Food and Agricultural Science and Technology (I-FAST) \$200,000 prize competition. The team from Lincoln University was recognized for developing a pathogen detection biotechnology test kit to determine if E. coli 0157:H7 is present in food to help lower the risk of contamination all along the food chain from the farm to the consumer. The other three teams to be recognized were from the University of Houston, University of Illinois at Champaign, and Cornell University. Each of the four winning teams receive \$50,000 to start a business and move their innovation towards full commercialization. I-FAST helps scientists and engineers broaden the impact of their NIFA-funded research by encouraging collaboration between academia and industry to translate fundamental agricultural innovations into the marketplace.</p>		X			X

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<p>Two 1890 Land-grant Universities Leaders Inducted to the NIFA Hall of Fame</p> <p>NIFA's Hall of Fame, which was established in 2011, to recognize individuals whose exceptional contributions to NIFA's mission at the local, regional, national, or international level have made a positive impact on the lives of citizens. <i>Dr. Carolyn B. Brooks and Dr. Walter Hill were the two 1890 leaders inducted into the Hall of Fame during the ceremony held in Washington, DC on September 9, 2016.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Brooks</i> is the former executive director of the Association of 1890 Research Directors, dean of the School of Agricultural and Natural Sciences, and 1890 Research Director at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.</p> <p><i>Dr. Walter Hill</i> is the vice provost of Land-Grant University Affairs at Tuskegee University. He also serves as the dean of the College of Agriculture, Environment, and Nutrition Sciences, director of the George Washington Carver Agricultural Experiment Station, and Administrator of 1890 Extension.</p>					<p align="center">X</p>
<p>Committee on Legislation and Policy</p> <p>AEA and ARD have been involved in the activities of the Committee on Legislation and Policy (CLP) and promoted the completion of the Farm Bill Survey conducted by ECOP and ESCOP. Additionally, they were engaged in the CLP meeting in Washington, DC to discuss the 2018 farm bill priorities for the 1890 land-grant universities as well as the land-grant system. During the CLP meeting, L. Washington Lyons was selected to serve on the BAA Consolidation Coordination Committee</p>		<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>

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<p>Experimentation Station and Cooperative Extension Joint Sections Meeting</p> <p>AEA and ARD were actively engaged in the Joint Experiment Station Section and the Cooperative Extension Section/NEDA Meeting that was held in Jackson Hole, Wyoming in September. Representatives from the 1890 land-grant universities served as panel presenters, facilitators, and Dr. Shirley Hyman-Parker chaired the .ESCOP Meeting.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>
<p>USDA NIFA Capacity Funding Survey</p> <p>AEA and ARD were actively involved in promoting the completion of the three capacity funding surveys (institutional, research and extension), jointly administered by the Association of Public & Land Grant Universities (APLU) and TEConomy Partners, to gather institutional input, recommendations, and performance metrics related to the capacity (formula) funding programs managed by the USDA's (NIFA). Prior to participating in a webinar conducted by ECOP, AEA held a conference call to discuss the importance of the survey and to encourage all 1890 institutions to complete the survey .</p>			<p align="center">X</p>		

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<p>National Association of University Forest Resources Program (NAUFRP)</p> <p>AEA and ARD continue to be involved with NAUFRP to expand and extend the 1890 programs in agroforestry, urban forestry, and outdoor recreation/nature tourism. In addition, representatives from AEA and ARD served on the NAUFRP Working Group to develop the 2016 McIntire Stennis Strategic Plan.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	
<p>Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR)</p> <p>The ARD Executive Director, Dr. Alton Thompson, was selected to serve as a member of the FFAR Board. Dr. Thompson attended the Board meeting that was held in Washington, DC on October 4-5, 2016. Created as part of the 2014 Farm Bill, FFAR is a nonprofit organization working to increase the scientific and technological research, innovation, and partnerships essential to achieving more productive, sustainable agriculture and better health through food.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	
<p>Budget and Advocacy</p> <p>AEA and ARD continue to work with the BAA BAC and their respective B&L committees. The 1890 B&L committee representatives also engage with the B&L committees of ESS and CES and, as members of the family, support their advocacy issues as well. For 2017, the Senate and House Appropriations Committees have recommended level funding for all 1890 land-grant programs.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	

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<p>125th Anniversary Center of Excellence</p> <p>As a result of the 125th Anniversary events, six USDA agencies are working with the 1890s to support their 125th Anniversary Centers of Excellence (COE) for small farms/ranches/forestland programs and for workforce development for the global environment. Additionally, ARS has established a sabbatical program for 1890 faculty to work in ARS labs for 6 – 12 months. Funding to campuses for initiatives under the COEs was achieved through a competitive process. Six collaborative initiatives to strengthen curricula and programs for 1890 university students to be competitive for garnering careers in the global agricultural workforce are now receiving funding through APHIS and FAS and seven initiatives related to the COE for innovative and sustainable small farms, ranches and forestlands were selected for funding from RD, NRCS, FS and FSA. The Administration and Secretary Vilsack have supported the COE initiatives and ~\$10M increase has been requested in the 2017 President’s Budget for the 1890 Capacity Building Grants Program to support the growth of the three centers accordingly. Representatives from ARD and AEA met with representatives from the various agencies to discuss reporting, future directions and additional funding.</p>		X	X	X	
<p>ARD Serves as the Management Entity for the 125th Anniversary Centers of Excellence</p> <p>The ARD continues to serve as the management entity for funding received for the COE because of its 501(c) 3 status. However, fiscal oversight for the COE initiatives resides with a Board of Directors that includes Cooperative Extension and corporate sector representatives.</p>		X	X	X	

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<p>Participation in ECOP</p> <p>1890 Extension Administrators are very involved in ECOP. Delbert Foster serves as immediate past chair, Dr. Mark Latimore is chair of the ECOP Program Committee, and Dr. Celvia Stovall is co-chair of the Personnel Committee. Two 1890 Extension representatives were selected to serve on the ECOP Task Force on Innovation in Extension, Dr. M. Ray McKinnie was selected to serve on the ECOP Private Resource Mobilization Task Force, and Dr. Mark Larimore will work with the team to be established to address the challenge of civil discourse.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>		<p align="center">X</p>	
<p>LEAD-21 and FSLI</p> <p>The 1890s continue to support leadership programs and are continuing to increase the numbers of persons participating in LEAD21 and FSLI.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	
<p>Communications</p> <p>The ARD continues to communicate with the 1890 universities through its website www.umes.edu/ard and its monthly newsletter, the <i>ARD Updates</i>. The recently developed website, www.1890universities.org will be periodically updated as well. The ARD website is primarily a functional site and can be immediately updated through the ARD Executive Director. Documents, agendas, presentations, 1890 impacts, faculty expertise, etc are maintained at this site.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	

<p align="center">BAA Section Planned and New Activities</p> <p align="center">(Briefly describe any new activities planned for next year)</p>				
<p>2017 ARD Symposium</p> <p>The ARD has begun its planning for the 2017 Research Symposium with expected participation of ~1000 persons, including graduate and undergraduate students. It will take place April 1 – 3, 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.</p>	X			
<p>Association of Research Directors (ARD) 2016 Spring & Summer Meetings</p> <p>The ARD held its spring and summer meetings in Atlanta. These meetings were held to keep administrators and directors, respectively, abreast of upcoming accountability mandates and emerging issues; to find ways to increase and diversity funding; to explore new business models, and to develop better impact statements.</p>				