

AGENDA
BUDGET AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
BOARD ON AGRICULTURE ASSEMBLY

Conference Call

June 23, 2015

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CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order (Akridge)
- II. Roll Call (Gouge)
- III. Appropriations Update (Cornerstone)
- IV. Other Business
 - I. Pest Management Proposal and Issues
 - II. Water Proposal and Issues

Call to order and Roll Call

Chairman Jay Akridge called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. (EDT) and asked Suzette Robinson (representing Eddie Gouge) to call the roll. The following participated in the conference call:

Jay T. Akridge (*Chair*), *Purdue University*

Alan L. Grant (*Advocacy Chair*), *Virginia Tech*

Orlando F. McMeans (Advocacy Chair-Designate), West Virginia State University

John C. Stier (*APS*), *University of Tennessee, Knoxville*

Richard M. Klemme (CES), University of Wisconsin-Madison-Extension

Gary A. Thompson ~~*Bret W. Hess (ESS), The Pennsylvania State University*~~ *University of Wyoming*

J. Mark Erbaugh (IAS), The Ohio State University

Albert E. Essel (*1890 Extension*), *Delaware State University*

Moses T. K. Kairo (1890 Research), University of Maryland Eastern Shore

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~~Christine M. Ladisch (BoHS), Purdue University; Meg Goetz (1994 Institutions), American Indian Higher Education Consortium~~
~~John L. Phillips (1994 Institutions), American Indian Higher Education Consortium~~
~~James J. Bittner (CARET), New York~~

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James P. Thompson (Veterinary Medicine), University of Tennessee
Timothy L. White (Forestry) University of Florida
~~Gregory A. Bohach (CLP), Mississippi State University~~
Gina Banks Daly (CGA), University of California, Berkeley
~~Ian L. Maw, APLU~~
~~Eddie G. Gouge, APLU~~
Jane Schuchardt, APLU
~~Sandy Ruble, APLU~~
~~Wendy Fink, APLU~~
~~Carolyn B. Brooks, Association of Research Directors (1890)~~
L. Washington Lyons, Association of Extension Administrators (1890)
H. Michael Harrington, Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors
~~Hunt Shipman, Cornerstone Government Affairs~~
Jim Richards, Cornerstone Government Affairs
Vernie Hubert, Cornerstone Government Affairs
~~Laura McKee~~Jeremy Whitt, Cornerstone Government Affairs
Alice J. Gomez, Cornerstone Government Affairs

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The following committee members/staff were unable to participate in the meeting:

~~XXXX~~J. Mark Erbaugh (IAS), The Ohio State University; Meg Goetz (1994 Institutions), American Indian Higher Education Consortium; John L. Phillips (1994 Institutions), American Indian Higher Education Consortium; Anson Elliott (Non-Land-Grants/NARRU), Missouri State University; Lee S. Yudin (Insular Territories), University of Guam; James J. Bittner (CARET), New York; Gregory A. Bohach (CLP), Mississippi State University; Steven A. Slack (BAAPBD), The Ohio State University; Barbara Allen-Diaz (BAAPBD), University of California Systemwide; Ian L. Maw, APLU; Eddie G. Gouge, APLU; Wendy Fink, APLU; Craig Lindwarm, APLU; Carolyn B. Brooks, Association of Research Directors (1890); Andrew Maccabe (Veterinary Medicine), Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges; Kevin Cain (Veterinary Medicine), Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges; and, Hunt Shipman, Cornerstone Government Affairs.

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Minutes

The minutes, as distributed, from the conference call on April 21, 2015 were approved.

Appropriations Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported that the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies has approved its FY 2016 spending bill for USDA agencies, including NIFA. AFRI would receive a \$10 million boost, but all other core funding priorities would remain at FY 2015 levels. The bill also rejects proposed competitive set-asides within the core capacity lines. The Subcommittee bill does not fund the proposed Innovation Institutes. The Subcommittee's discretionary budget allocation is \$20.65 billion, which is \$175 million less than the FY 2015 enacted level and \$1.1 billion below the President's budget request. The House Appropriations Committee is expected to consider the Agriculture Appropriations bill within next couple of weeks with possible consideration on the House floor in July. The action from the Senate is expected to be about the same, with the possible exception for AFRI (Senate may provide more support) and the possibility of moving authority for the Crop Production/Pest Management (CPPM) line from Integrated Activities into Smith-Lever 3(d). The impact on funding of any additional institutions potentially gaining land-grant status is unclear, but the current House Appropriations Subcommittee spending bill does not contain any additional funds to accommodate Central State University.

Crop Protection/Pest Management Proposal Issue

It was reported that Barbara Allen-Diaz received a response from NIFA Director Sonny Ramaswamy on questions regarding NIFA's implementation of the Crop Protection/Pest Management (CPPM) program. No concerns were raised by committee members regarding the specific response from Sonny. Jim Richards reported that the House did not move CPPM from Integrated Activities into Smith-Lever 3(d). As such, we need to ensure that the Senate does so when they mark up the FY16 Ag Appropriations Bill. Jim Richards encouraged reaching out to counterparts in Oregon (to weigh in with Senator Merkley's staff; Jessica Schulken with the Ag Appropriations Subcommittee and the appropriate legislative staff in his personal office) and with [Kansas State University](#) (to weigh in with Chairman Moran), with a strong request to make the requested move. Rick Klemme and Mike Harrington will be contacting KSU and OSU directors. Jay Akridge will reach out to the deans.

Water Initiative Proposal

The BAC discussed the response from Sonny Ramaswamy regarding the proposal for a national initiative on the improvement of water security. Robin and Mike Harrington will finalize a combined response to this later this week to share with Jay. It was proposed to consider re-assembling a working group and to use this response to initiate a face-to-face meeting to discuss the proposal in detail with Sonny Ramaswamy and Bob Holland at the Joint COPs meeting in July.

APLU Ballots

Jay Akridge reminded members to encourage their universities to submit APLU ballots by June 26, 2015.

Adjourn

| Chairman Jay Akridge adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m. (EDT).

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