



AGENDA

CONFERENCE CALL

**BUDGET AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE.
BOARD ON AGRICULTURE ASSEMBLY**

4:00 P.M. (EDT)

April 16, 2019

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CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS

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- I. Call to Order (Beyrouy)
- II. Roll Call (Gouge)
- III. Approval of Minutes (Beyrouy)
- IV. FY 2020 Appropriations Update (Cornerstone)
- V. Emergency Disaster Supplemental (Cornerstone)
- VI. Matching Update/Discussion (Cornerstone)
- VII. Other Business
 - I. Sign-On Requests
 - II. Strategic National Partnerships
 - III. Farm Bill Implementation

Call to Order and Roll Call

BAC Chair Craig A. Beyrouy called the meeting to order and asked Eddie Gouge to call the roll. The following participated in the conference call:

Craig A. Beyrouy (*Chair*), *University of Maryland, College Park*
Jon C. Boren (*CES*), *New Mexico State University*
J. Ernest Minton (*ESS*), *Kansas State University*
M. Ray McKinnie (*1890 Extension*), *Virginia State University*
John L. Phillips (*1994 Institutions*), *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*
Robert W. Godfrey (*Insular/Territories*), *University of the Virgin Islands*
Erik J. Porfeli, (*Board on Human Sciences*), *The Ohio State University*
John P. Hayes (*Forestry Resources*), *Colorado State University*
Sarah Mathias (*CGA*), *University of Florida*
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*
Wendy Fink, *APLU*
Albert E. Essel, *Association of Extension Administrators (1890)*
Kevin Cain (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*
Jim Richards, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Maggie Earle, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Alice Gómez, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

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

Paul M. Patterson (*Advocacy Chair*), *Auburn University*; **David S. Buchanan** (*APS*), *North Dakota State University*; **J. Mark Erbaugh** (*IAS*), *The Ohio State University*; **Dyremple B. Marsh** (*1890 Research*), *Delaware State University*; **Karen L. Jones** (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU*), *Southern Illinois University at Carbondale*; Jim Handley (*CARET*), *Florida*; **Bryan K. Slinker** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Washington State University*; **Marshall Stewart**, (*BAA Committee on Legislation and Policy*), *University of Missouri*; **Gary A. Thompson** (*BAAPBD*), *The Pennsylvania State University*; **Orlando F. McMeans** (*BAAPBD*), *West Virginia State University*; **Douglas L. Steele**, *APLU*; **Richard M. Klemme**, *APLU*; **Marianne Klein**, *APLU*; **Alton Thompson**, *Association of Research Directors (1890)*; **H. Michael Harrington**, *Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors*; **Hunt Shipman** *Cornerstone Government Affairs*; **Vernie Hubert**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*; and, **Alice Gómez**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

Agenda

The agenda, as distributed, as approved.

Minutes

The minutes, as distributed, from the conference call on March 19, 2019 were approved.

Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- this is the last week that Congress is in session before they recess
- Congress is still operating under the Budget Control Act (BCA) so sequester is still in the mix
- the House Democrats have decided to provide budget increases in discretionary and non-defense programs
- the House will start marking up the appropriations bills next week
- the Senate will be flat-lining total discretionary spending at the enacted Fiscal Year 2019 level
- the Subcommittee and full Committee mark ups for the Agriculture Appropriations bill is expected the third week of May in the House
- it appears that the volume of requests for our NIFA priorities increased over requests in Fiscal Year 2019; the Appropriations Committee seems to be looking favorably upon our requests
- the House is looking at the deferred maintenance issue
- the schedule in the House is more aggressive than in the Senate and we are looking for a positive outcome
- there is not a lot of interest in eliminating the 1890 Facilities Program

Emergency Disaster Supplemental

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- the issue is tied up in the House and Senate and has become a political issue due to Puerto Rico and other states
- there is a need to find an appropriate legislative vehicle on which this matter can be attached for Fiscal Year 2019; it is expected to be fixed in Fiscal Year 2020

Indirect Costs Cap

The Agriculture Committees codified the 30% cap on indirect costs in the last Farm Bill. The total indirect cost on any grant (including the subgrants) is 30%.

Matching Requirements Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs indicated that Congress was looking for a vehicle to fix the matching requirement issue for the Specialty Crops Research Initiative in Fiscal Year 2020 as well as in Fiscal Year 2019.

Adjourn

Chairman Beyrouty adjourned the BAC meeting at 4:27 p.m. (EDT).