



AGENDA

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

**4:00 – 5:30 p.m. (EDT)
December 15, 2020**

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CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS

**Topic: BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee Meeting
Time: Nov 17, 2020 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

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- I. Call to Order (Patterson)
- II. Roll Call (Gouge)
- III. Approval of Minutes (Patterson)
- IV. COVID-19 and FY 2021 Appropriations Update (Cornerstone)
- V. FY 2022 Priorities (Patterson)
 - I. Unified Ask
 - II. 1994 Request
 - III. 1862, 1890, AFRI
 - IV. Footnotes
- VI. Academic Programs Section Proposal (Millenbah)
- VII. Infrastructure (Caron)
- VIII. CGA Update (Peterson)
- IX. Other Business
- X. Adjourn

Call to Order and Roll Call

BAC Chairman Paul M. Patterson called the meeting to order and asked Eddie Gouge to call the roll. The following individuals participated in the conference call:

Paul M. Patterson (*Chair*), *Auburn University*
Michael J. Boehm (*Advocacy Chair*), *University of Nebraska System*
Kelly F. Millenbah (*APS*), *North Michigan State University*
Jon C. Boren (*CES*), *New Mexico State University*
Glenda Humiston (*ESS*), *University of California Systemwide*
Deanna Behring (*IAS*), *The Pennsylvania State University*
M. Ray McKinnie (*1890 Extension*), *Virginia State University*
Dyremple B. Marsh (*1890 Research*), *Delaware State University*
John L. Phillips (*1994 Institutions*), *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*
Patrese Atine (*1994 Institutions*), *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*
Karen L. Jones (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU*), *Southern Illinois University at Carbondale*
Brian Hardin (*CARET – Fiscal Years 2022-2023*), *Alabama*
Carolyn J. Henry (*Veterinary Medicine*), *University of Missouri-Columbia*
Linda M. Nagel (*Forestry Resources*), *Colorado State University*
Marshall Stewart, (*BAA Committee on Legislation and Policy*)
Thomas G. Coon (*BAAPBD*), *Oklahoma State University*
Susan K. Peterson (*CGA*), *Kansas State University*
Douglas L. Steele, *APLU*
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*
Caroline C. Henney, *APLU*
Wendy Fink, *APLU*
Caron Gala, *APLU*
Alton Thompson, *Association of Research Directors (1890)*
Jeffrey S. Jacobsen, *North Central Regional Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors*
Kevin Cain (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*
Hunt Shipman, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Jim Richards *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Vernie Hubert, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Maggie Earle, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

The following committee members/staff were unable to participate in the meeting: **Usman Adamu** (*Insular/Territories*), *University of the Virgin Islands*; **Erik J. Porfeli** (*Board on Human Sciences*), *The Ohio State University*; **Florencia Drumwright**, *APLU*; and, **Will Todd**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*.

Agenda

The agenda was approved but reordered due to some scheduling conflicts.

Minutes

The BAC minutes from November 17, 2020, as distributed, were approved.

Report from the Council on Governmental Affairs

Sue Peterson provided the BAC with some background information on herself since this was her first BAC meeting as well as the following –

- she has been at Kansas State University for 31 years and handles federal and state government relations
- she indicated that she will have “big shoes to fill” following the BAC tenure of Sarah Mathias at the University of Florida
- the APLU Council on Governmental Affairs are the BAC’s partners and will be glad to help in the packaging of the budget recommendations
- she encouraged the BAC members to foster a good working relationship with their individual governmental affairs representatives

COVID-19 and Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations’ Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs provided the following update:

- things are moving to finish out the 116th Congress, and they are working 24/7 to close out this Congress
- the Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations are done with 12 bills being completed and it is hoped that there will be a final version tonight and it appears the Congress has completed its work on the COVID-19 relief package too but there is no releasable information at this point in time
- it seems that the trigger point in the COVID-19 relief bill is \$908 billion package and there is general agreement in principal on the package but the questions arise in the actual drafting of the measure – COVID-19 liability provision and funding for state and local governments
- House (Pelosi) and Senate (McConnell) are meeting shortly and it is hoped that they will come forth and say we have a deal
- a Cornerstone Government Affairs *Washington Report* will be distributed as soon as the budget agreement is available

Fiscal Year 2022 Priorities

Chairman Patterson reviewed the core principles under which the BAC would work –

- the BAC would focus on the core priorities
- the BAC would continue with the “unified ask” including the seven lines for another year (this constitutes 79% of the NIFA budget)
- the BAC will not undercut the President’s budget request
- the BAC will maintain its year-to-year consistency in being realistic
- the BAC will “do no harm” to the entire budget

The BAC agreed to continue with the seven priorities –

- Hatch Act
- Smith-Lever
- McIntire-Stennis
- 1890 Extension
- Evans-Allen
- 1994 research and Extension programs
- AFRI

Chairman Patterson indicated that the Board on Agriculture Assembly’s Policy Board of Directors would meet tomorrow and consider the BAC recommendations. The BAC’s recommendations would be submitted to the Policy Board of Directors as provisional recommendations which would be finalized in January 2021.

The BAC unanimously agreed to a motion to continue another year with the “unified ask” with the same priorities listed above.

The Chairman proposed the following for Fiscal Year 2022:

- a 5% increase across all areas
- a continuation of the “unified ask” one more year with the same priority areas as listed above
- a proposal to eliminate the footnotes

He also indicated that the BAA would be working on strategic realignment to provide a better representation of the land-grant system’s needs.

Chairman Patterson shared his screen indicating what a 5% increase would look like and all agree to round the numbers off to an even number. He also indicated that this may be the last year for the “unified request” and the 5% increase was chosen as a reasonable ask.

Doug Steele indicated that a 5% increase would be ample for AFRI.

John Phillips stated that a 5% increase in the 1994 lines would be a “tough sell” to the 1994 presidents and requested that the BAC accommodate the request of the 1994 institutions. Their needs in broadband have skyrocketed. Doug Steele stated that he appreciated the 1994 institutions’ request and we should consider it as where we want to go. John Phillips indicated the 1994s would like to ask for a \$2 million increase each year until they get to their target goal.

There was no concern from the 1862 institutions on the 5% increase. The 1890 Research and Extension individuals indicated support for the 5% increase from the House numbers.

It was suggested that the BAC say that it is recommending a 5% increase in all programs except the 1994s. For the 1994s, the BAC would recommend a \$2 million increase of Fiscal Year 2020 as an accelerator for these programs (which are competitive). It was recommended to use an actual amount for the 1994 programs rather than a percentage amount.

A motion was made and adopted to accept the 5% across-the-board increase for the BAC's priorities (except the 1994 lines) and to recommend a \$2-million increase for the 1994 lines with the understanding that these numbers would be rounded off and adjusted based on the President's budget request when submitted.

After some discussion the BAC **adopted a motion to remove the footnotes as were prescribed in Fiscal Year 2021 and to indicate support for all NIFA lines at no less than Fiscal Year 2021 levels.**

Academic Program Section Proposal

The Academic Program Section presented a [proposal](#) (see website) to \$40 million of authorized funding under Section 1417 of NAREPTA. Action on the proposal was delayed from the November meeting.

A motion was made and approved to support the proposal from the Academic Programs Section as a BAC effort.

Infrastructure

Caron Gala indicated that the infrastructure proposal was moving forward and there would be a webinar on January 11, 2021 on the topic. She stated that materials would be provided to the Board on Agriculture Assembly prior to the webinar and that this proposal was not an appropriations request – it would be part of the COVID-19 recovery effort. They would be releasing the revised Sightlines report in late January or early February of 2021.

Other Business

Chairman Patterson reminded the BAC to two upcoming webinars –

- **January 6, 2021 – [Selecting and Engaging CARET Delegates for Effective Strategic Outcomes](#)** 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

This will be a virtual webinar for the Administrative Heads Section and pre-registration for the event is required.

- **January 14, 2021 – [Effective Advocacy Strategies for CARET Representatives and Administrative Heads](#)** 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

This will be a virtual webinar for CARET delegates and the Administrative Heads Section and pre-registration for the event is required.

Adjournment

Chairman Patterson adjourned the BAC meeting at 5:14 p.m. (EST)