

AGENDA
BUDGET AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
BOARD ON AGRICULTURE ASSEMBLY

Conference Call

February 21, 2017

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CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order (Grant)
- II. Roll Call (Gouge)
- III. Approval of the minutes from the January call
- IV. Appropriations Update (Cornerstone)
- V. Decision on the Fiscal Year 2018 BAA Budget Recommendations (Cornerstone)
- VI. Other Business

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Alan L. Grant called the meeting to order and asked Eddie Gouge to call the roll. The following participated in the conference call:

Alan L. Grant (*Chair*), *Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University*
Orlando F. McMeans (*Advocacy Chair*), *West Virginia State University*
John C. Stier (*APS*), *University of Tennessee, Knoxville*
Douglas L. Steele (*CES*), *Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service*
William F. Brown (*ESS*), *University of Tennessee, Knoxville*
Albert E. Essel (*1890 Extension*), *Lincoln University*
Karen L. Jones (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU*), *Southern Illinois University at Carbondale*
Robert T. (Tom) Jones (*CARET*)
Cheryl Achterberg (*BoHS*), *The Ohio State University*
James P. Thompson (*Veterinary Medicine*), *University of Tennessee*
John P. Hayes (*Section on Forestry Resources*), *Colorado State University*
Gregory A. Bohach (*CLP*), *Mississippi State University*
Gary A. Thompson (*BAAPBD*), *The Pennsylvania State University*
Jay T. Akridge (*BAAPBD*), *Purdue University*
Gabrielle Serra (*Council on Governmental Affairs*), *Oregon State University*
Ian L. Maw, *APLU*
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*
Richard M. Klemme, *APLU*
Wendy Fink, *APLU*
Alton Thompson, *Association of Research Directors (1890)*
L. Washington Lyons, *Association of Extension Administrators (1890)*
H. Michael Harrington, *Western 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*
Jeremy Witte, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Alice J. Gómez, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

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

J. Mark Erbaugh (*IAS*), *The Ohio State University*; **Bobby R. Phills** (*1890 Research*), *Southern University and A&M College*; **Raúl E. Macchiavelli** (*Insular/ Territories*), *University of Puerto Rico*; **Hanan Saab** (*APLU*); and, **Andrew Maccabe** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*

The following guest participated in the conference call: **Cindy L. Akers**, (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU Alternate*), *Texas Tech University*

Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda was approved.

Minutes

The minutes, as amended, from the BAC conference call on January 17, 2017 were approved. The amendment consisted of adding “to create an Option B” to the following sentence: “Cornerstone Government Affairs was asked to take Option A and use the scenario presented by L. Washington Lyons of taking 2% off the top for 1890 research and extension to create an Option B.”

Appropriations Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported that:

- the “skinny” budget or top-line description of the budget priorities for Fiscal year 2018 of the Administration will be released on March 13, 2017 with a more detailed budget being released by the end of April or first of May
- the current continuing resolution expires on April 28, 2017 and the Easter recess takes place on April 7, 2017; thus, Fiscal Year 2017 may be completed before April 6, 2017

Appropriations Strategy

The following points were made by Chairman Grant:

- the BAC needs to finalize its decision on the strategy going forward
- the BAA Policy Board of Directors meets tomorrow via conference call to act upon the BAC recommendations
- there seems to be a lot of support for the single-ask concept even though some slight revisions have been suggested –
 - continue to advocate for the programs of the Academic Program Section and the APLU non-land-grants
 - justify only advocating for six priorities
 - the distribution of funding proposed by the 1890 institutions (Option B)

A motion was made (Tom Jones), seconded (Bill Brown), and adopted to approve and recommend to the BAA Policy Board of Directors: (1) a “single ask” request for Fiscal Year 2018 appropriations as proposed in Option A for a \$200-million increase; (2) if warranted, further study and consideration of adjusting the proportional distribution of funds in future years as recommended by the 1890 institutions; and, (3) adopt the suggested Fiscal Year 2018 One-Pager APLU request with added emphasis of support for increased funding for-additional programs including Academic Programs.

L. Washington Lyons indicated the proportional distribution in Option A would adversely impact the amount of funding that the 1890 institutions would receive because of the low base for the 1890 institutions.

Adjourn

Chairman Grant adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m. (EST).