



AGENDA

CONFERENCE CALL

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

4:00 P.M. (EST)

February 12, 2020

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CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS

Number: 1-800-264-8432

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- I. Call to Order (Beyrouy)
- II. Roll Call (Gouge)
- III. Approval of Minutes (Beyrouy)
- IV. FY 2021 Request and One-pager Discussion
- V. Other Business
 - a. BAC working lunch – March 1 (Beyrouy)

Call to Order and Roll Call

BAC Chairman 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*
Paul M. Patterson (*Advocacy Chair*), *Auburn University*
David S. Buchanan (*APS*), *North Dakota State University*
Jon C. Boren (*CES*), *New Mexico 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*
Jim Handley (*CARET*), *Florida*
Brian Hardin (*CARET*), *Alabama*
Carolyn J. Henry (*Veterinary Medicine*), *University of Missouri-Columbia*
Linda M. Nagel (*Forestry Resources*), *Colorado State University*
Gary A. Thompson (*BAAPBD*), *The Pennsylvania State University*
Douglas L. Steele, *APLU*
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*
Richard M. Klemme, *APLU*
Wendy Fink, *APLU*
Caron Gala, *APLU*
Alton Thompson, *Association of Research Directors (1890)*
Albert E. Essel, *Association of Extension Administrators (1890)*
Jeffrey S. Jacobsen, *North Central Regional Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors*;
Eric Young, *Southern Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors*
Hunt Shipman, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Jim Richards *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

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

J. Ernest Minton (*ESS*), *Kansas State University*; Deanna Behring (*IAS*), *The Pennsylvania State University*; **Dyremple B. Marsh** (*1890 Research*), *Delaware State University*; **Karen L. Jones** (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU*), *Southern Illinois University at Carbondale*; **Erik J. Porfeli**, (*Board on Human Sciences*), *The Ohio State University*; **Marshall Stewart**, (*BAA Committee on Legislation and Policy*), *University of Missouri*; **Orlando F. McMeans** (*BAA-PBD*), *Southern University and A&M College*; **Sarah Mathias** (*CGA*), *University of Florida*; **Florencia Drumwright** (*APLU*); **Kevin Cain** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*; **Vernie Hubert**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*; **Maggie Earle**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*; and **Alice Gómez**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

Remarks from the BAC Chairman and Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2021 Recommendations

Dr. Craig A. Beyrouy, Chairman of the BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee, made the following remarks:

- thanked everyone on the call for adjusting their schedules to participate on the call

- the focus of today’s discussion will be to finalize the Fiscal Year 2021 budget recommendations for the Board on Agriculture Assembly and draft one pager
- in preparation for today’s discussion, Cornerstone Government Affairs has provided a budget table that contains what was enacted in Fiscal Year 2020, the President’s Fiscal Year 2021 request, and a column that contains an 8% increase over what was enacted for Fiscal Year 2020 as a start for the BAC’s discussion
- NIFA received \$1.174 billion in Fiscal Year 2020 and the BAC leadership has been vacillating on what the numbers should look like – it is a combination of art, science, and the environment in which we work (SoAR, AFRI Coalition, the Congress, and other stakeholders)
- the House allocation for discretionary funds in Fiscal Year 2021 is the same as it was for Fiscal Year 2020 – there is no new money
- the \$600 million-dollar proposal for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) looks good but there also is an 8% reduction in other programs, including our core priorities)
- the BAC should make a reasonable and bold request in Fiscal Year 2021

	FY 2020	FY 21 President's Budget	8% increase over FY 20
in \$million			
McIntire-Stennis	\$ 36.000	\$ 28.867	\$ 38.880
1890 Extension	\$ 57.000	\$ 48.620	\$ 61.560
Evans-Allen	\$ 67.000	\$ 53.817	\$ 72.360
Hatch Act	\$ 259.000	\$ 243.238	\$ 279.720
Smith-Lever	\$ 315.000	\$ 299.430	\$ 340.200
AFRI	\$ 425.000	\$ 600.000	\$ 460.000
1994 Research	\$ 3.801	\$ 3.800	\$ 4.105
1994 Extension	\$ 8.000	\$ 6.446	\$ 8.640
Payments to 1994	\$ 4.000	\$ 3.439	\$ 4.320
Total	\$ 1,174.801	\$ 1,287.657	\$ 1,269.785

Some other comments included:

- Doug Steele – it has been important to hear from other organizations; the BAA will not support an increase in AFRI funding at the expense of capacity programs; we need to build capacity and competitive program funding over time, and capacity programs are a priority in Fiscal Year 2021; other groups supporting \$500-\$600 million for AFRI are not concerned about our capacity programs; and, the BAC should keep in mind that we will always move to a higher number if the House or Senate comes in with such a recommendation
- Jim Richards – the seven core priorities are a huge number and the biggest part of NIFA’s program

- Jon Boren – appreciates the early statements on a balanced portfolio and supports the 8% approach – the focus should be “do no harm”
- Gary Thompson – we have the flexibility to see what proposals come out of the House and that gives him comfort
- John Phillips – appreciates the 8% increase as a starting point for the BAC discussion but the 1994 institutions’ presidents took slightly larger numbers to Capitol Hill last week – 1994 research at \$5.8 million, 1994 Extension at 9.0 million, and payments to 1994 institutions at \$6 million
 - all of the 1994 lines are competitive so that gives the BAC a rationale to treat them somewhat differently
 - the proposal from the 1994 presidents would only provide about \$8,000 per school
 - the 1890 institutions indicated that they could support the higher numbers for the 1994s
 - there was an agreement that the 1994s would coordinate more closely in the future on their budget requests
- Paul Patterson – the BAC could drop the percentage increase and advocate for a \$100 million increase and then signed off after giving his proxy to Chairman Beyrouty
- Linda Nagel- asked for clarification of the monies going to the 1994 institutions from the McIntire-Stennis funding

A motion was made by Jon Boren and seconded by Bob Godfrey to move approval of the 8% increase across the core areas and to provide enhanced funding (as supported by the presidents of the 1994 institutions in the chart below)

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The motion was adopted with the following individuals voting in favor of the motion: Beyrouty, Patterson (by proxy). Buchanan, Boren, Phillips, Godfrey, Handley, Henry, and Nagel. There were no votes in opposition to the motion.

One-Pager Discussion

Some of the items discussed in relations to the one pager were:

- a discussion led by Bob Godfrey about adding a category in the paragraph about APLU supporting increased funding for the following area for research and capacity building for the insular/territorial institutions; it was agreed that this proposal would be discussed during the March 3rd meeting of the BAC
- several typographical and grammatical errors were corrected
- move the bullet for the 1994 about the AFRI bullet and include “food, natural resources, and agricultural science”
- it was suggested that the “unified ask” be worked into the document’s language
- “APLU’s Unified Support for NIFA” was suggested by Jim Richards and the BAC seemed to like it for the title of the one pager

BAC Working Lunch

Chairman Beyrouthy reminded the BAC of the face-to-face meeting at the 2020 Joint CARET/AHS Meeting. The working lunch would be held at **12:00 Noon – 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, 2020** in the **Capitol Room** at the Omni Shoreham Hotel (2500 Calvert Street, NW) in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the working lunch would be to examine how to make the BAC more productive and developing a longer-term strategy. During the upcoming meeting, the BAC will discuss strategic opportunities, potential budget reductions, and a process by which the BAC could address budget increases/shortfalls.

Adjourn

BAC Chairman Beyrouthy adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m. (EST).