



AGENDA

CONFERENCE CALL

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

4:00 P.M. (EST)

January 21, 2020

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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 2021 Appropriations Discussion (Cornerstone)
 - a. Timeline
 - b. President's Budget
 - c. Member Request Deadlines
- V. FY 2021 Request and One-pager Discussion (Cornerstone)
- VI. Other Business
 - a. BAC working lunch – March 1 (Beyrouy)

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Craig A. Beyrouthy (*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*
J. Ernest Minton (*ESS*), *Kansas State University*
J. Mark Erbaugh (*IAS*), *The Ohio State University*
M. Ray McKinnie (*1890 Extension*), *Virginia State University*
Patrese Atine (*1994 Institutions*), *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*
Robert W. Godfrey (*Insular/Territories*), *University of the Virgin Islands*
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*
Sarah Mathias (*CGA*), *University of Florida*
Douglas L. Steele, *APLU*
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*
Wendy Fink, *APLU*
Caron Gala, *APLU*
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*
Maggie Earle, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

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

Dyremple B. Marsh (*1890 Re-search*), *Delaware State University*; **John L. Phillips** (*1994 Institutions*), *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*; **Karen L. Jones** (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU*), *Southern Illinois University at Carbondale*; **Jim Handley** (*CARET*), *Florida*; **Brian Hardin** (*CARET*), *Alabama*; **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*; **Richard M. Klemme**, *APLU*; **Florencia Drumwright** (*APLU*); **Alton Thompson**, *Association of Research Directors (1890)*; **Albert E. Essel**, *Association of Extension Administrators (1890)*; **Jim Richards** *Cornerstone Government Affairs*; **Vernie Hubert**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*; and **Alice Gómez**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

Agenda

The agenda, as distributed, was approved.

Minutes

The minutes, as distributed, for November 9, 2019 were approved.

Fiscal Year 2021 Request and One-Pager Discussion

In relation to the Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations, Cornerstone Government Affairs made the following points:

- there will be a one-week delay in the submission of the President's budget for Fiscal Year 2021
- the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is reviewing the budget justification documents that will be submitted to Congress
- Cornerstone Government Affairs does not have insight into the expected release of the President's budget
- the Budget and Advocacy Committee (BAC) is scheduled to meet via conference call at **4:00 p.m. (EST)** on **February 18, 2020** to discuss the Administration's budget proposal and determine the BAC's final budget recommendations, the one-pager, and other budget-related materials
- the BAC's budget recommendations will include the consolidated ask of items to be in the BAC's list of six core priorities and the addition of the seventh priority that was added during the meeting at APLU in San Diego, CA in November:
 - Hatch Funds
 - Smith-Lever Funds
 - McIntire-Stennis Forestry Funds
 - Evans-Allen Funds
 - 1890 Extension Funds
 - Agriculture and Food Research Initiative
 - 1994 Lines (equity grant, research, and Extension)

the BAC also supported a footnote for increased funding for: Capacity Building for Non-Land-Grant Colleges of Agriculture; Multicultural Scholars Program; Graduate Fellowship Program; the Institution Challenge Grants Program; and Antimicrobial Resistance Programs through the AFRI

- Ideally, the BAC will build a one-page document to outline the specific items that Board on Agriculture Assembly will be requesting on the front side and the form that Congressional offices will be required to submit to the Appropriations Committees on the backside

There was discussion as to whether the BAC would recommend a top-line number or go with specific numbers for specific lines. It was suggested that the BAC develop a top-line number but have a breakdown of actual numbers for specific lines to aid members of Congress when making their asks for our priorities. We have changed the terminology of the "one ask" to the "unified ask."

Ernie Minton raised the issue that the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy (ESCOP), during their meeting at the APLU Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA in November, had adopted a motion supporting the addition of funding for deferred maintenance for agriculture buildings at land-grant universities. Minton made the following motion which was seconded by Bob Godfrey:

Moved that competitive agricultural facilities grants (deferred maintenance) at land-grant universities be added to the footnote on the one-pager for programs supported for additional funding

The motion was adopted in a roll call vote with ten members (out of fifteen eligible votes) voting in support of the motion and no members voting against the motion.

Those voting in favor of the motion included: Beyrouty; Patterson; Buchanan; Boren; Minton; Erbaugh; McKinnie (on the condition it would do no harm to the 1890s); Godfrey; Henry; and Nagel.

Prior to the vote, there was some discussion of the need to be on guard against the collapse of 1890 facility funds. Chairman Beyrouty re-emphasized that it was the intent of the BAC and BAA to “do no harm” on programs while trying to add resources.

Following the vote, Cornerstone Government Affairs commented that when the President’s budget was released last year, NIFA Director Scott Angle was proud of securing the proposal in the President’s budget and was disappointed in the Congressional outcome. There would be no downside of the BAA being out front in supporting such a program.

BAC Working Lunch

The BAC discussed and decided to have a face-to-face meeting at the 2020 Joint CARET/AHS Meeting. The working lunch would be held at **1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, 2020** 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.

One-Pager

Cornerstone Government Affairs indicated that they were in the process of reformatting the one-pager. They intend to add an additional picture to the front side of the document to represent the 1994 institutions budget priority and would update the backside of the document to include all of the information needed for Congressional offices to make their requests in support of the BAA’s priorities. The BAC’s now has seven priorities with nine lines.

Adjourn

BAC Chairman Beyrouty adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m. (EST).