



AGENDA

CONFERENCE CALL

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

4:00 P.M. (EDT)

July 16, 2019

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CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS

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- I. Call to Order (Beyrouthy)
- II. Roll Call (Gouge)
- III. Approval of Minutes (Beyrouthy)
- IV. FY 2020 Appropriations Update (Cornerstone)
- V. Matching Update/Discussion (Cornerstone)
- VI. Other Business

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*
Paul M. Patterson (*Advocacy Chair*), *Auburn 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*
Jim Handley (*CARET*), *Florida*
Erik J. Porfeli, (*Board on Human Sciences*), *The Ohio State University*
John P. Hayes (*Forestry Resources*), *Colorado State University*
Gary A. Thompson (*BAAPBD*), *The Pennsylvania State University*
Orlando F. McMeans (*BAAPBD*), *West Virginia State University*
Sarah Mathias (*CGA*), *University of Florida*
Douglas L. Steele, *APLU*
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*
Richard M. Klemme, *APLU*
Wendy Fink, *APLU*
Marianne Klein, *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*
Kevin Cain (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*
Hunt Shipman *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Jim Richards, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Maggie Earle, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

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

David S. Buchanan (*APS*), *North Dakota State University*; **Jon C. Boren** (*CES*), *New Mexico State University*; **J. Mark Erbaugh** (*IAS*), *The Ohio State University*; **Dyremple B. Marsh** (*1890 Research*), *Delaware State University*; **Patrese Atine** (*1994 Institutions*), *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*; **Karen L. Jones** (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU*), *Southern Illinois University at Carbondale*; **Bryan K. Slinker** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Washington State University*; **Marshall Stewart**, (*BAA Committee on Legislation and Policy*), *University of Missouri*; **Andrew T. Maccabe** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*; **Vernie Hubert**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*; and **Alice Gómez**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

Agenda

The agenda, as distributed, was approved.

Minutes

The minutes, as distributed and amended, from the conference call on May 21, 2019 were approved. The amendment was related to the fifth bullet in the update from Cornerstone Government Affairs and the reference to Senator Kay Granger should be removed.

Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- there is no update on Senate action
- House Speaker Pelosi and the Secretary of the Treasury are still negotiating an agreement on the Budget Control Act for Fiscal Year 2020 and the Senate has suspended all action pending a new Budget Control Act agreement for Fiscal Year 2020 and 2021
- the U. S. House of Representatives passed the agricultural appropriations bill on June 24, 2019 and there was an increase of \$83 million for the six priority areas of the APLU Board on Agriculture Assembly and a total increase of \$145 million for USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)
- the House product was a good one and NIFA received about a 15% increase in the House version of the agricultural appropriations bill
- there was more good news in that more Members of Congress submitted member request forms for the BAA priority areas (the volume of requests made increased for Fiscal Year 2019 and increased even further for Fiscal Year 2020)
- there was a word of caution on the amendments adopted for NIFA in that there were no roll call votes taken and these funding levels may not hold
- Senator Richard Shelby, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, has indicated that the Senate may not take up the appropriations bills until September and will not do so until there is a comprehensive agreement on the Budget Control Act
- Increases in funding over the last two years is indicative of the cohesion of the land-grant university community in rallying behind the "one ask" proposal

Matching Requirements Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs indicated that:

- there was an attempt to include an amendment to remedy the matching requirement issue when the Senate considered the Department of Defense reauthorization bill, but it was deemed not to be in order
- the House of Representatives is considering amending the Farm Bill but no legislation has been introduced at this time
- we are in a holding pattern until a solution is found and an appropriate legislation vehicle is being sought in the House, including stand-alone legislation

Other Items

The Senate Committee on Agriculture will be holding a hearing on Thursday and Acting Deputy Under Secretary Scott Hutchins will testify and the NIFA/ERS move is expected to be the sole topic

of the hearing. The NIFA/ERS move is still a work in progress and more information from NIFA is expected next week.

Scott Angle has asked for an external advisory committee composed of members from our system to advise him on issues or matters that may fall through the cracks during this time of transition.

Adjourn

Chairman Beyrouthy adjourned the BAC meeting at 4:30 p.m. (EDT).