



**AGENDA**

**CONFERENCE CALL**

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

**4:00 P.M. (EDT)**

**June 18, 2019**

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**CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS**

**Number: 1-800-264-8432**

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- I. Call to Order (Patterson)
- II. Roll Call (Gouge)
- III. Approval of Minutes (Patterson)
- IV. FY 2020 Appropriations Update (Cornerstone)
- V. Matching Update/Discussion (Cornerstone)
- VI. Other Business
  - I. Strategic National Partnerships (Steele)
  - II. Joint COPS Agenda
    - I. Introduce Marshall
    - II. CLP Structure
    - III. FY 2020 NIFA Budget
    - IV. Strategic Realignment
    - V. Big Ask
    - VI. Other Topics

## Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Paul M. Patterson (*Advocacy Chair*), *Auburn 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*  
Robert W. Godfrey (*Insular/Territories*), *University of the Virgin Islands*  
Bryan K. Slinker (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Washington State University*  
Marshall Stewart, (*BAA Committee on Legislation and Policy*), *University of Missouri*  
Gary A. Thompson (*BAAPBD*), *The Pennsylvania State University*  
Sarah Mathias (*CGA*), *University of Florida*  
Douglas L. Steele, *APLU*  
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*  
Richard M. Klemme, *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*  
Alice Gómez, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

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

**Craig A. Beyrouly** (*Chair*), *University of Maryland, College Park*; **David S. Buchanan** (*APS*), *North Dakota State University*; **Dyremple B. Marsh** (*1890 Re-search*), *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*; **Jim Handley** (*CARET*), *Florida*; **Erik J. Porfeli**, (*Board on Human Sciences*), *The Ohio State University*; **John P. Hayes** (*Forestry Resources*), *Colorado State University*; **Orlando F. McMeans** (*BAAPBD*), *West Virginia State University*; **Wendy Fink**, *APLU*; **H. Michael Harrington**, *Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors*; **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, as approved.

## **Minutes**

The minutes, as distributed, from the conference call on May 21, 2019 were approved.

## **Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations Update**

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- the Senate budget numbers remain at or below their Fiscal Year 2019 levels but they are hoping to receive a higher number prior to their mark up in July
- the House of Representatives reported out their agricultural appropriations bill on June 4, 2019 and it should be on the House floor tomorrow as part of a minibus bill
- the House Committee on Rules is going through more than 600 amendments on the five appropriations bills contained within the minibus bill and several of the amendments pertain to NIFA and nullification of the relocation
- there was a strong showing for the BAA priorities which resulted in a more than \$80-million increase which resulted from the good work of the BAA
- the number of Congressional requests for BAA priorities this year exceeded the previous two years, and maybe the concerted effort for the “one ask” is showing some fruit
- the manager’s amendment in full committee added \$15 million for NIFA for the Agriculture Food and Research Initiative (AFRI) taking it from \$445 million to \$460 million
- it will be difficult for the NIFA move to be undone now since personnel would already be moved before the first opportunity to enact the current appropriations language into law

## **Matching Requirements Update**

Cornerstone Government Affairs indicated that:

- there have been multiple efforts underway to look for opportunities to enact change in this area and the most recent one was the Defense authorization bill in the Senate (the Senate has different rules on germaneness)
- the Defense authorization bill is a logical place to turn because it may find its way to the President’s desk for signature, so we are cautiously optimistic
- there is language in the Fiscal Year 2020 agricultural appropriations bill and APLU’s Council on Governmental Affairs has been an integral part of the process

## **Strategic National Partnerships**

Doug Steele reported the following:

- during the last month, there has been more engagement on the national level with a variety of groups –
  - American Farm Bureau Federation – good to see their support for and interest in broadband

- there are existing opportunities for capacity funds with the AFRI Coalition, NC-FAR, and SoAR
- we have been in conversations with the Senate Ag staff and Congresswoman Diana L. DeGette's (D-CO-1) on climate change
  - we hope to have a session on climate change and variability at the upcoming Joint COPs Meeting in Park City, UT – several Congressional members have expressed an interest in funding such a program and we need to have a diverse delivery system
- the BAC needs to have a strong advocacy plan in place by the end of its November meeting and ready to implement by the end of this calendar year
- we also need to look at the roles of the BAC and the Committee on Legislation and Policy (CLP) and see where they intersect

### **Adjourn**

Advocacy Chairman Patterson adjourned the BAC meeting at 4:24 p.m. (EDT).