

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

**Conference Call**

**March 21, 2017**

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CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order (Grant)
- II. Roll Call (Gouge)
- III. FY 2017 and 2018 Appropriations Update (Cornerstone)
- IV. 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*  
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*  
Raúl E. Macchiavelli (*Insular/ Territories*), *University of Puerto Rico*  
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*  
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*  
Richard M. Klemme, *Cooperative Extension*  
H. Michael Harrington, *Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors*  
Alton Thompson, *Association of Research Directors (1890)*  
L. Washington Lyons, *Association of Extension Administrators (1890)*  
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*

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

**John C. Stier** (*APS*), *University of Tennessee, Knoxville*; **J. Mark Erbaugh** (*IAS*), *The Ohio State University*; **Bobby R. Phills** (*1890 Research*), *Southern University and A&M College*; **Ian L. Maw**, *APLU*; **Wendy Fink**, *APLU*; **Hanan Saab** (*APLU*); **Andrew Maccabe** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*; and, **Alice J. Gómez**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

## **Agenda**

A motion to adopt the agenda was approved.

## **Minutes**

The minutes, distributed and amended, from the BAC conference call on February 21, 2017 were approved. The amendment consisted of adding that 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.

## **Appropriations Update**

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported that:

- Spring is the only thing that is nice in DC
- the President's "skinny" budget has been released but contains no real details and a more comprehensive budget is expected to be released during the last week of April or the first week of May
- the current continuing resolution expires on April 28, 2017
- the staff for the remaining appropriations bills have been told to resolve their difference by the end of next week and forward to the Chairman the issues that remain unresolved; the goal is an omnibus bill in the House the second week of April, action by the House Committee on Rules by April 25, 2017, action on the House floor by April 26, 2017, and sent to the U. S. Senate by April 27 or 28, 2017
- Congress is trying to resolve all the issues with Fiscal Year 2017 that exists under the current Budget Control Act
- Fiscal Year 2018 is falling further and further behind, and accounting for the increased spending in defense and reductions in discretionary funding is causing more issues
- it is hoped that Fiscal Year 2017 will give us a better foundation for Fiscal Year 2018

## **Adjourn**

Chairman Grant adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m. (EDT).