



AGENDA

CONFERENCE CALL

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

4:00 P.M. (EDT)

May 21, 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
 - I. Sign-On Requests (Steele)
 - II. Strategic National Partnerships (Steele)
 - III. Strategic National Partnerships
 - IV. Farm Bill Implementation

Call to Order and Roll Call

BAC Chair 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*
J. Mark Erbaugh (*IAS*), *The Ohio 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*
Sarah Mathias (*CGA*), *University of Florida*
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*
Wendy Fink, *APLU*
Marianne Klein, *APLU*
H. Michael Harrington, *Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors*
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*
Vernie Hubert, *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:

Jon C. Boren (*CES*), *New Mexico State University*; **J. Ernest Minton** (*ESS*), *Kansas State University*; **M. Ray McKinnie** (*1890 Extension*), *Virginia 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*; **Gary A. Thompson** (*BAAPBD*), *The Pennsylvania State University*; **Orlando F. McMeans** (*BAAPBD*), *West Virginia State University*; **Douglas L. Steele**, *APLU*; **Richard M. Klemme**, *APLU*; **Alton Thompson**, *Association of Research Directors (1890)*; **Albert E. Essel**, *Association of Extension Administrators (1890)*; **Andrew T. Maccabe** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*; and, **Kevin Cain** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*.

Agenda

The agenda, as distributed, as approved.

Minutes

The minutes, as distributed, from the conference call on April 16, 2019 were approved.

Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- the House will mark up their version of the agricultural appropriations bill within the next two days
- the House allocation for Fiscal Year 2020 is \$1.3 billion greater than the enacted level in Fiscal Year 2019
- the Senate allocation is same level that it was in Fiscal Year 2019
- it appears that a budget agreement between the House and Senate is imminent (which could raise the Senate and lower the House allocations)
- there is no details on what the House numbers will be but there may be greater detail available tomorrow
- the Subcommittee version may go to the full House Committee on Appropriations during the first week in June
- the Senate hopes to begin their mark up in early June but this timeline might slip to the second or third week in June but they hope to have the process completed before the July Fourth recess (this could slip into July as well)
- the number of Congressional requests for BAA priorities was up this year and a positive reflection of CARET and AHS
- Congress is making a mad dash to complete the disaster spending package – the House may pass it tomorrow and the Senate take similar action on Thursday

Matching Requirements Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs indicated that:

- Vernie Hubert has been working with committee individuals from APLU's Council on Government Affairs and they have been helpful regarding the Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI)
- it appears that there is a fix for this issue in the Fiscal Year 2020 agricultural appropriations bill but it does not address the problem in Fiscal Year 2019
- Cornerstone Government Affairs is trying to get a fix for the issue in the disaster supplemental bill; the current legislation does not fix the problem but will serve as a placeholder
- House and Senate authorizers and appropriators have been asked to include a fix in the emergency supplemental bill, and there are two options –
 - place the SCRI on the same level as other programs
 - narrow the fix for the SCRI to Fiscal Year 2019 – go in and amend the Fiscal year 2019 appropriations bill for the fix (make the fix for one year) and that language will cover two years
 - the Emergency Supplemental bill offers the strongest possible fix for the SCRI
 - the Appropriations Committee does not want specific language
 - researchers have pulled out of research rather than proceed under the current conditions
 - we are at the mercy of the House and Senate authorizers and appropriators

Cornerstone Government Affairs requested that all who had connections with the Senate authorizers and appropriators to contact and ask them to address the Fiscal Year 2019 issue for the SCRI. If this is not done, we will lose this year's funding if it is not matched.

Chairman Beyrouty asked Vernie Hubert to craft language that BAC members could use when they contacted their members, and Vernie agreed to do so.

Next Meeting

Since Doug Steele was unable to participate in today's conference call, the BAC agreed to move the following items to the meeting on June 18, 2019:

- I. Sign-On Requests (Steele)
- II. Strategic National Partnerships (Steele)

Adjourn

Chairman Beyrouty adjourned the BAC meeting at 4:27 p.m. (EDT).