

**AGENDA**  
**BUDGET AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**  
**Board on Agriculture Assembly**  
**Hoover Room**  
**Washington Marriott at Wardman Park Hotel**  
**Washington, DC**

**11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
**November 11, 2017**

- I. Introductions Around the Table
- II. Approval of Minutes from October 17, 2017 Conference Call
- III. Brief Report from NIFA
- IV. Update from Cornerstone Government Affairs
  - A. Political Forecast
  - B. Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriations
  - C. Committee on Legislation and Policy/Farm Bill
- V. Fiscal Year 2019 Priorities, Lines Targeted for Enhancement, etc.
  - A. Use the Fiscal Year 2018 request as the starting point on core priorities
  - B. Potential changes to core priorities
  - C. Other
- VI. Other Business
  - A. Healthy Food Systems/Healthy People Initiative Update
  - B. Infrastructure Update
  - C. Report from CARET – Tom Jones
  - D. Update on the Antimicrobial Resistance Initiative – Andrew Maccable  
Bryan Slinker
  - E. Upcoming BAC calls and Meetings
  - D. Items from the floor
- VII. Executive Session – Cornerstone Scope of Work for 2018
  - A. Report/Recommendation from Ian on Contract Negotiations with Cornerstone

Government Affairs

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairman Alan Grant called the meeting to order and asked each person to introduce themselves, and the following participated in the meeting:

Alan L. Grant (*Chair*), *Virginia Tech*  
Orlando F. McMeans (*Advocacy Chair*), *West Virginia State University*  
John C. Stier (*APS*), *University of Tennessee, Knoxville*  
Douglas L. Steele (*CES*), *Texas A&M University*  
J. Mark Erbaugh (*IAS*), *The Ohio State University*  
Albert E. Essel (*1890 Extension*), *Lincoln University*  
Bobby R. Phills (*1890 Research*), *Southern University and A&M College*  
Elvin Román Paoli (*Insular/ Territories*), *University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez*  
Karen L. Jones (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU*), *Southern Illinois University at Carbondale*  
Robert T. (Tom) Jones, *CARET*  
Bryan K. Slater (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Washington State University*  
Gary A. Thompson (*BAAPBD*), *The Pennsylvania State University*  
Jay T. Akridge (*BAAPBD*), *Purdue University*  
Ian L. Maw, *APLU*  
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*  
Richard M. Klemme, *APLU*  
Alton Thompson, *Association of Research Directors (1890)*  
H. Michael Harrington, *Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors*  
Andrew Maccabe (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*  
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*

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

**William F. Brown** (*ESS*), *University of Tennessee, Knoxville*; **Cheryl Achterberg** (*BoHS*), *The Ohio State University*; **John P. Hayes** (*Forest Resources*), *Colorado State University*; **Gregory A. Bohach** (*CLP*), *Mississippi State University*; **Gabriella Serra** (*APLU Council on Governmental Affairs*); **L. Washington Lyons**, *Association of Extension Administrators (1890)*; **Wendy Fink**, *APLU*; **Hanan Saab**, *APLU*; **Alice J. Gómez**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

The following guest participated in the meeting: **Louise Beaman**, *CARET (IN)*; **Dina Chacón-Reitzel**, *CARET (NM)*; **Richard T. Crowder**, *CARET (VA)*; **Jeffrey S. Jacobsen**, *North Central Regional Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors*; and, **Richard C. Rhodes, III**, *Northeast Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors*.

### **Agenda**

A motion to adopt the agenda, as amended, was approved. The two items added included: (1) a report from CARET and (2) an update on the Antimicrobial Resistance Initiative

### **Minutes**

The minutes, as distributed, from the conference call on October 17, 2017 were approved.

### **Appropriations Update**

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported that:

- the House and Senate Appropriations subcommittees have completed work on the NIFA accounts and it appears that these accounts will be level funded
- the current continuing resolution runs through December 8, 2017
- discussions on opening up the Murray-Ryan budget agreement will continue until Thanksgiving and it appears that there will be another continuing resolution after December 8, 2017 but no one knows how long it may last
- the debt ceiling is still an issue and Senate Majority Leader McConnell has said that the Senate will not consider another debt ceiling measure in 2017

### **Farm Bill Update**

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported that:

- House Committee on Agriculture Chairman Conaway has announced that the Farm Bill will not happen this year; he is hoping to have the House mark up by Thanksgiving and to the Senate in December
- House Agriculture Committee Republicans have begun to talk to their Democratic colleagues about the Farm Bill
- the Senate Agriculture Committee has focused on presidential nominations and will move to Farm Bill after the House acts
- the BAA's Committee on Legislation and Policy (CLP) will meet on November 14, 2017
- it seems that the House has accepted most of what the CLP has proposed
- the discussions on nutrition reform (SNAP, SNAP-Ed, and EFNEP) continue and the Congress is looking at efficiencies

- the land-grant system continues to press the point that we are a mature system and do not support the addition of additional institutions
- Vernie Hubert has drafted language that would make newly-designated land-grant universities not eligible for funding after the 2018 Farm Bill
- it appears that the Administration's infrastructure proposal will be released next year

The BAC adopted a motion to charge the Experiment Station Section (ESS) and the Cooperative Extension Section (CES) to review their respective budget lines, in consultation with Cornerstone Government Affairs, and report back to the BAC during its conference call in January 2018 on the draft recommendations for strategic realignment of budget priorities.

### **Priorities for Fiscal Year 2019**

In Fiscal Year 2018, there were six (6) core priorities, and there was discussion about continuing with the same priorities. If the BAC continues with the strategic realignment of priorities, Cornerstone Government Affairs could create a cross-walk document that would show Congress and the land-grant university system where the funding lines had been consolidated.

Some concern was expressed by the 1890 institutions over continuing with the same percentages in the one-ask approach.

### **Other Business**

Reports/updates on the following topics were received:

- CARET
  - the BAC approved the 2018 CARET budget (see attached) and agreed to forward it to the BAA Policy Board of Directors
- Infrastructure
- Healthy Food Systems/Healthy People Initiative
- Antimicrobial Resistance Initiative

### **BAC Calls and Meetings**

The BAC agreed to continue having its monthly conference calls on the third Tuesday of every month. The next BAC conference call is scheduled for **4:00 p.m. (EST) on Tuesday, December 19, 2017.**

### **Adjourn**

Chairman Grant adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m. (EST).

**Executive Session of the BAC**

**The BAC unanimously adopted a motion to recommend to the BAA Policy Board of Directors that the relationship with Cornerstone Government Affairs should be continued and should continue the 2% per annum increase in the compensatory portion of the contract subject to an adequate performance review.**

Chairman Grant adjourned the Executive Session of the BAC at 3:48 p.m. (EST).