

AGENDA
BUDGET AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
BOARD ON AGRICULTURE ASSEMBLY

Conference Call
September 18, 2017

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CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS

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- I. Call to Order (Grant)
- II. Roll Call (Gouge)
- III. Approval of the Minutes from
- IV. Appropriations Update
- V. Other Business

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Alan 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 Tech*
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*
Robert T. (Tom) Jones, (*CARET*), *Arizona*
Christine M. Ladisch (*BoHS*), *Purdue University*
Bryan K. Slinker (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Washington State University*
John P. Hayes (*Forestry Resources*), *Colorado State University*
Gabrielle Serra (*CGA*), *Oregon 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*
Wendy Fink, *APLU*
Alton Thompson, *Association of Research Directors (1890)*
L. Washington Lyons, *Association of Extension Administrators (1890)*
H. Michael Harrington, *Western 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*

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 Extension*), *Southern University*; **Karen L. Jones** (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU*), *Southern Illinois University at Carbondale*; **Elvin Román Paoli** (*Insular/Territories*), *University of Puerto Rico*; **Cheryl Achterberg** (*BoHS*), *The Ohio State University*; **Gregory A. Bohach** (*CLP*), *Mississippi State University*; and, **Hanan Saab**, *APLU*.

Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the conference call on June 20, 2017 were deferred.

Appropriations Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported that:

- Maggie Earle had replaced Jeremy Witte (who had joined the House Committee on Agriculture to work on agriculture research and education) at Cornerstone Government Affairs
- the House and Senate had passed a continuing resolution on September 8, 2017 and the President had signed the measure keeping the government open from October 1, 2017 to December 8, 2017; the measure also included an increase in the debt ceiling (avoiding a default on government obligations)
- eight (8) bills have been included in the omnibus bill (including agriculture) and will be funded at the same level as previously funded and this included the priorities of the Board on Agriculture Assembly
- Senator McConnell, the Senate's Majority Leader, has indicated that he will not bring another debt ceiling measure before the Senate this year
- there has been no movement on an infrastructure package by the White House or Congress

Other Business

In conjunction with the APLU Annual Meeting, the BAC will meet at 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on November 11, 2017 in the Washington Wardman Park Hotel.

Adjourn

Chairman Grant adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m. (EDT).