



AGENDA

CONFERENCE CALL

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

4:00 P.M. (EDT)

SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

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CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS

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- I. Call to Order (Beyrouy)
- II. Roll Call (Gouge)
- III. Approval of Minutes (Beyrouy)
- IV. Farm Bill Update (Cornerstone)
- V. Appropriations Update (Cornerstone)
- VI. Other Business

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman 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*
Jon C. Boren (*CES*), *New Mexico State University*
J. Mark Erbaugh (*IAS*), *The Ohio State University*
Karen L. Jones (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU*), *Southern Illinois University at Carbondale*
Robert T. (Tom) Jones, (*CARET*), *Arizona*
Jim Handley (*CARET*), *Florida*
John P. Hayes (*Forestry Resources*), *Colorado State University*
Gary A. Thompson (*BAAPBD*), *The Pennsylvania State University*
Orlando F. McMeans (*BAAPBD*), *West Virginia State University*
Ian L. Maw, *APLU*
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*
Richard M. Klemme, *APLU*
Wendy Fink, *APLU*
Gabriela Gillespie, *APLU*
Alton Thompson, *Association of Research Directors (1890)*
H. Michael Harrington, *Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors*
Kevin Cain (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*
Jim Richards, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Vernie Hubert, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

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

David S. Buchanan (*APS*), *North Dakota 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*; **Lee S. Yudin** (*Insular/Territories*). *University of Guam*; **Erik J. Porfeli**, (*Board on Human Sciences*), *The Ohio State University*; **Bryan K. Slinker** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Washington State University*; **Gregory A. Bohach** (*CLP*), *Mississippi State University*; **Gabrielle Serra** (*CGA*), *Oregon State University*; **Hanan Saab**, *APLU*; **Marianne Klein**, *APLU/Board on Human Sciences*; **Albert E. Essel**, *Association of Extension Administrators (1890)*; **Andrew T. Maccabe** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*; **Hunt Shipman**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*; **Maggie Earle**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*; and, **Alice Gómez**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*.

Minutes

The minutes from the August 21, 2018 conference call were approved.

Farm Bill Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- negotiations of the House and Senate staff are continuing, and they have made a lot of headway on resolving the “cats-and-dogs” issues
- SNAP seems to be the singular issue that remains contentious (the work and age requirements are the issues)
- the House and Senate need to come to an agreement by Friday in order for the agreement to be scored and then proceed to the floor by the end of next week; if this does not happen, we are looking at an extension of the current authorization and (hopefully) the completion of the Farm Bill done in the lame-duck session after the November elections – it is not done until it is done
- SNAP-Ed is wrapped up in the SNAP debate

There was some discussion about the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) withholding the release of request for applications (RFAs) in some programs until the Farm Bill is passed. The land-grant university system was urged to keep asking NIFA to release the RFAs.

Fiscal Year 2019 Appropriations Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- the first of the appropriations bills is on its way to the President for signature
- the agricultural bill is completed but it is combined in a minibus with three other bills that are not finished; there is a small chance that the minibus containing the agricultural appropriations bill could be voted upon next week
- there is a potential for the nine appropriations bills to be done by the end of the Fiscal Year
- everything not completed by the end of the Fiscal Year is included in the continuing resolution that goes through December 7, 2018

Other Business

The BAC is scheduled to meet at **11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 10, 2018** in conjunction with the APLU Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. Chairman Beyrouty asked the BAC members to submit any items to be included on the meeting agenda to Eddie Gouge as soon as possible.

The BAC agreed to place the issue of responding to the “Calls to Action” on the November agenda for discussion.

Adjourn

Chairman Beyrouty adjourned the BAC meeting at 4:17 p.m. (EDT).