

## FANR FOCUS: WHAT'S THE LATEST?

### APLU's Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources (FANR) Update

#### FROM DOUG'S DESK

*Doug Steele, Vice President*

Like many of you, the Office of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources (FANR) welcomes the arrival of 2023 with a huge sigh of relief (getting through 2022) and great enthusiasm for 2023. Obviously, the recent election for the Speaker of the House of Representatives has slowed the work of Congress to name committee chairs and committee assignments. We are daily tracking developments of key appointments as we finalize our Farm Bill “must haves” (Committee on Legislation and Policy, chaired by Marshall Stewart, formerly of University of Missouri and transitioning to Kansas State University) and FY24 appropriations priorities (Budget and Advocacy Committee, chaired by Mike Boehm, University of Nebraska). I encourage you to read the advocacy summary provided by Lewis-Burke Associates that is included in this update.

Registration for the 2023 Council on Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching (CARET) and Administrative Heads Section (AHS) spring advocacy meeting is now open and additional information can be found below. This is the first time in 3 years we will be back in person in Washington DC and a great opportunity to connect with congressional offices and federal agencies.

As always, it is my pleasure to work for you and I appreciate your leadership and engagement as we advance the national agenda for our Colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences, research and Extension mission areas. We have great stories to tell and we will be increasing our communications and marketing efforts through the newly restructured Communications and Marketing Committee. Best wishes for a prosperous New Year filled with new opportunities.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Washington Update**

*Prepared for the Board on Agricultural Assembly by Lewis-Burke Associates*

The new year brings with it new opportunities and developments in agriculture policy. The most prominent issues in the last month have been the seating of the new, 118th Congress, the passage of the fiscal year (FY) 2023 Omnibus appropriations bill, and the release of a request for information from the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) on the bioeconomy. [Read the full report here.](#)

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### **Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching (CARET) Update**

- **CARET Strategic Plan**  
The Policy Board of Directors recently approved the new 2022 CARET Strategic Plan. The plan focuses on CARET's scope of work in four primary areas: coalition-building, communication, training, and accountability. View the newly designed plan [here](#).
  - **CARET Delegate Workbook**  
In 2022, CARET staff developed the CARET Delegate Workbook, which aims to provide delegates with access to information on CARET governance procedures, advocacy best practices, and Congressional processes. View the workbook [here](#).
  - **CARET Webinars and 2023 Joint CARET/AHS Meeting** (please see details in the events section).
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## Board on Health and Human Sciences Leadership Fellows

The Board on Health and Human Sciences (BHHS) is seeking faculty who have an interest in becoming administrative leaders in the human sciences fields and would welcome the opportunity to work closely with the BHHS, its leaders, and its members in developing their administrative leadership skills.

View the [fellowship brochure](#) for more information, and complete the fellowship [application](#) by **February 15, 2023** for consideration.

If you are interested in participating in the program as a mentor, please contact Erik Porfeli at [porfeli.1@osu.edu](mailto:porfeli.1@osu.edu).

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## EVENTS AND SAVE-THE-DATES

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### CARET Webinars

January 17, 2023 | 3:00 PM ET

#### **“Appropriations 101: All About the Request” Webinar**

We will review the 2023 Budget and Advocacy Committee (BAC) and Congressional appropriations processes, as well as the fiscal priorities of each section on the BAC. [Register here!](#)

Note: Keep an eye out for our Farm Bill webinar that will be rescheduled for February. Date and time to be provided in the coming weeks.

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### USDA invites you to the Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers’ (ACMF) first in-person meeting

Davis, CA | January 18 – 20, 2023

The Federal Register Notice (FRN) may be viewed at this [link](#). Please share this announcement with your colleagues and other stakeholders to invite them to this important public advisory committee meeting. The FRN briefly describes the 3-day meeting, how to access to the proceedings, and includes instructions for participating in person or virtually. We ask everyone to pre-register, **but this is not a requirement to join the meeting**. If you have questions, please contact RJ Cabrera at [rj.cabrera@usda.gov](mailto:rj.cabrera@usda.gov) or Eston Williams at [eston.williams@usda.gov](mailto:eston.williams@usda.gov).

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### **George Washington Carver Day of Recognition**

Ames, IA + Virtual | February 1, 2023

Iowa State University, Great Hall of the Memorial Union

Reception at 5:00 pm. Program at 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm CT

Last year, the Iowa Legislature unanimously voted to establish February 1 as an annual Official Day of Recognition in honor of George Washington Carver. This February 1, 2023, the inaugural George Washington Carver Day in Iowa, we invite you to join us for a special program: [George Washington Carver Day Schedule of Events | College of Agriculture and Life Sciences \(iastate.edu\)](#) February 1 also is the beginning of Black History Month, adding significance to this first-ever event at Professor Carver's alma mater — where he was Iowa State's first Black student and graduate, and first Black faculty member. **If you plan to attend in person, please RSVP by January 25.** The program will be [livestreamed](#). Please share this invitation with other members of your organization and encourage them to attend.

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### **Academic Programs Staff Development Workshop**

#### **Academic Programs Section Winter Meeting**

New Orleans, LA | February 8 – 11, 2023

The 2023 Academic Programs Staff Development Workshop and Academic Programs Section Winter Meeting is designed to strengthen expertise and stir creativity among staff from colleges of agriculture, human sciences, natural resources, and related sciences through hearing from their peers hailing from other academic program offices across the country

**Travel Scholarships are available for staff to cover airline costs over \$600.** For more information, please contact Tara Westington, at [twestington@aplu.org](mailto:twestington@aplu.org). For more information and to register, please see [here](#).

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### **USDA Ag Outlook Forum**

Arlington, VA & Virtual | February 23 – 24, 2023

In-person at the Crystal City Gateway Marriott and all sessions will be livestreamed.

To learn more and register, visit <https://www.usda.gov/oce/ag-outlook-forum>.

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**Save the Date: 2023 BoHS/CAFCS Spring Meeting**

Washington, DC, Omni Shoreham Hotel | March 7 – 10, 2023

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**2023 CARET/AHS Joint Annual Meeting**

Washington, DC, Omni Shoreham Hotel | March 12 – 15, 2023

Registration is now open for the 2023 Joint CARET/AHS Meeting! Join us in person for the first time in 3 years as we gather to conduct advocacy trainings, engage with food and agriculture thought leaders from across the country, and go to the Hill to deliver the “ask” of the Board on Agricultural Assembly. View registration and additional information [here](#). We look forward to seeing you in DC!

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**National 4-H Conference**

Arlington, VA & Virtual | April 14 – 19, 2023

Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA, and online. Hosted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). To learn more about the 2023 National 4-H Conference, visit the [NIFA website](#).

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**New Administrators’ Orientation**

Kansas City, KS | July 19 – 21, 2023

This event is intended for individuals on the Board on Agriculture Assembly and their supporting administrators or faculty, who have entered an administrative position recently; USDA-NIFA personnel who are interested; and any others who would like to learn more about APLU, the Land-Grant University System, the BAA, and USDA. Information presented will be particularly useful to administrative heads, directors, associate/assistant directors, and USDA-NIFA national

program leaders and administrators. The Orientation will also include some virtual sessions held prior to the event.

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## AWARD NOMINATIONS

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### APLU's Food Systems Leadership Award

APLU's Food Systems Leadership Award annually recognizes a leader who has made an extraordinary impact on the food system through leadership and service and who exemplifies the core principles established by the Food Systems Leadership Institute (FSLI), including personal, organizational, and food systems leadership. The award also recognizes the leadership, innovation, engagement, and service that APLU promotes through its programs.

This award will be presented at "A Community of Scholars Honoring Excellence" award program at the APLU Annual Meeting in November 2023. The award program honors awardees for regional and national excellence in Food and Agricultural Sciences from colleges and universities across the United States. The meeting is attended by top-level administrators from the 216 university memberships within the APLU and administrators from USDA and FDA. The recipient will be invited to address the current cohort of FSLI Fellows at one of their residential sessions.

The award's criteria, directions for submitting, and the nomination form is at the [FSLI Website](#). To get a sense of the caliber of person who would be competitive for this award, please see the [Leadership Award page](#). The deadline for submittal is **February 28th**.

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### Experiment Station Section (ESS) announces 2023 awards criteria

ESS is delighted to issue the following calls for award nominations:

**2023 ESS Excellence in Leadership Award** – nominations due to Regional Association offices by Feb. 1.

**2023 ESS Excellence in Multistate Research Award** – nominations due to Regional Association offices by Feb. 28.

Please [click on this link](#) to access the formal call for nominations, including the steps to apply. Please consider nominees within your institution or region and distribute accordingly.

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### **2023 Borlaug Cast Communication Award**

#### **Nominate your candidate by February 27, 2023**

The 2023 Borlaug CAST Communication Award is an honor that recognizes professionals actively working in the agricultural, environmental, or food sectors who are promoting agricultural science in the public policy arena. This award has become an influential component in the efforts to keep agricultural issues and programs in the public eye and in front of national and international policymakers. [Completed nomination packets](#) and questions should be sent to [Anne Owens](#), Director of Council Operations. The award recipient will be announced in early May 2023 and will receive a bronze sculpture, an honorarium, and the opportunity to give a presentation at a CAST award ceremony during the 2023 World Food Prize Symposium in October 2023. [Download the 2023 Nomination Packet](#)

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## **INFORMATIONAL**

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### **Spring Internship**

[National Association of Wheat Growers](#) is looking for a spring intern from a land-grant university. For more information, please contact Taylor Williamson, Government Relations Representative, National Association of Wheat Growers, [twilliamson@wheatworld.org](mailto:twilliamson@wheatworld.org).



**National Institute of Food and Agriculture**  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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**National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Seeks Qualified Candidates**

NIFA is hiring! Please see the [NIFA Career Opportunities](#) page for a current listing of career opportunities.

### **USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture Calendar**

See application deadlines [here](#).

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### **APLU Member Job Postings**

APLU has a [job board](#) on which member institutions may list available positions for which they are recruiting.

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**FOCUS** is an update from the Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources office of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) to provide timely, relevant information and actions items to the membership of the Commission on Food, Environment, and Renewable Resources (CFERR) and its member boards and sections.

If you know of someone who would like to receive our newsletter, please ask them to sign up here: [FANR Focus Newsletter](#)

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