

North Central Regional Meeting

Thursday, October 28th from 1-2pm ET/12-1pm CT

Participants: Tiffany Heng-Moss, David Buchanan, Carmen Bain, Vikram Mistry, Majed El-Dweik, Christine Wilson, Steve Neal, Anna Ball

Agenda and Discussion:

- **Upcoming APS programs for Annual Meeting**

All Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources sessions for the Annual Meeting will take place in the weeks leading up to the APLU Annual Meeting and will be free. You do not need to register for the APLU Annual Meeting to attend these sessions, but we do encourage you to participate in both.

- Thursday, November 4th

- 2:00-2:45 pm ET: [Academic Programs Section \(APS\) Business Meeting](#) - This event will include election of incoming Secretary, recognition of APS members for their service, review and approval of 2022 budget, and other business items

- 3:00-5:00 pm ET: [Academic Programs Section \(APS\) Program Meeting](#) - This event will feature Dale Whittaker from the Gates Foundation and will focus on the theme: *From Post-Pandemic to Positive Change - The Changing Face of Higher Education*

- Tuesday, November 9th

- 3:00-5:30pm ET: [A Community of Scholars Celebrating Excellence: USDA Teaching Awards and Extension Awards](#)

- Wednesday, November 10th

- 12:00-1:30pm ET: Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) General Membership Meeting
Registration Coming Soon

- 3:00-5:00pm ET: [A Community of Scholars Celebrating Excellence: Justin Morrill Lecture and FSLI Program](#)

To attend the APLU Annual Meeting for the larger organization, please register today for the [2021 APLU Virtual Annual Meeting](#). The meeting is scheduled for Nov. 15-17. While we were hoping to meet in-person this year, health and safety concerns have forced us to keep this year's meeting virtual. The theme of this year's APLU Annual Meeting is *The New Now: The Promise of Higher Education in a Rapidly Changing World*. This year's virtual Annual Meeting will include several keynotes, interactive and engaging concurrent sessions, and, of course, time to virtually network with colleagues. A full agenda for this event can be found [here](#).

- **Call for nominations: North Central Regional Chair and Chair-Elect**

- Dr. Carmen Bain of Iowa State University nominated herself for Chair-Elect.

- Tiffany will send a message to the entire NC Regional Group to seek a new Chair.

- **BAC Feedback Requested**

- The BAC is requesting that each Section put forward one line outside of the core priority lines for the BAC to consider supporting in FY23 & FY24. Please provide recommendations for proposed funding levels.
- In the [linked chart](#), several funding lines are laid out for consideration along with some information about each. Please send Wendy your top three lines you would support in FY23 and, separately, in FY24, ranking them from 1-3, with 1 being your top choice. You are encouraged to include a target funding amount for FY23 & FY24. Tiffany and Wendy would appreciate any comments for support of specific lines as they prepare a justification for the line that ACOP ultimately chooses. The group is encouraged to consider FY23 and FY24 separately because 4 of the 12 lines on the chart may be maxed out for FY23, meaning we would not advocate for them in FY23, but you might want us to advocate for them in FY24. **Please submit your responses to Wendy by Monday, Nov. 1st.**
- **Proposed Priority Program:** Request for members to come forward with one new proposed priority area. Members agreed that the most beneficial program is Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics field because of concern of an “enrollment cliff” on the horizon in colleges of agriculture. Potential enrollment/recruiting challenges upcoming in agriculture programs due to a demographic decline in the North Central region.