

AGENDA
BUDGET AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
BOARD ON AGRICULTURE ASSEMBLY

Conference Call

August 18, 2015

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CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order (Alan)
- II. Roll Call (Gouge)
- III. Grass-tops Follow Up Discussion (Cornerstone)
- IV. Appropriations Update (Cornerstone)
- V. Other Business
 - I. BAA proposal for advancing new budget initiatives (Steve Slack)

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*
John C. Stier (*APS*), *University of Tennessee, Knoxville*
Albert E. Essel (*1890 Extension*), *Lincoln University*
Moses T. K. Kairo (*1890 Research*), *University of Maryland Eastern Shore*
Meg Goetz (*1994 Institutions*), *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*
Anson Elliott (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU*), *Missouri State University*
Lee S. Yudin (*Insular/ Territories*), *University of Guam*;
Timothy L. White (*Forestry*) *University of Florida*
Steven A. Slack (*BAAPBD*), *The Ohio State University*
Ian L. Maw, *APLU*
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*
Jane Schuchardt, *APLU*
Carolyn B. Brooks, *Association of Research Directors (1890)*
L. Washington Lyons, *Association of Extension Administrators (1890)*
H. Michael Harrington, *Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors*
Hunt Shipman, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Vernie Hubert, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Alice J. Gomez, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Jeremy Witte, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

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

Richard M. Klemme (*CES*), *University of Wisconsin-Madison-Extension*; **Gary A. Thompson** (*ESS*), *The Pennsylvania State University*; **J. Mark Erbaugh** (*IAS*), *The Ohio State University*; **John L. Phillips** (*1994 Institutions*), *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*; **James J. Bittner** (*CARET*), *New York*; **Christine M. Ladisch** (*BoHS*), *Purdue University*; **James P. Thompson** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *University of Tennessee*; **Gregory A. Bohach** (*CLP*), *Mississippi State University*; **Gina Banks Daly** (*CGA*), *University of California, Berkeley*; **Jay T. Akridge** (*BAAPBD*), *Purdue University*; **Craig Lindwarm**, *APLU*; Wendy Fink, *APLU*; **Andrew Maccabe** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*; **Kevin Cain** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*; and, **Jim Richards**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*.

Minutes

The minutes, as distributed, from the conference call on June 23, 2015 were approved.

Grass-tops Follow-Up Discussion

Hunt Shipman of Cornerstone Government Affairs indicated that this topic required more work and off-line conversations.

The NIH example demonstrated how the activity of a single individual with a plan of single engagement could produce results. It is hoped that the land-grant university community can mimic this action, and everyone was put on notice to identify targeted members to identify “super” CARET delegates. CARET delegates would still remain active in their advocacy roles. Cornerstone Government Affairs will work with Chairman Grant and Advocacy Chairman McMeans to work the Administrative Heads Section to engage individuals for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget cycle.

Appropriations Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported that:

- nothing has changed since the BAC meeting in June
- this year may culminate with having the various appropriations bills being placed into an omnibus bill
- the Planned Parenthood issues is a complicating factor, and there may be a one-year continuing resolution for the Labor-HHS appropriations bill
- there could be a short-term continuing resolution enacted to extend from October 1st into the Fall
- a continuing resolution will be an imperative since Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) has indicated that there will not be a government shutdown

Other Business

The BAC discussed the following motion that was tabled by the BAA Policy Board of Directors at their July 22, 2015 meeting until their meeting on November 17, 2015:

Any initiative from parts of the system represented on the BAA Policy Board of Directors in which funds or special requests are being made in which the requestor is doing so as part of the Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) shall be transmitted through the Chair of the BAA Policy Board of Directors with a written letter of request being part of the formal process. This does not preclude meetings or other communications by members to discuss and develop ideas and concepts before reaching the formal request stage.

Steve Slack explained the motion and the action of the BAA Policy Board of Directors and included:

- the motion was designed to put into place and formalize a process by which new initiatives could be brought forward and have a documented record
- the motion was not designed to keep individuals or groups from testing ideas
- the motion was the capstone of the “white” paper that was developed

Eddie Gouge was asked to forward to the BAC the exact language pending before the BAA Policy Board of Directors and to include such language in the BAC minutes.

Adjourn

Chairman Grant adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m. (EDT).