

AGENDA
BUDGET AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
BOARD ON AGRICULTURE ASSEMBLY

Conference Call

December 15, 2015

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CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS

Number: 1-800-264-8432

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order (Grant)
- II. Roll Call (Gouge)
- III. Appropriations Update (Cornerstone)
- IV. Other Business

Call to Order and Roll Call

Acting Chairman Orlando McMeans called the meeting to order and asked Eddie Gouge to call the roll. The following participated in the conference call:

Orlando F. McMeans (*Advocacy Chair*), *West Virginia State University*
John C. Stier (*APS*), *University of Tennessee, Knoxville*
Gary A. Thompson (*ESS*), *The Pennsylvania State University*
J. Mark Erbaugh (*IAS*), *The Ohio State University*
Moses T. K. Kairo (*1890 Research*), *University of Maryland Eastern Shore*
Robert T. (Tom) Jones (*CARET*)
James P. Thompson (*Veterinary Medicine*), *University of Tennessee*
Jay T. Akridge (*BAAPBD*), *Purdue University*
Gina Banks Daly (*CGA*), *University of California, Berkeley*
Ian L. Maw, *APLU*
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*
Jane Schuchardt, *APLU*
Wendy Fink, *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*
Kevin Cain (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*
Hunt Shipman, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Vernie Hubert, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Jeremy Witte, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

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

Alan L. Grant (*Chair*), *Virginia Tech*; **Richard M. Klemme** (*CES*), *University of Wisconsin-Madison-Extension*; **Albert E. Essel** (*1890 Extension*), *Lincoln University*; **Anson Elliott** (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU*), *Missouri State University*; **Lee S. Yudin** (*Insular/Territories*), *University of Guam*; **James J. Bittner** (*CARET*), *New York*; **Christine M. Ladisch** (*BoHS*), *Purdue University*; **Timothy L. White** (*Forestry*) *University of Florida*; **Gregory A. Bohach** (*CLP*), *Mississippi State University*; **Jeffrey Kratz**, *APLU*; **Andrew Maccabe** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*; **Jim Richards**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*; and, **Alice J. Gómez**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

The following guest participated in the conference call: **Robin Shepard**, *North Central Cooperative Extension Association*.

Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda was approved.

Minutes

The minutes, as distributed, from the BAC meeting in Indianapolis, IN on November 14, 2015 were approved.

Appropriations Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported that:

- it is hoped that the conference agreement will be added to the omnibus bill later this evening
- the agricultural subcommittee has been done with its report for some time and is not the problem
- the appropriations bills for Labor-HHS and Interior are being waited on and the “read out” process for these measures began earlier in the day
- Cornerstone Government Affairs has a draft report ready to go out tomorrow before lunch if they get the information; they will have a better sense of timing once the measure is filed
- steps are being taken to do another short-term continuing resolution since the current one expires on December 22, 2015
- the “rumor mill” indicates that the House would complete action on the continuing resolution by Friday and the Senate by late Sunday or early Monday; House Speaker Ryan agreed to give House members three days to review the bill and the Senate is expected to demand the maximum time (about 60 hours) to review the measure

Other Business

Jay Akridge noted the *Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People Initiative* Steering Committee had filed its final report and that a “pre-publication” copy had been delivered to REE Under Secretary Woteki and NIFA Director Ramaswamy. A formal copy of the document, along with a formal letter of transmittal, will be sent to them once the document has been printed.

Adjourn

Acting Chairman McMeans adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m. (EST).