

AGENDA
BUDGET AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
BOARD ON AGRICULTURE ASSEMBLY

Conference Call

February 10, 2015

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CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order (Akridge)
- II. Roll Call (Gouge)
- III. Approval of the Minutes (Conference call on January 20, 2015)
- IV. FY2016 Budget Request Update (Cornerstone)
- V. Finalization of FY 2016 Priorities (Akridge)
- VI. Other Business

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Jay T. Akridge called the meeting to order and asked Eddie Gouge to call the roll. The following participated in the conference call:

Jay T. Akridge (*Chair*), *Purdue University*
Alan L. Grant (*Advocacy Chair*), *Virginia Tech*
Orlando McMeans (*Advocacy Chair*), *West Virginia State University*
Richard M. Klemme (*CES*), *University of Wisconsin-Madison-Extension*
Gary A. Thompson (*ESS*), *The Pennsylvania State University*
Albert E. Essel (*1890 Extension*), *Delaware State University*
Moses T. K. Kairo (*1890 Research*), *University of Maryland Eastern Shore*
Lee S. Yudin (*Insular/Territories*), *University of Guam*
James J. Bittner (*CARET*), *New York*
Christine M. Ladisch (*BoHS*), *Purdue University*
James P. Thompson (*Veterinary Medicine*), *University of Tennessee*
Timothy L. White (*Forestry*) *University of Florida*
Steven A. Slack (*BAAPBD*), *The Ohio State University*
Barbara Allen-Diaz (*BAAPBD*), *University of California Systemwide*
Gina Banks (*CGA*), *University of California, Davis*;
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*
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Kevin Cain (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*
Hunt Shipman, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Jim Richards, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Vernie Hubert, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Laura Gamper, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

The following committee members/staff were unable to participate in the meeting: **John C. Stier** (*APS*), *University of Tennessee, Knoxville*; **J. Mark Erbaugh** (*IAS*), *The Ohio State University*; **Meg Goetz** (*1994 Institutions*), *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*; **John L. Phillips** (*1994 Institutions*), *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*; **Anson Elliott** (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU*), *Missouri State University*; **Gregory A. Bohach** (*CLP*), *Mississippi State University*; **Craig Lindwarm**, *APLU*; **Andrew Maccabe** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*; and, **Vernie Hubert**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*.

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

Minutes

The minutes, as distributed, from the conference call on January 20, 2015 were approved.

Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Update from Cornerstone Government Affairs

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- the President's budget submission for Fiscal Year 2016 represents a \$214 million increase over the Fiscal Year 2015 enacted budget – most of the increases were in AFRI (\$125 million) and the Innovation Institutes (\$80 million)
- the President's budget for Fiscal Year 2016 proposes small increases in the capacity programs but these increases would be competitively awarded; if Congress approves this provision, a one-to-one match would be required on these funds
- \$57 million would be allocated to antimicrobial resistance and the funding would be spread across USDA
- SNAP funding is mandatory and not subject to discretionary funding
- the deadline for Members' requests to the House Appropriations Subcommittee is March 23, 2015

The BAC met on November 1, 2014 in Orlando, FL and agreed to advocate for the following budget priorities for Fiscal Year 2016:

- Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)
- Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c)
- Hatch Act
- Evans-Allen
- McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry
- 1890 Institutions Extension
- 1994 Institutions Research and Extension

The BAC also agreed to: hold the 1890 institutions "harmless" from the inclusion of Central State University in Ohio as an 1890 institution and to add \$3 million to the 1994 Institutions for research and extension programs.

There was some discussion as to whether or not the funding for the Pollinator and Ethanol Institutes was inside or outside of AFRI. Cornerstone Government Affairs indicated that the issued would be clarified after the call. The clarification was that the proposed funding was included in the \$125 million increase proposed for AFRI.

Fiscal Year 2016 Priorities for the BAC

The BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee met via conference call and adopted the following recommendations by acclamation:

- To continue the following seven priority areas –
 - Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)
 - Smith-Lever 3(b)-3(c)
 - Hatch Act
 - Evans-Allen
 - 1890 Institutions Extension
 - McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry
 - 1994 Institutions Research and Extension Programs

- To oppose, if asked, the proposed competitive element in the increases for capacity programs
- To remain silent on the budget request for the Innovation Institutes
- To increase the budget request for the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Program by 5% (the same amount as the proposed increase for Hatch funding) which would total \$1.5 million
- To hold the 1890 institutions harmless in funding as a result of the inclusion of Central State University as an 1890 institution
- To increase the budget request for the 1994 Institutions by \$3 million (with \$1 million going to 1994 Institutions’ research and \$2 million going to 1994 Institutions’ Extension programs)

NIFA BUDGET

(In Millions)

		Obama	BAA
	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2016
Research and Extension Activities			
Hatch Act	243.701	256.201	256.201
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry	33.961	33.961	35.461
Research at 1890 Institutions (Evans-Allen)	52.485	60.500	60.500
Payments to 1994 Institutions	3.439	3.654	3.654
Education Grants for 1890 Institutions (Capacity Building)	19.336	20.410	20.410
Education Grants for Hispanic-Serving Institutions	9.219	9.219	9.219
Education Grants for Alaska/Hawaii Native Serving Inst.	3.194	3.194	3.194
Research Grants for 1994 Institutions	1.801	1.914	2.914
Capacity Building Grants for Non-Land-Grants	4.500	0.000	0.000
Resident Instruction/Distance Learning Insular Areas	2.000	1.800	1.800
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	325.000	450.000	450.000
Innovation Institutes	0.000	80.000	80.000
Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment	5.000	5.000	5.000
Animal Health and Disease Research Program	4.000	0.000	0.000
Supplemental and Alternative Crops	0.825	0.000	0.000
Critical Agricultural Materials	0.000	0.000	0.000
Multicultural Scholars, Fellowship/Challenge Grants	9.000	0.000	0.000
Secondary/& 2-year Post Secondary Education	0.900	0.000	0.000

Aquaculture Centers	4.000	4.000	4.000
Food & Agriculture Resilience Program for Vets	0.000	2.500	2.500
Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education	22.667	22.667	22.667
Farm Business Management	1.450	0.000	0.000
Sun Grant Program	2.500	0.000	0.000
Minor Crop Pest Management (IR-4)	11.913	11.913	11.913
Special Research Grants	4.105	1.405	1.405
Federal Administration	20.528	20.425	20.425
Alfalfa Research	1.350	0.000	0.000
SUBTOTAL	786.874	988.763	991.263

Extension Activities

Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c)	300.000	304.000	304.000
Extension Services at 1890 Institutions	43.920	49.350	49.350
Extension Services at 1994 Institutions	4.446	4.724	6.724
Facility Improvements at 1890 Institutions	19.730	21.703	21.703
RREA	4.060	4.060	4.060
Rural Health & Safety	1.500	0.000	0.000
Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database Program	1.250	0.000	0.000
Women & Minorities in STEM Fields/Grants to Youth	0.400	0.000	0.000
Food Safety Outreach	2.500	5.000	5.000
Smith-Lever 3(d)			
EFNEP	67.934	67.934	67.934
Farm Safety/Youth Farm Safety	4.610	4.610	4.610
New Technologies for Ag (eXtension)	1.550	1.750	1.750
Children, Youth, & Families at Risk	8.395	8.395	8.395
Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program	3.039	3.039	3.039
Ag in the Classroom	0.552	0.000	0.000
Grants to Youth Organizations	0.000	1.000	1.000
Federal Administration	7.805	9.830	9.830
SUBTOTAL	471.691	485.395	487.395

INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES

Water Quality	0.000	0.000	0.000
Methyl Bromide Transition Program	2.000	0.000	0.000
Organic Transition Program	4.000	4.000	4.000
Regional Rural Development Centers	1.000	1.000	1.000
Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative	6.700	6.700	6.700
Crop Protection/Pest Management	17.200	17.200	17.200
SUBTOTAL	30.900	28.900	28.900

TOTAL	1289.465	1503.058	1507.558
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The BAC also adopted a motion to endorse in concept the “Dear Colleague” letter for Members of Congress being proposed by the AFRI Coalition and SOAR (Supporters of Agricultural Research). A copy of the current draft is attached.

Next Steps

Laura Gamper at Cornerstone Government Affairs would forward the updated one pagers to the BAC and Executive Directors for a final review. All edits must be returned to her by **close of business on Thursday, February 12, 2015**. The finalized documents will be distributed and posted to www.landgrant.org on Friday, February 13, 2015.

Adjourn

Chairman Akridge adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m. (EST).