

**AGENDA**  
**BUDGET AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**  
**BOARD ON AGRICULTURE ASSEMBLY**

**Conference Call**

**January 19, 2016**

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CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order (Grant)
- II. Roll Call (Gouge)
- III. Appropriations Update (Cornerstone)
  - I. FY 2017 Outlook
- IV. CARET/AHS (Cornerstone)
  - I. FY 2017 One-Pager Update
- V. 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:

Alan L. Grant (*Chair*), *Virginia Tech*  
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*  
Gretchen C. Neisler (*IAS*), *Michigan State University*  
Albert E. Essel (*1890 Extension*), *Lincoln 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*  
Ian L. Maw, *APLU*  
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*  
Jane Schuchardt, *APLU*  
Wendy Fink, *APLU*  
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*  
Jim Richards, *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:

**Richard M. Klemme** (*CES*), *University of Wisconsin-Madison-Extension*; **J. Mark Erbaugh** (*IAS*), *The Ohio State University*; **Moses T. K. Kairo** (*1890 Research*), *University of Maryland Eastern Shore*; **Anson Elliott** (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU*), *Missouri State University*; **Lee S. Yudin** (*Insular/ Territories*), *University of Guam*; **James J. Bittner** (*CARET*), *New York*; **Stephan M. Wilson** (*BoHS*), *Oklahoma State University*; **Timothy L. White** (*Forestry*) *University of Florida*; **Gregory A. Bohach** (*CLP*), *Mississippi State University*; **Clarence E. Watson** (*BAAPBD*), *University of Arkansas*; **Gina Banks Daly** (*CGA*), *University of California, Berkeley*; **Wendy Fink**, *APLU*; **Jeffrey Kratz**, *APLU*; **Carolyn B. Brooks**, *Association of Research Directors (1890)*; **Carol E. Kellett**, (*BoHS*), *Board on Human Sciences*; **Andrew Maccabe** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*; 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 conference call on December 15, 2015 were approved.

## **Appropriations Update**

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported that:

- there will be an expedited process in 2016 due to the budget agreement secured by former Speaker Boehner last Fall
- Congress will recess in mid-July and not return until after Labor Day due to the upcoming conventions
- it will be a shorted legislative calendar and some are talking about a short appropriations calendar too – possibly marking up bills in late March or early April – but more will be known in the next two weeks as the timelines are released
- the President is scheduled to release his budget recommendations on February 9, 2016
- the Joint CARET/AHS Meeting will run up against the subcommittee deadlines for Members of Congress
- the BAC will need to move rapidly on the one pagers, and there may be a need to activate the land-grant system to contact Members of Congress prior to the Joint CARET/AHS Meeting
- there is a possibility that all appropriations bills will be carried over for consideration until after the upcoming election in November and then maybe into January 2017 when the new Congress is seated
- the BAC will need to finalize its budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017 in the next regularly-scheduled conference call of the group

## **CARET/AHS MEETING**

Jeremy Witte will send the mock ups of the one pagers to the Executive Directors tomorrow for review. The goal is to have agreement on the text of the one pagers by the February 16<sup>th</sup> conference call of the BAC, and the actual numbers can be inserted after the call.

## **Other Business**

Mike Harrington and Robin Shepard reported on the meeting with the NIFA science staff that was held last week to develop a possible water program (hoping to avoid what occurred with the Integrated Pest Management program). They indicated that the following hints from the meeting in what might be in the President's budget recommendations included:

- protection of capacity lines
- increase in 1890 funding to cover the addition of Central State University
- no new funding lines or authorities
- additional funding for the AFRI for research, extension, and teaching

It was noted that the BAC needed to watch what happened with AFRI, because the state-based and regional components of the water proposal may be a challenge for AFRI.

The BAC agreed that Chairman Grant should send a communication about the water proposal to NIFA's science staff. Mike Harrington and Robin Shepard would help draft the letter for Chairman Grant and let him know to whom the communication should be sent. A copy of the communication will be provided to APLU.

The Communications and Marketing Committee (CMC) is considering the potential value of educating various Presidential and Congressional candidates on the importance of agricultural science, education, and extension. The thought was to use the BAA process to educate the various presidential/Congressional campaigns to drive home the message that agriculture is important. There was some discussion but no definitive action was taken.

BAA Chairman Jay Akridge reported that the *Healthy Food Systems/Healthy People Initiative* has moved into the stage of fleshing out the budget recommendations for the initiative. He is working with the chair of the Board on Human Sciences to constitute a group to do this.

### **Adjourn**

Chairman Grant adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m. (EST).