

AGENDA
BUDGET AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
BOARD ON AGRICULTURE ASSEMBLY

Conference Call
September 15, 2015

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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)
- IV. Other Business

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*
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*
Meg Goetz (*1994 Institutions*), *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*
John L. Phillips (*1994 Institutions*), *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*
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*
Gregory A. Bohach (*CLP*), *Mississippi State University*
Steven A. Slack (*BAAPBD*), *The Ohio State University*
Jay T. Akridge (*BAAPBD*), *Purdue University*
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*
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*; **Albert E. Essel** (*1890 Extension*), *Lincoln University*; **Anson Elliott** (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU*), *Missouri State University*; **Timothy L. White** (*Forestry*) *University of Florida*; **Gina Banks Daly** (*CGA*), *University of California, Berkeley*; **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*; **Hunt Shipman**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*; and, **Vernie Hubert**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*.

Minutes

The minutes, as distributed, from the conference call on August 18, 2015 were approved.

Appropriations Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported that:

- there are only two weeks left in Fiscal Year 2015 and then Fiscal Year 2016
- the question is whether or not Congress can produce a continuing resolution that is acceptable to the President
- the House and Senate leadership have been more optimistic in public about a short-term continuing resolution (until early December) that includes funding for Planned Parenthood
- the House Republican Caucus meets at 5:30 p.m. this afternoon and more will be known after that
- several issues could cause problems – Planned Parenthood funding; the debt ceiling in November; and, the Transportation funding measure
- this is a dynamic situation with no real resolution in sight
- the House and Senate staff are trying to resolve the differences between the two bills
- Crop protection is still an open item; the Senate has moved \$17 million from Section 406 to 3(d) and this may put using these funds in jeopardy; the underlying issue of the loss of \$3 million may be resolved in conference
- the question of the 1994 institutions participating in 3(d) funding is still a question and we will need to continue to watch the language in the bill

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.

Each section was asked to continue with their follow-up activities on moving the document on new initiatives. It was suggested that a communications section needed to be added to the document (there needs to be documentation that the request has been sent and received). It was decided that the BAC would review the document again during the conference call in October.

Adjourn

Chairman Grant adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m. (EDT).