

AGENDA
BUDGET AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
BOARD ON AGRICULTURE ASSEMBLY

Conference Call

April 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)
- IV. Other Business

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Alan L. 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*
Robert T. (Tom) Jones (*CARET*)
James J. Bittner (*CARET*)
Cheryl Achterberg (*BoHS*), *The Ohio State University*
James P. Thompson (*Veterinary Medicine*), *University of Tennessee*
Gregory A. Bohach (*CLP*), *Mississippi State University*
Clarence E. Watson (*BAAPBD*), *University of Arkansas*
Jay T. Akridge (*BAAPBD*), *Purdue University*
Benjamin J. Miller (*CGA*), *University of Wisconsin-Madison*
Ian L. Maw, *APLU*
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*
Jane Schuchardt, *APLU*
Wendy Fink, *APLU*
L. Washington Lyons, *Association of Extension Administrators (1890)*
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*; **Albert E. Essel** (*1890 Extension*), *Lincoln University*; **Anson Elliott** (*Non-Land-Grants/ NARRU*), *Missouri State University*; **Raúl E. Macchiavelli** (*Insular/ Territories*), *University of Puerto Rico*; **John P. Hayes** (*Forestry*) *Colorado State University*; **Jeffrey Kratz**, *APLU*; **Carolyn B. Brooks**, *Association of Research Directors (1890)*; **H. Michael Harrington**, *Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors*; **Carol E. Kellett**, (*BoHS*), *Board on Human Sciences*; **Andrew Maccabe** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*; **Kevin Cain** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical College*; and, **Alice J. Gómez**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda was approved.

Minutes

The minutes, as distributed, from the BAC conference call on February 16, 2016 were approved.

Appropriations Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported that:

- the House Subcommittee on Agriculture Appropriations is marking up the Fiscal Year 2017 agricultural appropriations bill today
- there does not seem to be any amendments forthcoming that will impact the NIFA line
- a report will be sent to the Board on Agriculture Assembly today as soon as the subcommittee finishes its work
- the House is expected to “flat line” all of the NIFA programs with the exception of a \$25 million increase for AFRI
- the House’s version of the funding allocation will have \$450 million below the Fiscal Year 2016 level
- Chairman Aderholt mentioned the number of requests that the subcommittee had received for land-grant programs
- the House of Representatives will not be bringing any appropriations bills to the floor prior to May 15, 2016 due to a House budget rule
- the House bill calls for \$5 million for food safety outreach which was funded in FY 2016 to educate producers
- it is possible that there will be a continuing resolution in September that will extend past the November election

Adjourn

Chairman Grant adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m. (EDT).