



**AGENDA**

**CONFERENCE CALL**

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

**4:00 P.M. (EDT)**

**APRIL 17, 2018**

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**CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS**

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- I. Call to Order (Beyrouty)
- II. Roll Call (Gouge)
- III. Approval of the Minutes from February 20, 2018 Conference Call
- IV. Farm Bill Update (Cornerstone)
- V. Appropriations Update (Cornerstone)
- VI. Other Business

## Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Craig A. Beyrouthy called the meeting to order and asked Eddie Gouge to call the roll. The following participated in the conference call:

Craig A. Beyrouthy (*Chair*), *University of Maryland, College Park*  
David S. Buchanan (*APS*), *North Dakota State University*  
J. Mark Erbaugh (*IAS*), *The Ohio State University*  
Robert T. (Tom) Jones, (*CARET*), *Arizona*  
Jim Handley (*CARET*), *Florida*  
Gary A. Thompson (*BAAPBD*), *The Pennsylvania State University*  
Orlando F. McMeans (*BAAPBD*), *West Virginia State University*  
Gabrielle Serra (*CGA*), *Oregon State University*  
Ian L. Maw, *APLU*  
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*  
Richard M. Klemme, *APLU*  
Wendy Fink, *APLU*  
Alton Thompson, *Association of Research Directors (1890)*  
Kevin Cain (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*  
Jim Richards, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*  
Maggie Earle, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*  
Alice Gómez, *Cornerstone Government Affairs.*

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

**Douglas L. Steele** (*CES*), *Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service*; **J. Ernest Minton** (*ESS*), *Kansas State University*; **Dyremple B. Marsh** (*1890 Research*), *Delaware State University*; **Karen L. Jones** (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU*), *Southern Illinois University at Carbondale*; **Lee S. Yudin** (*Insular/Territories*). *University of Guam*; **Erik J. Porfeli**, (*Board on Human Sciences*), *The Ohio State University*; **Bryan K. Slinker** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Washington State University*; **John P. Hayes** (*Forestry Resources*), *Colorado State University*; **Gregory A. Bohach** (*CLP*), *Mississippi State University*; **Hanan Saab**, *APLU*; **Albert E. Essel**, *Association of Extension Administrators (1890)*; **H. Michael Harrington**, *Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors*; **Andrew T. Maccabe** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*; **Hunt Shipman**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*; and, **Vernie Hubert**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs.*

## Minutes

The minutes from the February 20, 2018 conference call were approved as distributed.

## Fiscal Year 2018 and 2019 Appropriations Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- Fiscal Year 2018 is in the books
- work on Fiscal Year 2019 is underway and the House and Senate Appropriations Committees are moving forward due to the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget agreement that was adopted

- all deadlines for Members of Congress to provide priorities to the Appropriations Committees have passed
- it is anticipated that the House mark ups will take place in May to early June and it is how they will proceed after that is unclear
- there is more room in the Fiscal Year 2019 discretionary accounts and the land-grant university system should aggressively pursue their respective Members of Congress to support the priorities of the Board on Agriculture Assembly
- the Senate will be as aggressive as the House and probably will not act upon their bills until September

Tom Jones asked how well the land-grant system did about generating letters from Members of Congress to the Appropriations Committees, and Jim Richards indicated that he would find out next week when meeting with the Committee staffs about member requests.

### **Farm Bill Update**

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- Vernie Hubert is in Farm Bill “purgatory”
- the House Committee on Agriculture was pleased to receive the letters of support from the BAA, Board on Human Sciences, and CARET
- the House Committee on Agriculture released its version of the Farm Bill and the Committee there are only 20 amendments (all from the minority side of the aisle consisting of a variety of amendments) so it could be the shortest Farm Bill mark up in history – 14 hours
- the Democrats are offended at the SNAP reform/reductions proposed in Chairman Conaway’s bill and it has been the most partisan process seen by the Committee in a long time
- the House proposal has SNAP-Ed (with the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program – EFNEP -- being merged within SNAP-Ed) being administered by Cooperative Extension with oversight from NIFA and the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) – this is a real win for the land-grant university system!
- all of the identified research priorities of the land-grant university system – including the proposal about future land-grant institutions and other “cats” and “dogs” were included in the bill
- the House Committee on Agriculture hopes to have the Farm Bill on the floor of the House of Representatives during the week of May 14, 2018 and it will be a challenge to pass a bill without any Democratic support; the Committee can only lose 23 Republicans if the bill is to pass
- the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry may mark up their Farm Bill legislation in May; they plan to do some tweaking around the edges instead of major reform

There were questions in the BAC about how the fight over indirect costs would play out and be applied.

Concern also was expressed about monies for SNAP-Ed going to the universities instead of Cooperative Extension. Cornerstone Government Affairs thought this issue could be resolved through report language.

## **Adjourn**

Chairman Beyrouthy adjourned the BAC meeting at 4:28 p.m. (EDT).