



AGENDA

CONFERENCE CALL

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

4:00 P.M. (EDT)

AUGUST 21, 2018

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CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS

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- I. Call to Order (Beyrouy)
- II. Roll Call (Gouge)
- III. Approval of Minutes – June 19, 2018 (Beyrouy)
- IV. Farm Bill Update (Cornerstone)
- V. Appropriations Update (Cornerstone)
- VI. Line Consolidation (Cornerstone)
- VII. Other Business

Call to Order and Roll Call

Advocacy Chairman Paul M. Patterson 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*
J. Ernest Minton (*ESS*), *Kansas State University*
J. Mark Erbaugh (*IAS*), *The Ohio State University*
Robert T. (Tom) Jones, (*CARET*), *Arizona*
Bryan K. Slinker (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Washington State University*
John P. Hayes (*Forestry Resources*), *Colorado State University*
Gregory A. Bohach (*CLP*), *Mississippi State University*
Orlando F. McMeans (*BAAPBD*), *West Virginia State University*
Ian L. Maw, *APLU*
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*
Richard M. Klemme, *APLU*
Wendy Fink, *APLU*
Gabriela Gillespie, *APLU*
Marianne Klein, *APLU/Board on Human Sciences*
Alton Thompson, *Association of Research Directors (1890)*
Albert E. Essel, *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*
Maggie Earle, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Alice Gómez, *Cornerstone Government Affairs.*

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

Paul M. Patterson (*Advocacy Chair*), *Auburn University*; **David S. Buchanan** (*APS*), *North Dakota State University*; Jon C. Boren (*CES*), *New Mexico State University*; **M. Ray McKinnie** (*1890 Extension*), *Virginia 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*; **Jim Handley** (*CARET*), *Florida*; **Erik J. Porfeli**, (*Board on Human Sciences*), *The Ohio State University*; **Gary A. Thompson** (*BAAPBD*), *The Pennsylvania State University*; **Gabrielle Serra** (*CGA*), *Oregon State University*; **Hanan Saab**, *APLU*; and, **Andrew T. Maccabe** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges.*

Minutes

The minutes from the June 19, 2018 conference call, as amended, were approved. The first “adjourn” in the minutes was removed.

Farm Bill Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- the House and Senate staff are meeting on a daily basis
- some of the outstanding items include: budget, commodity programs; conservations programs, and SNAP
- the most contentious items probably will not be resolved until there is actual involvement by the Members
- the Republicans in the Senate are more receptive to the House's proposed changes in the SNAP than the Senate Democrats
- the conference committee is not closer to an agreement on SNAP than they were when the House went into recess
- even though the principals want a Farm Bill by October 1, they may need to seek an extension of the current provisions
- the proposed reorganization/relocation of the Economic Research Service (ERS) and National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) could become a Farm Bill or an appropriations issue; USDA does not need Congressional approval to take the action but they will need Congressional funding to do it
- letters to the Hill staff on the relocation/reorganization issue can be helpful and the "cleanest" way to deal with the issue would be through the appropriations process
- Orlando McMeans has received positive feedback on the letter to Congress from the APLU Board on Agriculture Assembly

Fiscal Year 2019 Appropriations Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- the Senate pane passed the agricultural appropriations bill as part of a four-bill package
- the Senate adopted an amendment of \$3 million for Evans-Allen to help with the Central State University issue
- Congress is hoping to have the appropriations bills done by the end of September and before the October recess
- there seems to be confusion about what the land-grant university system is requesting for Central State University and the 1890s – the position taken is that something needs to be done for Central State University without hurting the other 1890 institutions

Line Consolidation

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- there is a call of the group tomorrow and they will ascertain as to where the various sections are now
- the group is contemplating a series of webinars and discussing the possibility of recording the webinars

- the overriding message now is can we go even further – possibly from 12 to 6 lines or maybe even three lines or one line
- the group will discuss a timeline tomorrow
- the group may have something to share with the BAA Policy Board of Directors at the APLU Annual Meeting, but this would be an ambitious schedule
- Ian Maw indicated that he would rather see the process done right than have it not done correctly to meet an artificial deadline

Other Business

There was some discussion about USDA not distributing the Request for Applications for various agricultural programs (e.g. 1890 Research, Extension, etc.) until the Farm Bill is completed.

Adjourn

Chairman Beyrouthy adjourned the BAC meeting at 4:48 p.m. (EDT).