

AGENDA
BUDGET AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
BOARD ON AGRICULTURE ASSEMBLY

Conference Call

December 13, 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 Government Affairs)
- IV. Follow up on Appropriations Strategy Discussion (Cornerstone Government Affairs)
- V. 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 Polytechnic Institute and State University*
Orlando F. McMeans (*Advocacy Chair*), *West Virginia State University*
Douglas L. Steele (*CES*), *Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service*
William F. Brown (*ESS*), *University of Tennessee, Knoxville*
Albert E. Essel (*1890 Extension*), *Lincoln University*
Cindy Akers (*APLU Non-Land-Grant Institutions*)
Robert T. (Tom) Jones (*CARET*)
James P. Thompson (*Veterinary Medicine*), *University of Tennessee*
John P. Hayes (*Section on Forestry Resources*), *Colorado State University*
Gary A. Thompson (*BAAPBD*), *The Pennsylvania State University*
Ian L. Maw, *APLU*
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*
Jane Schuchardt, *APLU*
Wendy Fink, *APLU*
Alton Thompson, *Association of Research Directors (1890)*
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*
Jeremy Witte, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

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

John C. Stier (*APS*), *University of Tennessee, Knoxville*; **J. Mark Erbaugh** (*IAS*), *The Ohio State University*; **Moses T. K. Kairo** (*1890 Research*), *University of Maryland Eastern Shore*; **Karen L. Jones** (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU*), *Southern Illinois University at Carbondale*; **Raúl E. Macchiavelli** (*Insular/ Territories*), *University of Puerto Rico*; **Cheryl Achterberg** (*BoHS*), *The Ohio State University*; **Gregory A. Bohach** (*CLP*), *Mississippi State University*; **Jay T. Akridge** (*BAAPBD*), *Purdue University*; **Hanan Saab** (*APLU*); **Andrew Maccabe** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*; **Vernie Hubert**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*; 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 meeting in Austin, TX on November 12th, 2016 were approved.

Appropriations Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported that:

- the Congress has adopted a continuing resolution that included an across-board-reduction for Fiscal Year 2016 through April 28, 2017 in order to give the Trump Administration time to provide input and get their people in place
- some fear that there is a good likelihood for a continuing resolution for the remainder of the year
- the Trump Administration is preparing a supplemental appropriations request for the Department of Defense in January and this could accelerate the appropriations process since other appropriations could be bundled in this the DoD request

Appropriations Strategy

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported that:

- the BAC has decided to continue with the six priority areas and is considering making a single request for the priority areas – this would simplify the request to Congress
- some of the section chairs and Executive Directors met last week to discuss the single request
- the odds are good that the BAC will still be advocating for the Fiscal Year 2017 priorities at the same time that we are advocating for the Fiscal Year 2018 priorities
- the Executive Directors and section chairs will be seeking feedback from their respective sections between now and January
- the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will continue to favor competitive funding over capacity funding

It was suggested that the BAC might want to consider having a national update on the single budget request for its priorities. Chairman Grant indicated that he would work with Cornerstone Government Affairs on a webinar for the BAA and others so that accurate information on the single budget request would be distributed.

Concern from the 1890 institutions was expressed about the distribution of funds under the single budget request for the priority areas since their base is already low. They indicated that “we all agree for the one ask but we just don’t agree on the ask.”

It was suggested that the BAC needed a structure and strategy why different programs should be differentially impacted – a logical structure, not a historical one, is needed.

It also was suggested that the BAC needed to modernize the look of the budget one pagers.

Adjourn

Chairman Grant adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m. (EST).