

AGENDA
BUDGET AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
BOARD ON AGRICULTURE ASSEMBLY

Conference Call

February 16, 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)
 - I. FY 2017 President's Budget Request
 - II. FY 2017 APLU Budget Request
- IV. FY 2017 One-Pager Approval (Cornerstone)
- 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 Tech*
Orlando F. McMeans (*Advocacy Chair*), *West Virginia State University*
John C. Stier (*APS*), *University of Tennessee, Knoxville*
Richard M. Klemme (*CES*), *University of Wisconsin-Madison-Extension*
Gary A. Thompson (*ESS*), *The Pennsylvania State University*
Albert E. Essel (*1890 Extension*), *Lincoln University*
Moses T. K. Kairo (*1890 Research*), *University of Maryland Eastern Shore*
Robert T. (Tom) Jones (*CARET*)
James P. Thompson (*Veterinary Medicine*), *University of Tennessee*
Clarence E. Watson (*BAAPBD*), *University of Arkansas*
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*
Kevin Cain (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*
Jim Richards, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Jeremy Witte, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Alice J. Gómez, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

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

J. Mark Erbaugh (*IAS*), *The Ohio State University*; **Anson Elliott** (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU*), *Missouri State University*; **Lee S. Yudin** (*Insular/ Territories*), *University of Guam*; **James J. Bittner** (*CARET*), *New York*; **Stephan M. Wilson** (*BoHS*), *Oklahoma State University*; **Timothy L. White** (*Forestry*) *University of Florida*; **Gregory A. Bohach** (*CLP*), *Mississippi State University*; **Benjamin J. Miller** (*CGA*), *University of Wisconsin-Madison*; **Jeffrey Kratz**, *APLU*; **Carol E. Kellett**, (*BoHS*), *Board on Human Sciences*; **Andrew Maccabe** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*; **Hunt Shipman**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*; and, **Vernie Hubert**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*.

The following guests participated in the conference call: **Robin Shepard**, *North Central Cooperative Extension Association*; **Mark A. Hussey**, *Texas A&M University*; **Meryl C. Broussard**, *National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U. S. Department of Agriculture*.

Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda was approved.

Minutes

The minutes, as distributed, from the BAC conference call on January 19, 2016 were approved.

Appropriations Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported that:

- the President's budget was released last Tuesday and, largely, it was good news for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture at USDA
- the deadline for the House Subcommittee on Agricultural Appropriations to submit their member request is March 15, 2016 and the deadline for the Senate Subcommittee on Agricultural Appropriations is March 17, 2016
- a "Call to Action" will be distributed to the Board on Agriculture Assembly as soon as the Policy Board of Directors ratifies the recommendations of the Budget and Advocacy Committee
- the Congress is still under a two-year budget agreement
- there is concern about how the death of Supreme Court Justice Scalia might impact the Senate deliberations on appropriations
- the House of Representatives could start marking up appropriations bill as early as April 8, 2016
- the President's budget proposes to eliminate the funding for eXtension and higher education grants, increase the funding for crop protection by \$3 million, and disallow indirect costs on integrated pest management

BUDGET REQUESTS

The Budget and Advocacy Committee reaffirmed their support for continuing the following core priorities:

- Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)
- Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c)
- Hatch Act
- Evans-Allen
- 1890 Institution Extension
- McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry

It was noted that the Budget and Advocacy Committee had agreed at their November 2015 meeting to no longer include the 1994 institutions as a core priority since the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) had withdrawn from APLU.

The Budget and Advocacy Committee also agreed to:

Core Priorities:

- Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) \$700 million
- Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c) \$304 million
- Hatch Act \$356.201 million
- Evans-Allen \$60.500 million
- 1890 Institution Extension \$49.350 million
- McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry \$35.500 million

The Budget and Advocacy Committee also agreed to support the capacity funds at the level that was requested by the Board on Agriculture Assembly in Fiscal Year 2016. In addition, the Budget and Advocacy Committee supported the proposed increases for the 1890 Institution Capacity Building Grants and the 1890 Facilities Grants. This would be designated with an asterisk on the overview request document.

The Budget and Advocacy Committee opposed the elimination of the New Technologies for Ag Extension (NTAE), Animal Health and Disease Research (Section 1433), and Capacity Building for Non-Land-Grant Colleges of Agriculture programs. This would be designated with an asterisk on the overview request document.

Adjourn

Chairman Grant adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m. (EST).