



**AGENDA**

**CONFERENCE CALL**

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

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

**February 19, 2019**

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**CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS**

**Number: 1-800-264-8432**

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- I. Call to Order (Patterson)
- II. Roll Call (Gouge)
- III. Approval of Minutes (Patterson)
- IV. Farm Bill Implementation (Cornerstone Government Affairs)
- V. Appropriations Update (Cornerstone Government Affairs)
- VI. Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request (Cornerstone Government Affairs)
- VII. Other Business

## Call to Order and Roll Call

BAC Advocacy Chair Paul M. Patterson called the meeting to order and asked Eddie Gouge to call the roll. The following participated in the conference call:

Paul M. Patterson (*Advocacy Chair*), *Auburn University*  
David S. Buchanan (*APS*), *North Dakota State University*  
Jon C. Boren (*CES*), *New Mexico State University*  
J. Mark Erbaugh (*IAS*), *The Ohio State University*  
M. Ray McKinnie (*1890 Extension*), *Virginia State University*  
Dyremple B. Marsh (*1890 Research*), *Delaware State University*  
Jim Handley (*CARET*), *Florida*  
Gary A. Thompson (*BAAPBD*), *The Pennsylvania State University*  
Orlando F. McMeans (*BAAPBD*), *West Virginia State University*  
Sarah Mathias (*CGA*), *University of Florida*  
Douglas L. Steele, *APLU*  
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*  
Wendy Fink, *APLU*  
Hanan Saab, *APLU*  
Marianne Klein, *APLU*  
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:

**Craig A. Beyrouly** (*Chair*), *University of Maryland, College Park*; **J. Ernest Minton** (*ESS*), *Kansas State University*; **Patrese Atine** (*1994 Institutions*), *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*; **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*; **Richard M. Klemme**, *APLU*; and, **Alton Thompson**, *Association of Research Directors (1890)*.

## Minutes

The minutes from the conference call on January 15, 2019 were approved.

## Farm Bill Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- Vernie Hubert is meeting with USDA on Thursday and they are gearing up for implementation of the Farm Bill; if there are any issues, please share them with Vernie immediately
- Paul Patterson indicated that the Southern Administrative Heads met last week and are very interested in hemp regulation

### **Fiscal Year 2019 Appropriations Update**

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- Fiscal Year 2019 is finally closed after much delay
- the BAC's six priorities received an increase of \$52 million
- the issue of Central State University carried over into the appropriations process and shows what can be accomplished when one works with their Congressional delegation
- it looks like Fiscal Year 2019 will be a good year for the land-grant university system

### **Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations**

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- the President's budget for Fiscal Year 2020 is expected to be released the second week of March, and there probably will be a slight delay in the release of the budget justifications
- many of the Congressional offices already have set their deadlines for submitting budget requests
- Craig Beyroudy, Orlando McMeans, Doug Steele, and Cornerstone Government Affairs met last week and did a walkthrough of the budget; the normal BAC timeline is based on the President's budget request being released the first week in February – that did not happen this year
- the Budget and Advocacy Committee makes recommendations to the BAA Policy Board of Directors (PBD) and the BAAPBD ratifies the BAC's recommendations
- the BAC requested a \$200 million increase in funding for Fiscal Year 2019 and this was the second year of this request – Fiscal Year 2018 was a flat line
- even though there was approximately a \$54-million increase in Fiscal Year 2019, the appropriations level did not reach the requested \$200 million
- the initial thought of the BAC leadership was to ask for the \$200-million increase again but decided that to ask for a \$100-million increase in Fiscal Year 2020 and set a new baseline for Fiscal Year 2021
- the BAC leadership also thought the BAA should thank Congress for its efforts to approach our \$200-million request
- all six priority lines of the BAC received just short of an eight percent (8%) in Fiscal year 2019

**The BAC adopted the following budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2020 that will be forward-ed to the BAA Policy Board of Directors:**

- **thank members of Congress for supporting the \$100-million increase in funding BAA budget priorities**

- **request an additional \$125-million increase for BAA budget priorities in Fiscal Year 2020 in the following areas –**
  - **Hatch Funds** **\$292.00 million**
  - **Smith-Lever Funds** **\$359.00 million**
  - **McIntire-Stennis Forestry Funds** **\$ 41.00 million**
  - **Evans-Allen Funds** **\$ 67.00 million**
  - **1890 Extension Funds** **\$ 57.00 million**
  - **Agriculture and Food Research Initiative** **\$440.00 million**

**This request would include an increase of \$100 million for the five capacity programs and an increase of \$25 million for the competitive program.**

There was some discussion about having no advocacy related to the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) since the professional societies and other groups would advocate for this program. However, concern over this approach was expressed by Sarah Mathias.

Albert Essel commented that the 1890s had not received an increase in funding in Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019 if you excluded the funding received for Central State University. He asked what the 1890 institutions needed to do for a winning strategy.

**Adjourn**

Paul Patterson adjourned the BAC meeting at 5:11 p.m. (EST).