



AGENDA

CONFERENCE CALL

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

4:00 P.M. (EDT)

January 15, 2019

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CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS

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- I. Call to Order (Steele)
- II. Roll Call (Gouge)
- III. Approval of Minutes (Steele)
- IV. Federal Government Shutdown (Cornerstone Government Affairs)
- V. Farm Bill Update (Cornerstone Government Affairs)
- VI. Appropriations Update (Cornerstone Government Affairs)
- VII. Other Business

Call to Order and Roll Call

APLU Vice President for Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Douglas L. Steele called the meeting to order and asked Eddie Gouge to call the roll. The following participated in the conference call:

David S. Buchanan (*APS*), *North Dakota State University*
Jon C. Boren (*CES*), *New Mexico State University*
J. Mark Erbaugh (*IAS*), *The Ohio State University*
Jim Handley (*CARET*), *Florida*
John P. Hayes (*Forestry Resources*), *Colorado State University*
Gary A. Thompson (*BAAPBD*), *The Pennsylvania State University*
Gregory A. Bohach (*CLP*), *Mississippi State University*
Douglas L. Steele, *APLU*
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*
Wendy Fink, *APLU*
Gabriela Gillespie, *APLU*
Marianne Klein, *APLU*
Alton Thompson, *Association of Research Directors (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*

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

Craig A. Beyrouly (*Chair*), *University of Maryland, College Park*; **Paul M. Patterson** (*Advocacy Chair*), *Auburn University*; **J. Ernest Minton** (*ESS*), *Kansas 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*; **Erik J. Porfeli**, (*Board on Human Sciences*), *The Ohio State University*; **Bryan K. Slinker** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Washington State University*; **Orlando F. McMeans** (*BAAPBD*), *West Virginia State University*; **Gabrielle Serra** (*CGA*), *Oregon State University*; **Richard M. Klemme**, *APLU*; **Hanan Saab**, *APLU*; **Albert E. Essel**, *Association of Extension Administrators (1890)*; **Andrew T. Maccabe** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*; **Jim Richards**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*; and, **Alice Gómez**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*.

Minutes

The minutes from the November 10, 2018 face-to-face meeting call were approved.

Agenda

Doug Steele added the following to the agenda:

- Update on the “One Ask”

- How we handle calls to action

He also encouraged all of the BAC members to review the 2019 scope of work for Cornerstone Government Affairs.

Federal Government Shutdown

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- the federal government is in the longest shutdown ever experienced
- the effects of the shutdown continue to be felt and the Administration is working to mitigate some of the impacts of the shutdown
- there is not much movement toward resolving the impasse
- smaller institutions may not have the ability to operate without federal funds and this needs to be communicated to Members of Congress
- NIFA is in a mode of not having staff

Farm Bill Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- implementation of the recently-enacted Farm Bill remains to be seen and implementation of provisions of the Farm Bill are on hold pending appropriations
- program that receive mandatory funding may be affected by the shutdown
- there is still a desire in Congress to more closely align SNAP-Ed and EFNEP but this needs to be done thoughtfully, and the next forum to address this issue may occur in the reauthorization of the Child Nutrition Act

Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Appropriations Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- the update on the federal government shutdown would apply here too
- we are awaiting the Fiscal Year 2019 appropriations process to be resolved
- the current appropriations bill does not reflect the final numbers
- it is unclear if the Fiscal Year 2020 budget will be released on time
- it is not clear if and when the State of the Union address will take place
- the most recent version of the one-pager on the “One Ask” is posted on the website
- the BAC will use the President’s budget as a guide and Cornerstone Government Affairs will work with the Executive Directors to update the advocacy

Other Business

- Best practices – Jon Boren indicated that a business plan was being developed by the Cooperative Extension Budget and Legislative Committee that would define and support long-term objectives for advocacy

- Calls to Action – Doug Steele agreed to develop guidelines on how the BAA does calls to action and have it done prior to the Joint CARET/AHS Meeting
- Strategic Realignment – the pertinent items are –
 - the stakeholder briefings are under way
 - there is a portal on YouTube for the video of Ernie Minton

Adjourn

Doug Steele adjourned the BAC meeting at 4:41 p.m. (EST).