AGENDA

BUDGET AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

BOARD ON AGRICULTURE ASSEMBLY

Conference Call

March 21, 2017

CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS

Number:  1-800-264-8432
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AGENDA

I. Call to Order (Grant)
II. Roll Call (Gouge)
III. FY 2017 and 2018 Appropriations Update (Cornerstone)
IV. 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
Karen L. Jones (Non-Land-Grants/NARRU), Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
Raúl E. Macchiavelli (Insular/ Territories), University of Puerto Rico
Robert T. (Tom) Jones (CARET)
Cheryl Achterberg (BoHS), The Ohio State University
James P. Thompson (Veterinary Medicine), University of Tennessee
John P. Hayes (Section on Forestry Resources), Colorado State University
Gregory A. Bohach (CLP), Mississippi State University
Gary A. Thompson (BAAPBD), The Pennsylvania State University
Jay T. Akridge (BAAPBD), Purdue University
Gabrielle Serra (Council on Governmental Affairs), Oregon State University
Eddie G. Gouge, APLU
Richard M. Klemme, Cooperative Extension
H. Michael Harrington, Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors
Alton Thompson, Association of Research Directors (1890)
L. Washington Lyons, Association of Extension Administrators (1890)
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
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; Bobby R. Phills (1890 Research), Southern University and A&M College; Ian L. Maw, APLU; Wendy Fink, APLU; Hanan Saab (APLU); Andrew Maccabe (Veterinary Medicine), Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges; and, Alice J. Gómez, Cornerstone Government Affairs
**Agenda**

A motion to adopt the agenda was approved.

**Minutes**

The minutes, distributed and amended, from the BAC conference call on February 21, 2017 were approved. The amendment consisted of adding that L. Washington Lyons indicated the proportional distribution in Option A would adversely impact the amount of funding that the 1890 institutions would receive because of the low base for the 1890 institutions.

**Appropriations Update**

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported that:

- Spring is the only thing that is nice in DC
- the President’s “skinny” budget has been released but contains no real details and a more comprehensive budget is expected to be released during the last week of April or the first week of May
- the current continuing resolution expires on April 28, 2017
- the staff for the remaining appropriations bills have been told to resolve their difference by the end of next week and forward to the Chairman the issues that remain unresolved; the goal is an omnibus bill in the House the second week of April, action by the House Committee on Rules by April 25, 2017, action on the House floor by April 26, 2017, and sent to the U. S. Senate by April 27 or 28, 2017
- Congress is trying to resolve all the issues with Fiscal Year 2017 that exists under the current Budget Control Act
- Fiscal Year 2018 is falling further and further behind, and accounting for the increased spending in defense and reductions in discretionary funding is causing more issues
- it is hoped that Fiscal Year 2017 will give us a better foundation for Fiscal Year 2018

**Adjourn**

Chairman Grant adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m. (EDT).