



**AGENDA**

**CONFERENCE CALL**

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

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

**March 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 / President’s Budget (Cornerstone Government Affairs)
  - a. Third-party requests for APLU support
  - b. Modifications to the Fiscal Year 2020 BAC Priority Request
- VI. 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. Ernest Minton (*ESS*), Kansas State University  
J. Mark Erbaugh (*IAS*), The Ohio State University  
M. Ray McKinnie (*1890 Extension*), Virginia State University  
Karen L. Jones (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU*), Southern Illinois University at Carbondale  
Robert W. Godfrey (*Insular/Territories*), University of the Virgin Islands  
Jim Handley (*CARET*), Florida  
John P. Hayes (*Forestry Resources*), Colorado State University  
Orlando F. McMeans (*BAAPBD*), West Virginia State University  
Sarah Mathias (*CGA*), University of Florida  
Douglas L. Steele, *APLU*  
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*  
Richard M. Klemme, *APLU*  
Wendy Fink, *APLU*  
Marianne Klein, *APLU*  
Albert E. Essel, *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*  
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*; **Dyremple B. Marsh** (*1890 Research*), *Delaware State University*; **John L. Phillips** (*1994 Institutions*), *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*; **Patrese Atine** (*1994 Institutions*), *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*; **Erik J. Porfeli**, (*Board on Human Sciences*), *The Ohio State University*; **Bryan K. Slinker** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Washington State University*; **Marshall Stewart**, (*BAA Committee on Legislation and Policy*), *University of Missouri*; **Gary A. Thompson** (*BAAPBD*), *The Pennsylvania State University*; **Hanan Saab**, *APLU*; **H. Michael Harrington**, *Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors*; **Alton Thompson**, *Association of Research Directors (1890)*; and, **Hunt Shipman** *Cornerstone Government Affairs*.

One guest participated in the conference call: Moses Kairo, *University of Maryland Eastern Shore*.

## Minutes

The minutes, as distributed, from the conference call on January 19, 2019 were approved.

## Farm Bill Implementation Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- Vernie Hubert is meeting with House staff on the issue of the “hard” match for specialty crops and rangelands and is not optimistic
- there will be another listening session on SNAP today but it will be very short – probably only about 20 minutes and it appears that nutrition education will not be mentioned

## Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- the deadlines submitting Member requests to the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee is April 4, 2019 and to the Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee is April 15, 2019; this would be a good time to do some follow up with the members of Congress who were visited during the Joint CARET/AHS Meeting
- the Budget Control Act and sequestration still pose challenges to the budgeting process
- APLU is receiving a number of third-party request to support letters relating to appropriations –
  - SoAR is requesting \$445 million for AFRI
  - AgForward is requesting \$445 million for AFRI
  - N-CFAR is requesting \$445 million for AFRI
  - AFRI Coalition is requesting \$445 million for AFRI
- the AFRI Coalition and SoAR normally go with the President’s budget request generally only deal with AFRI but seem to be considerate of our capacity programs – it is about building relationships
- if the BAC wants to change the AFRI requests of other groups, the BAC needs to weigh in at the front end of their various processes instead of the back end

**The BAC adopted a motion not sign onto the various letters but to have Doug Steele send each group a letter indicated that the BAC/BAA supports what each group is trying to do and that we pledge to work more closely with them in the years ahead.**

Doug Steele suggested that the BAA might consider using its CARET delegates to submit comments for the upcoming REE listening session that is being hosted by Deputy Under Secretary Scott Hutchins. He recommended that CARET delegates submit comments as private citizens (not as CARET members) and that talking points for the comments would be prepared by APLU staff and

Cornerstone Government Affairs. The deadline for submitting comments is March 29, 2019, so this comment effort might not be achievable in the current timeframe.

### **Other Business**

APLU received a request from the House Agriculture Appropriations Committee's majority staff for information relating trips made to DC by our university people – when our people come to DC to meet with NIFA, do they also meet with other agencies (i.e. NSF, NIH, etc.)? **The BAC agreed for APLU to conduct a survey of the Administrative Heads Section on this issue so that a response could be rendered to the House staff.**

Mark Erbaugh indicated that there were three authorizations of interest to the International Agriculture Section that they would like to see funded. He was asked to provide Cornerstone Government Affairs and the BAC with the language/citations of the three authorizations so that the we could work with him on funding.

Sarah Mathias indicated that the budget message is fluid because of the budget caps in place. She will provide Doug Steele with language to raise the budget caps.

### **Adjourn**

Paul Patterson adjourned the BAC meeting at 4:58 p.m. (EDT).