AGENDA

BUDGET AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

BOARD ON AGRICULTURE ASSEMBLY

Conference Call

May 17, 2016

CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS

Number:   1-800-264-8432
Passcode: 734155#

AGENDA

I.   Call to Order (Grant)
II.  Roll Call (Gouge)
III. Appropriations Update (Cornerstone)
IV.  Farm Bill Update (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
Richard M. Klemme (CES), University of Wisconsin-Madison-Extension
Gary A. Thompson (ESS), The Pennsylvania State University
J. Mark Erbaugh (IAS), The Ohio State University
Moses T. K. Cairo (1890 Research), University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Karen Jones (Non-Land-Grants/NARRU), Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
Raúl E. Macchiavelli (Insular/ Territories), University of Puerto Rico
Robert T. (Tom) Jones (CARET)
James P. Thompson (Veterinary Medicine), University of Tennessee
Gregory A. Bohach (CLP), Mississippi State University
Jay T. Akridge (BAAPBD), Purdue University
Benjamin J. Miller (CGA), University of Wisconsin-Madison
Eddie G. Gouge, APLU
Jane Schuchardt, APLU
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

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

John C. Stier (APS), University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Albert E. Essel (1890 Extension), Lincoln University; Anson Elliott (Non-Land-Grants/ NARRU), Missouri State University; Cheryl Achterberg (BoHS), The Ohio State University; John P. Hayes (Forestry) Colorado State University; Clarence E. Watson (BAAPBD), University of Arkansas; Ian L. Maw, APLU; Jeffrey Kratz, APLU; Wendy Fink, APLU; Carolyn B. Brooks, Association of Research Directors (1890); L. Washington Lyons, Association of Extension Administrators (1890); Carol E. Kellett, (BoHS), Board on Human Sciences; Andrew Maccabe (Veterinary Medicine), Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges; Hunt Shipman, Cornerstone Government Affair; Vernie Hubert, Cornerstone Government Affairs; and, Alice J. Gómez, Cornerstone Government Affairs

Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda was approved.

Minutes

The minutes, as distributed, from the BAC conference call on April 19, 2016 were approved.
**Appropriations Update**

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported that:

- the details on the Senate Agriculture Appropriations bills are not available yet but should be available later this week
- it appears that there will be a similar increase to that in the House bill proposed for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) and that the land-grant university system has been “held harmless” in both House and Senate versions
- there is a possibility that the House Agriculture Appropriations bill could go to the House floor in June or July and the Senate bill could be acted upon before the House version

**Farm Bill Update**

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported that:

- the BAA Committee on Legislation and Policy (CLP) has begun its work and has a working timeline
- SNAP-Ed will be a point of exploration and contention
- the first response to the CLP on the Farm Bill is due July 1, 2016
- the Department of Labor is expected to announce its decision on the final rule relating to the threshold for overtime pay and all are waiting to hear if there is an exemption for higher education
- NIFA wants to work with us on the Farm Bill and may want to explore looking at the formula for the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)

**Adjourn**

Chairman Grant adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m. (EDT).