



AGENDA

CONFERENCE CALL

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

4:00 P.M. (EDT)

MAY 15, 2018

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CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS

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- I. Call to Order (Beyrouty)
- II. Roll Call (Gouge)
- III. Approval of Minutes (Beyrouty)
- IV. Farm Bill Update (Cornerstone)
- V. Appropriations Update (Cornerstone)
- VI. Other Business

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Craig A. Beyrouthy called the meeting to order and asked Eddie Gouge to call the roll. The following participated in the conference call:

Craig A. Beyrouthy (*Chair*), *University of Maryland, College Park*
Jon C. Boren (*CES*), *New Mexico State University*
J. Mark Erbaugh (*IAS*), *The Ohio State University*
M. Ray McKinnie (*1890 Extension*), *Virginia State University*
Robert T. (Tom) Jones, (*CARET*), *Arizona*
John P. Hayes (*Forestry Resources*), *Colorado State University*
Gary A. Thompson (*BAAPBD*), *The Pennsylvania State University*
Gabrielle Serra (*CGA*), *Oregon State University*
Ian L. Maw, *APLU*
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*
Richard M. Klemme, *APLU*
Alton Thompson, *Association of Research Directors (1890)*
Albert E. Essel, *Association of Extension Administrators (1890)*
Marianne Klein, *APLU/Board on Human Sciences*
Kevin Cain (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*
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:

Paul M. Patterson (*Advocacy Chair*), *Auburn University*; **David S. Buchanan** (*APS*), *North Dakota State University*; **J. Ernest Minton** (*ESS*), *Kansas 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*; **Jim Handley** (*CARET*), *Florida*; **Erik J. Porfeli**, (*Board on Human Sciences*), *The Ohio State University*; **Bryan K. Slinker** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Washington State University*; **Gregory A. Bohach** (*CLP*), *Mississippi State University*; **Orlando F. McMeans** (*BAAPBD*), *West Virginia State University*; **Wendy Fink**, *APLU*; **Hanan Saab**, *APLU*; **H. Michael Harrington**, *Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors*; **Andrew T. Maccabe** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*; and, **Hunt Shipman**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs.*

Minutes

The minutes from the April 17, 2018 conference call were approved as distributed.

Fiscal Year 2019 Appropriations Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- the House Subcommittee marked up their version of the appropriations bill last week, and the full House Committee on Appropriations will mark up the bill tomorrow
- most of the appropriations lines in the House bill were flat-line except for the following –

| | FY 2018 Enacted | FY 2019 House |
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| ○ Hatch | \$243.701 million | \$259.000 million |
| ○ McIntire-Stennis | \$33.961 million | \$36.000 million |
| ○ Evans-Allen | 54.185 million | \$55.000 million |
| ○ Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) | \$400.000 million | \$415.00 million |

- the House has placed on emphasis on opioid abuse in rural areas
- the House committee has talked about the multiple lines in the budget and directs NIFA to do a report on why these programs cannot be done in five core program areas
- the Senate markup is scheduled for next week
- funding for SNAP is flat but there is an increase in funding for SNAP-Ed at the land-grant universities
- the House provided increases for five or the six BAA priority lines (1890 Extension was the exception)
- there were increases for organic transition and sustainable agriculture but a reduction for food safety (a Senate priority)
- the land-grant university system had a higher-than-normal increase in the number of Member requests made for Hatch, Evans-Allen, Smith-Lever, and McIntire-Stennis funding

Farm Bill Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- the House Committee on Rules meets today or tomorrow to develop a rule and strategy for consideration of the Farm Bill – they are wading through 100 amendments
- Congressman Michael R. Turner (R-OH) has introduced an amendment that would alter the Evans-Allen formula to increase the share of funding for Central State University while reducing the share of the other 1890 institutions
 - this amendment was billed as a technical amendment (which it clearly is not) and will go forward unless there is push back from our institutions
 - this is a very bad precedent (of messing with the formula) and could lead to a big mess
 - Alton Thompson agreed to contact the Council of 1890 Presidents to see if they can get a letter put together before the vote occurs
- Congressman Dave A. Brat (R-VA) introduced an amendment that would prohibit entities that engage in lobbying from contracting with the check-off programs
- another amendment would repeal the 2002 Energy Title and the Biomass Research and Development Program
- an amendment from Congressman David C. Rouzer (R-NC) would allow change USDA’s inspection schedule of animal facilities from every year to every three years

- APLU would favor this amendment because it would mean less work for our institutions while the veterinary medical community seems to oppose it
- there is a possibility that the amendment will be ruled as being out of order and provide an out for APLU and AAVMC
- the House leadership is focused on securing 2018 votes for passage even though it will be a highly partisan vote

Adjourn

Chairman Beyrouthy adjourned the BAC meeting at 4:35 p.m. (EDT).