

AGENDA
BUDGET AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
BOARD ON AGRICULTURE ASSEMBLY

Conference Call

October 18, 2016

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CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order (Grant)
- II. Roll Call (Gouge)
- III. Approval of the minutes for May 17, 2016 and June 21, 2016
- IV. Consolidation Coordinating Committee (Grant and Bohach)
- V. Appropriations Update (Cornerstone)
- VI. Other Business
 - I. Preparation for BAC face-to-face meeting in Austin (Grant & Cornerstone)

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*
Moses T. K. Kairo (*1890 Research*), *University of Maryland Eastern Shore*
Karen Jones (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU*), *Southern Illinois University at Carbondale*
Robert T. (Tom) Jones (*CARET*)
Cheryl Achterberg (*BoHS*), *The Ohio State University*
James P. Thompson (*Veterinary Medicine*), *University of Tennessee*
John P. Hayes (*Forestry*) *Colorado State University*
Gregory A. Bohach (*CLP*), *Mississippi State University*
Clarence E. Watson (*BAAPBD*), *University of Arkansas*
Jay T. Akridge (*BAAPBD*), *Purdue University*
Ian L. Maw, *APLU*
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*
Jane Schuchardt, *APLU*
Wendy Fink, *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*
Jeremy Witte, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Alice J. Gómez, *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*; **Albert E. Essel** (*1890 Extension*), *Lincoln University*; Karen I. Jones (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU*), *Southern Illinois University at Carbondale*; **Raúl E. Macchiavelli** (*Insular/ Territories*), *University of Puerto Rico*; **L. Washington Lyons**, *Association of Extension Administrators (1890)*; **Carol E. Kellett**, (*BoHS*), *Board on Human Sciences*; and, **Andrew Maccabe** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*.

Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda, as amended, was approved.

Minutes

The minutes, as distributed, from the BAC conference call on May 17, 2016 and the written report from Cornerstone Government Affairs on June 21, 2016 were approved.

Consolidation Committee

Dr. Gregory A. Bohach, Chair of the BAA Committee on Legislation and Policy (CLP) indicated that the CLP had met on October 3-4, 2016 in Washington, DC to begin consideration of the proposals it would put forth in relation to the Farm Bill. During the CLP deliberations, they decided to create a ten-member committee (composed of representation from the COPs (both CLP and BAC members), the Executive Directors, and the BAC and CLP Chairs) to examine the issue of consolidation of budget lines. The following individuals from the CLP were identified to serve on committee:

Gregory A. Bohach, CLP Chair
Alan L. Grant, BAC Chair
Susan N. Sumner, ACOP
William F. Brown, ESCOP
James N. Trapp, ECOP
L. Washington Lyons, Extension Executive Director
H. Michael Harrington, Research Executive Director

A similar representation from the COPs on the BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee was expected to be named to the group.

Some concern was expressed by Jim Thompson who did not want to see Veterinary Medicine left out of the discussion, since their program was one of those being considered for consolidation. Upon receiving assurances from the CLP Chair that there would be a holistic approach to looking at consolidation of the lines and the process/recommendations would be reviewed by the CLP, BAC, and the BAA Policy Board of Directors, the concerns were withdrawn.

The BAC adopted a motion to aforementioned committee (with the addition of the representation of the BAC added) proceed with looking at the potential of consolidating budget lines.

Appropriations Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported that:

- Congress is in recess
- House and Senate staffs are beginning to prepare for a “lameduck” session of Congress on November 14, 2016
- the current continuing resolution expires on December 9, 2016
- the House and Senate staffs are working now to resolve the issues that can be resolved prior to the election with the hope that after the election is completed that

the Congress can gear up for an omnibus (or several minibuses) appropriations bill by December 16, 2016

BAC Meeting in Austin, TX

Chairman Grant reminded the BAC that there would be a BAC meeting on **Saturday, November 12, 2016** at the JW Marriott Austin in Austin, TX prior to the 129th APLU Meeting. The BAC meeting will begin at **11:30 a.m. and go until 4:00 p.m.** He indicated that a draft agenda will be distributed to the BAC prior to the meeting, and some of the items that would be included on the agenda are:

- NIFA report
- Cornerstone Government Affairs report
 - Election Update
 - Update on Fiscal Year 2017
 - Prospects for Fiscal Year 2018

Eddie Gouge reminded the group that lunch would be served to the BAC at the start of the meeting.

Adjourn

Chairman Grant adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m. (EDT).