AGENDA
BUDGET AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
BOARD ON AGRICULTURE ASSEMBLY
Conference Call
October 18, 2016

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. Cairo (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 Affair
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 l. 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).