



AGENDA

CONFERENCE CALL

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

4:00 P.M. (EDT)

October 15, 2019

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CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS

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- I. Call to Order (Beyrouy)
- II. Roll Call (Gouge)
- III. Approval of Minutes (Beyrouy)
- IV. FY 2020 Appropriations Update (Cornerstone Government Affairs)
- V. FY 2020 Conference Follow up – Appropriations and Matching (Cornerstone Government Affairs)
- VI. Matching Update/Discussion (Cornerstone Government Affairs)
- VII. Annual Meeting (Cornerstone/Beyrouy/Steele)
- VIII. Other Business
 - A. FY 2021 NIFA Budget (Cornerstone Government Affairs)
 - B. Budget What-ifs (Beyrouy/Cornerstone Government Affairs)

Call to Order and Roll Call

BAC Advocacy Chairman Paul M. Patterson 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*
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*
John L. Phillips (*1994 Institutions*), *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*
Robert W. Godfrey (*Insular/Territories*), *University of the Virgin Islands*
Jim Handley (*CARET*), *Florida*
Erik J. Porfeli, (*Board on Human Sciences*), *The Ohio State University*
Marshall Stewart, (*BAA Committee on Legislation and Policy*), *University of Missouri*
Orlando F. McMeans (*BAAPBD*), *Southern University and A&M College*
Sarah Mathias (*CGA*), *University of Florida*
Douglas L. Steele, *APLU*
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*
Wendy Fink, *APLU*
Alton Thompson, *Association of Research Directors (1890)*
Christina Hamilton, *North Central Regional Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors*
Jim Richards, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Vernie Hubert, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Will Todd, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Maggie Earle, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

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

M. Ray McKinnie (*1890 Extension*), *Virginia State University*; **Dyremple B. Marsh** (*1890 Research*), *Delaware State University*; **Patrese Atine** (*1994 Institutions*), *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*; **Karen L. Jones** (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU*), *Southern Illinois University at Carbondale*; **Bryan K. Slinker** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Washington State University*; **John P. Hayes** (*Forestry Resources*), *Colorado State University*; **Gary A. Thompson** (*BAAPBD*), *The Pennsylvania State University*; **Richard M. Klemme**, *APLU*; **Albert E. Essel**, *Association of Extension Administrators (1890)*; **Jeffrey S. Jacobsen**, *North Central Regional Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors*; **Andrew T. Maccabe** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*; **Kevin Cain** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*; **Hunt Shipman** *Cornerstone Government Affairs*; and **Alice Gómez**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

The following participated in the BAC conference call as a guest: **Chuck Ross**, *Director of Extension, University of Vermont*.

Agenda

The agenda, as distributed, was approved.

Minutes

The minutes, as distributed, for September 17, 2019 were approved.

Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- the good news is that the House of Representatives passed strong numbers of agriculture; numbers not as strong in the Senate due to a lower budget allocation but all is still pending
- the Senate has marked up their bill but they are waiting to receive the conference allocations for Fiscal Year 2020; there is no path forward yet
- the current continuing resolution goes until November 21, 2019 and there probably will be another continuing resolution that will take the Congress to Christmas; it is hoped that the Fiscal Year 2020 appropriations bills will be resolved this Fall instead of next Spring, but there are bigger issues abounding

Doug Steele reminded the BAC that they voted to go to the \$460-million level on the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI), and he asked for the following:

- there is concern about the ability of NIFA to distribute their funding with the move in progress; Doug requested that if anyone had personal experience/concern about the funding issue to contact him so that he could share it with NIFA Director Angle as soon possible
- Doug shared with the BAC information about the newly-created position at APLU that would combine a government relations-type position for the Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA), International Agriculture Section (IAS), and the Council on Governmental Affairs (CGA) and indicated that APLU hoped to have the position filled by November 2019 and have the successful candidate at the BAC meeting

Fiscal Year 2020 Matching Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs distributed a “call to action” and complimented Jim Handley (CARET representative from Florida) for his response on this issue

APLU Annual Meeting

Items to be placed on the BAC agenda for the APLU Annual Meeting were discussed and included:

- start the BAC meeting off with how the appropriations process works
- include NIFA early in the agenda
- include the framing of the priorities at the beginning of the meeting
- the advocacy agenda for 2021
- the priority areas in the BAA’s 41 budget lines
- the strategic realignment recommendations have been shared with NIFA Director Angle and expect time at the Annual Meeting to discuss with him how the BAA and NIFA priorities align; NIFA’s efforts seem to be more of consolidation/elimination
- there has been no feedback on NIFA’s report to Congress on duplication and that report probably will never be made public

- there are a lot of authorizations in the Farm Bill where no appropriations have been made
- setting a top line for AFRI
- establishing a process for reduction of funding and want the BAC to think about what that might look like
- include a brief session on the National Institute for Antimicrobial Resistance Research and Education (NIAMRRE) – see how much time we have available on the BAC agenda before confirming their presentation; Eddie Gouge and Cornerstone Government Affairs will work on this

Eddie Gouge reminded the BAC members that the BAC meeting would take place on Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 11:30 a.m. – until 4:00 p.m. and lunch would be served to the group.

Other Business

There was a mention about the need to include in the BAC Meeting in November a discussion of how the system would respond to a destructive proposal for realignment posed as an innovation.

Adjourn

BAC Chairman Beyrouy adjourned the BAC meeting at 4:37 p.m. (EDT).