



**AGENDA**

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

**4:00 – 5:30 p.m. (EDT)  
OCTOBER 20, 2020**

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**CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS**

**Topic: BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee Meeting  
Time: Oct 15, 2020 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
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- I. Roll Call (Gouge)
- II. Approval of Minutes (Beyrouty)
- III. COVID-19 and FY 2021 Appropriations Update (Cornerstone)
- IV. FY 2022 Priorities Discussion (Beyrouty)
- V. Strategic Realignment Update (Minton)
- VI. CGA Update (Mathias)
- VII. Infrastructure Update (Gala)
- VIII. Other Business

## Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Craig A. Beyrouy (*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*  
Deanna Behring (*IAS*), *The Pennsylvania State University*  
John L. Phillips (*1994 Institutions*), *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*  
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Karen L. Jones (*Non-Land-Grants/NARRU*), *Southern Illinois University at Carbondale*  
Usman Adamu (*Insular/Territories*), *University of the Virgin Islands*  
Jim Handley (*CARET – Fiscal Years 2020-2021*), *Florida*  
Brian Hardin (*CARET – Fiscal Years 2022-2023*), *Alabama*  
Linda M. Nagel (*Forestry Resources*), *Colorado State University*  
Orlando F. McMeans (*BAAPBD*), *Southern University and A&M College*  
Marshall Stewart, (*BAA Committee on Legislation and Policy*)  
Sarah Mathias (*CGA*), *University of Florida*  
Douglas L. Steele, *APLU*  
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*  
Caroline C. Henney, *APLU*  
Wendy Fink, *APLU*  
Caron Gala, *APLU*  
Alton Thompson, *Association of Research Directors (1890)*  
Jeffrey S. Jacobsen, *North Central Regional 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*  
Maggie Earle, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*  
Will Todd, *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*; **Erik J. Porfeli**, (*Board on Human Sciences*), *The Ohio State University*; **Carolyn J. Henry** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *University of Missouri-Columbia*; **Florencia Drumwright** (*APLU*); and, **Vernie Hubert**, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*.

The following guests participated in the conference: **Thomas G. Coon**, *Oklahoma State University*; **Wendy Powers-Schilling**, *University of California Systemwide*; **Jason Henderson**, *Purdue University*; and, **Steven A. Lommel**, *North Carolina State University*.

## **Agenda**

The agenda, as amended, was approved. The BAC modified the agenda to move the Strategic Realignment segment ahead of the Fiscal Year 2022 priorities since Ernie Minton had to leave the teleconference early.

## **Minutes**

The BAC minutes from September 15, 2020, as distributed, were approved.

## **COVID-19 and Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations' Update**

Cornerstone Government Affairs provided the following update:

- the House of Representatives is not in session
- House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell are still negotiating a fourth COVID-19 stimulus bill
- the U. S. Senate is scheduled to vote on the confirmation of Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett on Sunday or Monday and the Senate will adjourn until after the November elections
- the Senate has completed its work on the appropriations bills but will not release their numbers until after the November elections
- it is hoped that there will be an omnibus bill after the current continuing resolution expires

## **Strategic Realignment Update**

Ernie Minton provided the following update to the BAC:

- the last meeting of the Strategic Realignment group occurred on October 14, 2020
- the membership of the group needs to be reviewed to include representation from the 1994 institutions and the Board on Natural Resources

Cornerstone Government Affairs agreed to provide some examples of what is included in the current bill and report language as well as what is in the NIFA proposal.

Dr. Minton's [slide presentation](#) is included with the minutes.

## **Proposals for Fiscal Year 2022 Priorities**

Cornerstone Government Affairs and Doug Steele reported –

- the “unified ask” included seven lines and, in the past, the BAC has waited on the release of the President’s budget numbers
- it is hoped that get an omnibus bill in December so that we will have some indication as to what the Fiscal Year 2021 numbers will be

- there will be new members of Congress after the first of the year, so members of the land-grant university system need to start interacting with these new members prior to the time when we go to Congress with our final ask

The BAC was asked to ponder the following items in preparation for the meeting on November 17, 2020:

- the BAC needs to decide if the BAA will continue with the “unified ask”
- the BAC needs to decide if the group wants to add the 1994 institutions to the “unified ask”
- the BAC also needs to decide if it wants to continue with the footnotes to the budget proposal and, if so, what form the footnotes will take
- the BAC needs to decide how it wants to handle additional priorities or temporary requests

Some suggestions that followed:

- include the 1994 institutions in the “unified ask”
- drop the footnotes to the BAC’s priorities
- include priorities resulting from COVID-19
- the BAC may want to come up with preliminary budget numbers prior to the release of the President’s budget and then adjust those numbers, as needed, once the President’s budget is released

The BAC Zoom conference in November will deal with process and the BAC will assign numbers to priority lines in February 2021.

### **Other Business**

Caron Gala indicated that she would be working with Cornerstone Government Affairs on ascertaining the goals of the next President and incorporate those goals into a BAA needs document. She also stated that members of the APLU Council on Governmental Affairs would be meeting with the Office of Management and Budget budget examiner. According to Gala, the Gordian (formerly Sightlines) infrastructure report would be publicly released during the first four months of 2021.

Depending upon the election results of November 3, 2020, a COVID-4 proposal and omnibus bill may arise and the land-grant system needs to be ready to push for the deferred maintenance funding.

The next BAC Zoom teleconference will be held on at **4:00 -5:30 p.m. (EST) on Tuesday, November 17, 2020.**

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Beyrouthy adjourned the BAC meeting at 5:22 p.m. (EDT).