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**February 26-March 4, 2021**

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**2021 JOINT CARET/AHS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 26 – MARCH 4, 2021**

**FRIDAY, February 26, 2021**

**2:00 – 5:00 p.m.**      **CARET Executive Committee Business Meeting**  
*Presiding: J. Noland Ramsey, Chairman, North Carolina*

**5:00 – 6:00 p.m.**      **AHS Executive Committee Meeting**  
*Presiding: Kenneth L. White, Chair, Utah State University*

**SUNDAY, February 28, 2021**

**3:00 – 5:15 p.m.**      **Mentors, New CARET Delegates, and the CARET Executive  
Committee (short introductions of new delegates by mentors)**  
*Presiding: J. Noland Ramsey, Chairman, North Carolina*

**Learning more about your role as new CARET Delegates,  
Deans, Directors, Administrators**

*(open to all attendees)*

*Presiding: Louise Beaman, Immediate Past  
Chairwoman, Indiana*

Welcome and introduction of new CARET (by mentors), AHS,  
Directors, and Administrators

*The APLU Focus –*

- Perspective and Roles –
  - APLU Connection and BAA Organization –  
Douglas L. Steele, *APLU*
  - AHS Liaison – Michael J. Boehm, *University of  
Nebraska-Lincoln*
  - Council on Governmental Affairs – Susan K.  
Peterson, *Chief Government Relations Officer and  
Assistant to the President, Kansas State University*

*The CARET Focus –*

- CARET orientation video (***CARET DELEGATES – More Than a Position; A Way of Making a Difference***)  
(done virtually prior to the meeting)
- CARET Liaison Introductions and brief description of what they do
- CARET Perspective: Louise Beaman, *Indiana*
- CARET Administration – Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU/CARET*
  - CARET ***Handbook*** Orientation and other resources for CARET and AHS members
  - U. S. Congress Online Training Session – Matthew Barnes, *Director, Government Relations Division, Columbia Books and Information Services*

**5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

**TAILGATE WELCOMING RECEPTION**

(four breakout rooms by region)

Attendees should wear something of their institution’s colors or logos)

**MONDAY, March 1, 2021**

**1:00 – 1:05 p.m.**

**National Anthem**

*Soloist: Douglas E. Lewis, Michigan*

**1:05 – 1:10 p.m.**

**Welcome, Introduction of 2021 CARET Officers, Executive Committee, & Overview of Program**

*Presiding: J. Robert Frazee, Vice Chairman, Maryland*

*Welcome: J. Noland Ramsey, Chairman, North Carolina*

*Joint CARET and AHS Sessions*

**1:15 – 1:25 p.m.**

**Overview of Exemplary Teaching Efforts During the Pandemic**

*Presenter: Tracy O. Dougher, Associate Dean for Academic Programs, College of Agriculture, Montana State University*

- 1:25 – 1:35 p.m.**      **Overview of Exemplary Extension Efforts During the Pandemic**  
*Presenter: Chris B. Watkins, Extension Director, Cornell University*
- 1:35 – 1:45 p.m.**      **Overview of Exemplary Research Efforts During the Pandemic**  
*Presenter: Moses T. K. Kairo, Dean, School of Agricultural and Natural Sciences and 1890 Research Director, University of Maryland Eastern Shore*
- 1:45 – 1:55 p.m.**      **Overview of Exemplary International Programs Efforts During the Pandemic**  
*Presenter: David Gray, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dalhousie University (Truro, Nova Scotia)*
- 1:55 – 2:00 p.m.**      **BREAK**  
*Enter Regional Breakout Rooms for Continued Discussions and selection of a reporter*
- 2:00 – 2:10 p.m.**      **Regional Discussion – CARET Delegate and AHS on Academic Programs**
- 2:10 – 2:20 p.m.**      **Regional Discussion – CARET Delegate and AHS on Extension Programs**
- 2:20 – 2:30 p.m.**      **Regional Discussion – CARET Delegate and AHS on Research Programs**
- 2:30 – 2:40 p.m.**      **Regional Discussion – CARET Delegate and AHS on International Programs**
- 2:40 – 2:50 p.m.**      **BREAK and Regional Breakout Sessions Rejoin Joint Session**
- 2:50 – 3:00 p.m.**      **Regional Reports from Institutions on Teaching Exemplars**
- 3:00 – 3:10 p.m.**      **Regional Reports from Institutions on Extension Exemplars**
- 3:10 – 3:20 p.m.**      **Regional Reports from Institutions on Research Exemplars**
- 3:20 – 3:30 p.m.**      **Regional Reports from Institutions on International Programs Exemplars**
- 3:30 – 3:35 p.m.**      **BREAK**

**3:35 – 4:15 p.m.**      **U. S. Department of Agriculture and REE/NIFA Priorities**  
*Chairman: J. Noland Ramsey, Chairman, North Carolina*  
*Presenters: Carrie L. Castille, Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U. S. Department of Agriculture*

**4:15 – 5:15 p.m.**      ***Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Recommendations from the BAA and Best Practices for Virtual Advocacy on the Hill***  
*Presiding: Brian Hardin, Alabama, and CARET Liaison to the BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023*  
*Presenters: Hunt Shipman and Jim Richards, Principals and Directors, Cornerstone Government Affairs*  
*Paul M. Patterson, Chair, Board on Agriculture Assembly Budget and Advocacy Committee, and Dean, College of Agriculture and Director, Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station, Auburn University*  
*Matt Paul, Principal, Cornerstone Government Affairs*

**5:15 – 5:30 p.m.**      **BREAK**

**5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**      **REGIONAL MEETINGS** (four breakout rooms by region)  
***Northeast***  
*Chairwoman: Bernadette M. Reichle, New York*  
***North Central***  
*Chairman: Ben E. Steffen, Nebraska*  
***Southern***  
*Chairman: Oscar D. Taylor, Texas*  
***Western***  
*Chairman: William E. Frost, California*

**TUESDAY, March 2, 2021**

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**      **Specific Tactics with Key Members of Congress Particularly for (but not exclusively for) those from states with Members of Congress serving on Agriculture Appropriations Committees**  
*Presiding: Brian Hardin, Alabama, and CARET Liaison to the BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023*  
*Presenters: Hunt Shipman and Jim Richards, Principals and Directors, Cornerstone Government Affairs*  
*Paul M. Patterson Chair Board on Agriculture Assembly Budget and Advocacy Committee, and*

*Dean, College of Agriculture and Director, Alabama  
Agricultural Experiment Station, Auburn University*

- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.      BREAK**
- AHS and CARET go to separate breakout rooms*
- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.      AHS Business Meeting (breakout room)**  
*Chair: Kenneth L. White, Utah State University*
- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.      CARET Business Meeting (breakout room)**  
*Chairman: J. Noland Ramsey, North Carolina*
- AHS and CARET rejoin Joint Session*
- 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.      CARET and AHS with the Joint CARET/AHS Meeting**  
*J. Noland Ramsey, North Carolina, CARET Chairman  
Kenneth L. White, Utah State University, AHS Chairman*
- 2:30 – 2:45 p.m.      BREAK**
- 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.      Panel Addressing Mental Health/Extension Task Force on Health**  
*Moderator: Bernadette M. Reichle, New York  
Presenters: Roger A. Rennekamp, Extension Health Director,  
Cooperative Extension  
GRIEF  
Tashel C. Bordere, Assistant Professor, Human  
Development and Family Science, MU Extension,  
University of Missouri-Columbia  
MINDFULNESS  
Thao Le, Associate Professor, Human Development  
and Family Studies, College of Tropical Agriculture  
and Human Resources, University of Hawai'i*
- 3:45 – 4:30 p.m.      National Teaching Award Winner Presentation**  
*Presiding: J. Noland Ramsey, Chairman, North Carolina  
Moderator: CARET Liaison to the Academic Programs Section  
National Winners of the 2020 Food and Agricultural Sciences  
Excellence in College and University Teaching Awards  
Presenters: Liz Flaherty, Associate Professor of Wildlife Ecology  
and Habitat Management, Department of Forestry  
and Natural Resources, College of Agriculture,  
Purdue University*

Gretchen Mafi, *Ralph and Leila Bouleware Endowed  
Chair Professor, Department of Animal and Food  
Sciences, Ferguson College of Agriculture, Oklahoma  
State University*

**4:30 – 5:00 p.m.      BREAK**

**5:00 – 6:00 p.m.      Meritorious Service to CARET Award Presentations**  
*Chairman: J. Noland Ramsey, North Carolina*

*Presentation of the CARET Awards –*

- Susan M. Crowell, *Ohio*
- The Honorable Pat Roberts, *Kansas*

**WEDNESDAY, March 3, 2021, and THURSDAY, March 4, 2021**

**ALL DAY                  VIRTUAL HILL VISITS**

## **2021 JOINT CARET/AHS PLANNING COMMITTEE**

J. Robert Frazee, Maryland, *Chairman*  
Bernadette M. Reichle, New York (*Northeast Region*)  
Ben E. Steffen, Nebraska (*North Central Region*)  
Rodd Moesel, Oklahoma (*Southern Region*)  
Nicholas B. Comerford, University of Hawai'i (*Western Region*)  
Brian Hardin, Alabama (*CARET Budget and Advocacy Liaison*)  
Paul M. Patterson, Auburn University (*AHS Representative*)  
Thomas G. Coon, Oklahoma State University (*BAAPBD Representative*)  
Hunt Shipman (*Cornerstone Government Affairs*)  
Jim Richards (*Cornerstone Government Affairs*)  
Maggie Earle, (*Cornerstone Government Affairs*)  
Florescia Drumwright (*APLU/CARET*)  
Eddie G. Gouge (*APLU/CARET*)