



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

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We're trying a new means to keep you connected with NERA. Our goal is to provide you with calls to action and to keep you astride of issues that have arisen in the region and the nation in the past two weeks. Additionally, you won't see long passages of text. Text-rich materials will be archived on the NERA website ([nerasaes.org](http://nerasaes.org)). If you have trouble viewing this email in your browser, we've attached a PDF of the message. Last, if you encounter difficulties, we'd like to hear from you.

### Action Items

#### ***Save the Dates!***

- **NERA Spring Meeting**  
Admiral Fell Inn, Baltimore, MD, March 13-15, 2017
- **NEED/NERA Joint Summer Meeting**  
Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV: June 12-15, 2017
- **ESS Annual Meeting**  
Hyatt at the Bellevue, Philadelphia, PA, September 25-28, 2017

#### ***Review and Respond***

- Mike Harrington reports that NIFA NPLs have rejected Hatch proposals that report FTE calculations on an annual basis versus the project duration. If you've had that happen to one of your station's proposals, please apprise.

### Issues Resolved

- David Leibovitz is on board. He's reached out to all the Directors and is looking forward to meeting you. And we've resolved the mail address for NERA. The correct address for NERA is **Aquaculture Center, 14 East Farm Road, Kingston, RI 02881**.

### Informational Items

- The APLU Deferred Maintenance Task Force issued their final report. The report is archived on the NERA website (<https://nerasaes.org/reports-white-papers/>).
- No Plan of Work is due this year. Alternatively, the 2016 Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results and Multi-State and Integrated Activity Supplemental Forms (NIFA-REPT, NIFA-PLAN, Brief Summaries) are due on April 3, 2017.
- NIFA approved NE1640: *Plant-Parasitic Nematode Management as a Component of Sustainable Soil Health Programs in Horticultural and Field Crop Production Systems*, effective 10/1/2016. Mark Rieger is the AA.
- Mark Rieger is the Chair of NERA, Cameron Faustman is the Past-chair, Jan Nyrop is the Vice-chair and Jody Jellison is the Officer-at-large.

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