



The fall is quickly approaching and we hope that you all had an opportunity to unwind and recreate this summer. We have several important action items for you.

Action items:

- The late summer NERA ZOOM teleconference is scheduled for August 30, 2018 at 11:00 AM. You can join the conference via the web: <https://zoom.us/j/5717743008> or by phone at (646) 558-8656 (access code 571 774 3008.) [The agenda is posted on the NERA website](#). The featured item on the agenda is decision-making on recommendations by the Multistate Activities Committee. Hence, it's **critical that we have a quorum** on the call. Please note that assistant and associate directors can represent a station.
- Jason Hubbart (WVU) is **seeking your assistance**. He asked "how do NERA institutions define 'off-campus' rates for F&A?" For instance, the WVU policy reads as "*The off-campus F&A rate (currently 26%) should be used for projects when the work will be performed in facilities or at sites not owned by WVU and when the project includes sponsor approved rent or usage fees that are directly allocated and charged as a cost of the sponsored project. If a project is located in leased space and the lease is a direct charge to the project, then the project is considered off-campus. Projects requiring off-site field research, data collection, experimentation, survey administration or testing conducted in space or at sites not owned by WVU that do not include project paid rent or usage fees should use the appropriate on-campus F&A rate.*" Please forward to me (rcr3@uri.edu) your institutional, off-campus rate F&A policy. We'll collate the policies, share with Jason, and post the doc to the NERA website.
- USDA-NIFA is seeking stakeholder input on the emerging needs and opportunities in food and agricultural sciences through the "*NIFA Listens: Investing in Science to Transform Lives*" initiative. [Click here to view a bulletin from NIFA with targeted questions and details on the listening sessions.](#)

Reminders/Updates:

- The **2018 Annual Northeast Management Officers (NEMO) meeting** will be hosted by the University of Massachusetts and will take place in Northampton, Massachusetts beginning Sunday evening, 10/21 and concluding midday on Tuesday, 10/23. Details and Registration for the meeting are at <https://ag.umass.edu/northeast-management-officers-nemo>.
- **Last call:** registration for the 2018 Fall ESS/AES/ARD meeting in Lincoln, NE (October 1-3) is now open. You can register on-line at <https://www.regonline.com/2018EES>. (A preliminary agenda is also

available on the registration site.) For hotel information and registration go to:

http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/L/LNKESES-EXP-20181001/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG.

Informational items:

- The Northeast Regional Aquaculture Center (NRAC) is seeking **pre-proposals**. The RFP can be accessed at <http://agresearch.umd.edu/nrac>.
- Sarah Lupis and Sara Delheimer are planning their **impact writing workshops** for AY 2018/2019. These workshops are 2.5 hours and they have funds to work with multistate project groups. If you are an AA that has a group that would benefit from the workshop, please contact Rick and he'll forward the Northeast nominations to Sarah. [Click here to view a description of what the workshops do](#).
- The USDA-ARS Animal Disease Research Unit in Pullman, Washington seeks applicants for a permanent, full-time, Supervisory Research Veterinary Medical Officer position. Applications will be accepted until September 5, 2018. [Click here for more information and to apply \(USAJobs\)](#).
- University of Maryland Extension seeks applicants for a 4-H Youth Development Agent Associate in Dorchester County, Maryland. For best consideration, apply by September 15, 2018. [Click here for more information and to apply](#).



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