



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

In the revision of the NERA website, we have created an online archive of items that are referred to in *NERA News*. In doing so, we've reduced our use of the "NERAdirs listserv" (see [Issues Resolved](#).) We invite you to continue to use the NERA listserv to engage in conversations, to identify issues of concern/interest and keep one another apprised on what's happening on our campuses. We're also interested to hear your reflections and recommendations on the NERA website (<http://nerasaes.org>) and *NERA News*.

Action items:

- NIFA is hosting a **webinar on capacity grant prior approval for equipment** on December 6, 2016 at 2:30. The link is below in [Informational Items](#). Dave and I will be listening in.
- The call for nominations for the **2017 Experiment Station Section Award for Excellence in Multistate Research** has been issued by Brett Hess. Brett's announcement and the guidelines for a nomination are posted at: <http://www.nerasaes.org/nera-workroom>. Each region selects a winner and the regional winners are then considered for a national award. The **deadline** for submitting a nomination to the NERA office is **February 28, 2017**.
- We are still **seeking station-specific photos** to showcase on the NERA website. Please gather some photos from your institution and forward them to David Leibovitz, NERA Coordinator (david_leibovitz@uri.edu).

Issues resolved:

- During the period from 7/1/2017 to 10/31/2017, we forwarded 52 messages through the NERA listserv. That's an email every other day. With the institution of the newsletter, we've reduced that to an average of one email every week (3 emails other than the newsletters were sent to the listserv between 11/1/2016 and 11/30/2016.) Importantly, we're sharing the same amount of information while reducing your email burden.

Informational items:

- Our colleagues, **Greg Weidemann** and **Cameron Faustman** will be changing positions. Greg is retiring as Dean, and Cameron will be serving as the Interim Dean of the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources at UCONN. Join us in congratulation both in their new endeavors. We thank Cameron for his leadership of NERA during the past year. The UCONN announcement is posted at: <http://naturally.uconn.edu/2016/12/05/image-of-the-week-124/>.
- The Office of Grants and Financial Management at NIFA is hosting a **webinar on December 6, 2016 from 2:30 – 4:00 pm EST** to review the process for submitting requests for **capacity grant prior approval for equipment**. On the webinar, NIFA will review the policy regarding what items require prior approval, how to submit requests, templates developed by NIFA to assist grantees, and sample submissions. There will be time for Q&A as well. Here's the link to join the webinar: <http://nifa-connect.nifa.usda.gov/capacityequipment/> or you can call-in at (888) 844-9904 and use the access code is 1688433#.
- NIFA has issued the **FY2017 Capacity Grants Continuing Resolution letter**. In short, first quarter FY17 allocation allowance will equal 18% of first quarter FY16. To view the letter, visit our NIFA Updates page: <http://www.nerasaes.org/nifa-updates>
- The ARS is **seeking a Research Leader for the Crop Protection and Management Research Unit (CPMRU)** in Tifton, GA. The position is now open on USAJobs and can be found at the following links:
 - MERIT - <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/456736100/>
 - DEMO - <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/456738100/>

- The University of Maryland is **seeking applicants for four positions**: two FSNE Nutrition Educators, a Lecturer in turfgrass, and an Assistant Director for Diversity and Training Programs. To view the job announcements, visit <http://www.nerasaes.org/employment-opportunities>.
- The University of Maine's School of Food and Agriculture is **seeking applicants for two positions**: a tenure track Assistant Professor of Human Nutrition, and a Lecturer/Dietetic Internship Program Director. To view the job announcements, visit <http://www.nerasaes.org/employment-opportunities>.

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