



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

During the past two weeks we've pushed to you a number of emails related to the NERA business meeting and the ESS/ARD & SAES Annual Meeting. This newsletter will be mercifully brief.

“The value of a college education is not the learning of many facts but the training of the mind to think.” Albert Einstein, during a visit to Boston after being asked about the speed of sound, May 18, 1921, *New York Times*.

### Action items:

- The [notes](#) for the September 22, 2020 NERA business meeting are posted. Check them out!
- Presentations that were made during the Annual ESS/ARD & SAES meeting are [posted on the ESCOP website](#). These include: Inclusive Excellence - Systematic Approaches to System Change; Rodolphe Barrangou's, The CRISPR Craze: Managing Disruptive Genome Editing Technologies; and Parag Chitnis' update from NIFA.
- The voting results from the ESS Business Meeting included: passage of the NRSP Review Committee recommendations (approve renewal of NRSP4 and NRSP9, reject renewal of NRSP6, and approve the rewrite of the NRSP Guidelines.) The ESS budget, as presented, was approved. ESS budget-related items that remain unresolved include: the 2021 ESS assessment and approval/rejection of the CMC's request for ESS support. We'll stay on top of those and will apprise when action is needed from you.

### Reminders/Updates:

- We are again seeking pictures of NERA institutions for the NERA website. Please forward those to [David](#).

### Informational items:

- The University of Vermont is seeking a Director of Extension and Associate Dean. View the [full position announcement](#). Applications are due by 11/1/2020.
- The University of Wyoming is seeking an [Associate Dean – Wyoming Agricultural Experiment Station](#).



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