



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

The holidays were quiet here at the NERA office. We fully expect our activities to gear up in the upcoming weeks. Importantly, we'll be contacting you about campus visits. 2017 is sure to be interesting; we look forward to a productive year!

Action items:

- The full text NRSP1 and the peer reviews are posted on the NERA website (<http://www.nerasaes.org/nera-workroom>). This package of documents has been approved by the NRSP RC Chair Clarence Watson and ED Eric Young for distribution to and discussion by NERA during the spring meeting.

Reminders:

- A full association teleconference is scheduled for January 5, 2017 at 11:00 AM. The dial in number is **(515) 604-9000** and the access code is **920096**.
- The BAA is seeking the input from all the regional sections (both Station and Cooperative Extension) on the concept of the "Single Number Request for BAA Priorities". In short, this is a request for a \$200M increase (totaling \$1,227,467,000) to support the six priority areas which include Smith-Lever, Hatch, Evans-Allen, 1890's Extension, McIntire-Stennis, AFRI. Please review the one-pager (created by Cornerstone, *Option A One-pager*) the table that shows Option A (\$200M increase request, *Option A B Spreadsheet*), the proposed timeline and the FAQ's (*FAQ and Timeline*, see all these docs at <http://www.nerasaes.org/single-number-request-for-baa-prior>). We will discuss this during our quarterly conference call on January 5th.
- 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).

Informational items:

- The University of Maine Cooperative Extension invites applications for a full-time, fiscal-year, continuing contract eligible faculty appointment as Assistant Extension Professor - Extension Plant Pathologist. For a full job description and to apply see: <https://umaine.hiretouch.com/job-details?jobID=38375&job=assistant-extension-professor-extension-plant-pathologist>. The position is also posted on the NERA site at <http://www.nerasaes.org/employment-opportunities>.

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