



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

We have an action item and several reminders that we'd ask you to consider.

Action items:

- Last call for nominations for the 2017 Experiment Station Section Award for Excellence in Multistate Research. The nominations form is on the [NERA website > Workroom > Action Items](#).

Reminders:

- We did not receive any nominations for the 2017 ESS Excellence in Leadership. The Northeast's last three winners were: 2016-Dan Rossi; 2015-Mike Hoffman; and 2014-Bruce McPheron. Any final thoughts?
- The Summer meeting agenda is shaping up and should be an engaging gathering. Registration is open; I'd encourage you to register (see <http://deananddirector.ext.wvu.edu/2017-need-nera/agenda>).
- ESCOP's Diversity Catalyst Committee is seeking a NERA replacement for Tim Phipps. We're seeking a volunteer, please apprise.

Informational items:

- Dan Robison shares the following announcement:

WVU just celebrated our annual Davis-Michael Distinguished Lecture, given this year by Larry Nielsen of North Carolina State. Many of you know Larry as a long-time leader in natural resources and university administration (from department head to provost, from UIL to Mizzou, Cornell, VaTech, PSU and NCSU). Larry gave a terrific lecture, and I want to recommend him to you as a possible speaker for your special events. Larry has just published a new book, *Nature's Allies* (<https://islandpress.org/book/natures-allies>), that chronicles the lives and accomplishments of eight great conservationists—including well-known folks like John Muir, Aldo Leopold and Rachel Carson, but also lesser-known heroes, like Native American Billy Frank Jr., Brazilian rainforest advocate Chico Mendes, Kenyan tree-planter Wangari Maathai, and Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland. Larry's book, and his seminar, are both notable for featuring a diverse set of people. His seminar was engaging, entertaining, delivered with intensity and humor, and most of all, inspiring, for our students and faculty alike. The book is a great read, would be excellent as a "campus/summer read" for any student regardless of discipline, and could be a terrific complement to many classes. Check it out. If you want a great speaker, get in touch with Larry at larry_nielsen@ncsu.edu.

- All the NERA Spring meeting materials are available on our website including the PowerPoint presentations. Check <http://www.nerasaes.org/2017-spring-meeting-docs>.
- Peter McPherson (APLU President) sent out a letter to the Council of Presidents on April 7th promoting science and research around the March for Science on April 22nd (<https://www.marchforscience.com/>). Peter reminded the university presidents that the timing of the marches, combined with the president's recently proposed budget cuts to key science agencies, presents an important opportunity for universities to engage in a series of activities aimed at highlighting the continued, invaluable benefits that science has on our nation and communities. Here's what's available on the APLU site on April 22nd activities: <http://www.aplu.org/members/councils/governmental-affairs/march-for-science.html>.
- Tennessee State University is seeking applications for the position of Head of the Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. Check http://media.wix.com/ugd/895599_617fcc6f1ed94a42ba45a84ca8989719.pdf.
- The University of Tennessee is searching for an (a) Assistant/Associate/Full Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics (12 month tenure-track, 100% Extension). Check http://media.wix.com/ugd/895599_05f550a0fb3a43d4841e5975bec225dd.pdf.
- The University of Maryland's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources is seeking an Assistant Director of Communications. Check http://media.wix.com/ugd/895599_868d4edb9847449aa77e3736a5b5b7b1.pdf.



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