

Northeast Administrative Heads Meeting (NE AHS)

November 10, 2025

APLU Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

<https://www.aginnovation-northeast.org/administrative-heads>

In attendance: Linda Prokopy (Vermont), Jorge Atilas (West Virginia), Wendy Powers (Maryland), Troy Ott (Pennsylvania), Kumar Venkitanarayanan (Connecticut), Jean VanderGheynst (Rhode Island), Becky Sartini (Rhode Island), Lisa Townson (Rhode Island), Rick Rhodes (agInnovation Northeast), David Leibovitz (agInnovation Northeast)

Meeting synopsis:

- There was an enthusiastic endorsement for NE AHS to convene as an information sharing group, problem-solving collaborative, and/or regional advocacy voice.
- The northeast regional offices, agInnovation and NEED, will assist in scheduling a NE AHS winter call in early February prior to the CARET/BAA Meeting, Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington DC, February 22-25, 2026.
- Linda Prokopy (University of Vermont) volunteered to initially lead the NE AHS effort.
- A track for the NE AHS will be created for the Joint Summer Session (agInnovation Northeast and NEED) in Vermont, June 1-3, 2026.
- A directory of NE AHS is posted on the agInnovation Northeast website. Would you please check your entry and share corrections? We'll then forward the directory to Doug Steele at the APLU to ensure that you're receiving information about issues impacting the national group of Administrative Heads.
- agInnovation Northeast created a web page for the Northeast AHS. We currently do that for the Northeast communicators (see [Northeast Regional Voice](#)) and for the [Northeast Management Officers \(NEMO\)](#).