



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

This serves as the final newsletter of 2018 and the first of 2019. As we look back on 2018, we've had a terrific year in the NERA Office. We're honored to work with and for you and look forward to a productive 2019. Happy New Year!

“Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren't used to an environment where excellence is expected.” – Steve Jobs

Action items:

- **Dr. Tom Vogelmann**, a long-time NERA colleague and contributor, is stepping down as Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at the University of Vermont on June 30th. (The job description for his position is shared in [Informational Items](#).) Please join us in extending our best to Tom and wishing him congratulations on his retirement.
- Do you have specific items that you would like to see added to the NERA News? If so, [please provide those to Dave and Rick](#).

Reminders/Updates:

- During the December 6, 2018 NERA teleconference we discussed nominations for the three 2019 ESS awards: [ESS Leadership](#) (2018 NE winner: Ian Maw; nominations due to NERA by February 1, 2019), [Excellence in Multistate Research](#) (2018 NE nominee: NE1335, Resource Management in Commercial Greenhouse Production; nomination due to NERA by February 28, 2019) and [National Experiment Station Section Diversity and Inclusion Award](#) (2018 National winner: MAP@Purdue Team; nominations due to the Diversity Catalyst Executive Vice Chair, Rick Rhodes by March 30, 2019.) If you're an AA for a high-performing multistate research project, nominate them. If you know of an individual that has contribute to the NE's ESS leadership, nominate them. If you know of a person or organization that has contributed conspicuously to organizational diversity and inclusion, nominate them.
- The [minutes for the December 6, 2018 teleconference](#) are posted on the NERA website. Please review.
- NRSP10, [National Database Resources for Crop Genomics, Genetics and Breeding Research](#) seeks a **NERA AA**. [If you'd like to take this on, please share that with Dave or Rick](#).

Informational items:

- The University of Vermont seeks an accomplished, inspiring academic leader to serve as **Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**. [The job description is posted on the NERA website](#).



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