



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

The NERA quarterly conference call is set: March 28, 2019 at 11:00 AM.
Check out the first action item!

“I believe in innovation and that the way you get innovation is you fund research and you learn the basic facts.” — Bill Gates to the *Wall Street Journal*, 2011

Action items:

- The quarterly **NERA teleconference** is scheduled for **March 28, 2019 at 11:00 AM**. A draft of the [agenda](#) is posted on the NERA website. Here's the log in/dial in information: Web/Mobile: <https://zoom.us/j/5717743008>; Phone: (646) 558-8656 (access code 571 774 3008.)
- In anticipation of the teleconference discussions, we have posted two documents to the NERA website. These includes a draft of [NERA actions on the National Impact Database](#) and NERA's written comments on the [implementation of the 2018 Farm Bill](#).

Reminders/Updates:

- **Jon Wraith** is currently engaged in developing a more rigorous process associated with **workload assignments**. He's asked: how many courses is a tenured faculty member expected to cover in a year and what's the criteria that supports the assignment? We've posted a summary of [NERA workload assignment responses](#) on the NERA website.
- We are seeking new AES photos for the NERA website. Please forward those to [Dave](#).

Informational items:

- The APLU is hosting a **New Deans', Directors', and Administrators' Orientation** on **December 10 – 12, 2019**.
- The National Science Foundation (NSF) is hosting an Electronic Research Administration (ERA) Forum webinar on **April 10, 2019 from 1:00 - 2:15 PM Eastern Time**. To participate in this Forum, please [Register Now](#). The topic for this forum will be Separately Submitted Collaborative Proposals from Multiple Organizations in Research.gov.



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