



Thanks to all of you that joined us in St. Louis; we had some very productive conversations. To that end the minutes for both the agInnovation Northeast business meeting and the Section's business meeting are now posted. Links can be found in action items.

Indeed, we live in interesting times and shifting landscapes. Many thanks to you all for effectively navigating these challenging times. We hope that you've found the keys to all the doors.

**"He was born in the summer of his 27th year
Comin' home to a place he'd never been before
He left yesterday behind him, you might say he was born again
You might say he found a key for every door."**

– John Denver and Mike Taylor (1972). *Rocky Mountain High*
[Song] on *Rocky Mountain High*, RCA Records.

Action items:

- The minutes from the agInnovation Northeast business meeting held on September 17, 2025, [have been posted](#) on the [2025 agInnovation Northeast Fall Meeting webpage](#). There are two items in the minutes that we call out. First, there's a link embedded in the minutes to Jason Hubbard's presentation "A Computational Pivot". The other item in the minutes revolves around the delay in the release of an RFA. To reiterate the message that we shared with the directors last week, the Request for Applications for the capacity funds is expected around October 1. Alternatively, the Request for Applications for the Research Facilities Act is not

expected until after January 1, 2026.

- agInnovation Northeast underwent its annual turnover in leadership during our business meeting in St. Louis. Jason Hubbart is now Chair, Eric von Wettberg is Vice Chair, and Chris Smart is the Officer-at-large. Many thanks to Wendie Cohick who chaired the Association during the past year! With Wendie's change in roles, we now have an opening on agInnovation's Budget and Legislative Committee (BLC). Are any of you interested in serving on the BLC? If so, [please contact Rick and David](#).
- The [minutes and slide deck from the agInnovation Business Meeting](#) on September 18 are now posted. Check those out.
- Our next scheduled Zoom calls will be held at 8:00 – 9:00 AM on October 16, November 20, and December 18. The December 18 gathering is the agInnovation Northeast Virtual Winter Meeting which will run from 8:00 – 9:30 AM. Agendas and connection details will be sent to you prior to the meeting.

Reminders/Updates:

- *Save the dates:* We have dates and destinations!
 - agInnovation Northeast Spring Meeting, Geneva, NY, March 16-18, 2026 (hosted by Cornell AgriTech)
 - Joint Summer Session (agInnovation Northeast and NEED), Shelburne, VT, June 1-3, 2026 (hosted by the University of Vermont)
 - agInnovation Annual Meeting, Grand Junction, CO, September 21-25, 2026 (hosted by Colorado State University)
- The APLU is seeking your input through a survey to better understand how the Association might better meet the needs of its members. The survey will close on October 3, 2025, at 8 PM ET. If you missed the survey email, here's a [link to the survey](#).
- *Continuing:* Please share with us any problems that your investigators encounter while initiating multistate projects in NRS. This includes deferral or rejection decisions. Please [contact Rick](#) or enter the issue anonymously on our [agInnovation Northeast Comment Submission Form](#).
- *Second time:* At the beginning of August, the USDA opened a 30-day public comment period in response to the Department's reorganization plan. (Late in August, the thirty-day comment period was extended through September 30, 2025.) The Executive

Committee recommended submission of comments from the region. We drafted comments based on a template from the North Central region and the Budget and Legislative Committee and shared a Northeast perspective. The [letter is posted](#) on our website under the Workroom>[agInnovation Northeast Key Correspondence](#) pulldown menu (see Letter on Reorganization to Secretary Brooke Rollins from agInnovation Northeast, August 31, 2025).

- *Again:* The [2025 Northeast Management Officers \(NEMO\) Conference](#) will be held from October 20-22, 2025, in Ithaca, NY at the Ithaca Downtown Conference Center. You can register, book your room, and download the agenda on the conference website.

Informational items:

- Andrea Putman from the BAA's Communications and Marketing Committee has shared the October 2025 Communications Toolkit titled "[Advancing Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies in Agriculture](#)". Check it out and use the resources.
- Sara Delheimer has released the [October 2025 MRF Impacts Toolkit](#). As always, please share the toolkit and use the materials. You'll see that NE 2334, *The Genetics of Immunity and Resistance to Avian Diseases*, is recognized as the National Excellence in Multistate Research Award winner!
- The University of Nevada Reno invites applications for the position of [Chair, Department of Nutrition](#), at the Associate/Full Professor rank.
- New Mexico State University is hosting an [interdisciplinary cluster hire \(3 full-time, 9-month, tenure track\) in Applied Artificial Intelligence](#). Faculty hired through this initiative will be affiliated with the new Institute for Applied Practice in AI and Machine Learning, with their appointment in the college most aligned with their academic background upon hire.
- *The forever green reminder:* In past newsletters, we've made a pitch for "station" photos for both the agInnovation Northeast website and The Parting Shot. We encourage you to share shots from your libraries as well as other image sources. Please [forward pictures to us](#) with a caption and a photo credit.

From the Archive:

- *The context:* The agInnovation Northeast website retains an archive of "[Committees and Liaisons](#)". Here you'll find who belongs

to what committees, including our regional committees and national committees. If you're thinking about what new leadership roles you might want to tackle, this page provides a list of opportunities.

The Parting Shot:

We couldn't help ourselves, there were a number of good shots that came from the St. Louis meeting.



Chris Smart, Ock Chun, Toni DiTommaso, Beth Gugino, and Josh Kohut: under the arch. Or is that a halo? (Photo courtesy of Chris Smart.)



Many thanks to you all, agInnovation Leadership award winner!
(Photo courtesy of Puneet Srivastava.)



Take me out to the ballpark, David Leibovitz and Eric von Wettberg. (Photo courtesy of Rick Rhodes.)

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