



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

You're probably in transit, see you at the ESS/ARD/SAES meeting in Philadelphia!

Action items:

- The NERA business meeting will convene at 8:00 AM on Tuesday in the Red Room of the Hyatt at the Bellevue. The agenda and supporting materials for the meeting are posted on the NERA website at: <http://www.nerasaes.org/ess2017>. We've also posted the ESS Business meeting agenda on the same site. Remember, this is a paperless meeting. No worries, Dave will have a handful of USB drives with the full meeting agenda.
- Items that you'll be voting on during the NERA business meeting include: retention of the ED; MAC recommendations and date/place of the NERA Spring meeting.
- Items that you'll be voting on during the ESS business meeting include: the NRSP-1 proposal and the 2018 ESS discretionary budget

Reminders:

- We're seeking Administrative Advisers for the projects listed below. As a reminder, our NE Guidelines allow for the Director or Associate Director to designate a non-director as an AA, provided that the designee has a level of understanding of and experience with multistate projects. For a list of the current NERA AA assignments see: http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/895599_30715450ec2f4b13a13f72324be3a9cb.pdf. Projects seeking NERA appointees include:
 - NRSP 6 (*The US Potato Genebank: Acquisition, Classification, Preservation, Evaluation and Distribution of Potato (Solanum) Germplasm*; Ed Ashworth, ME, retired.)
 - NRSP 9 (*National Animal Nutrition Program*; Cameron Faustman, CT, stepped down)
 - NECC 1200 (Equine Clinical Studies; project is being rewritten as NE_TEMP 1700; Cameron Faustman, CT, stepped down)
- The Experiment Station Section has just released the call for nominations for the Excellence in Leadership Award. You'll recall that Gary Thompson will be presented with as the Northeast's ESS Excellence in Leadership winner this year at APLU. I'd ask that you think about nominees; those are due February 1, 2018. A copy of the call is on the NERA website: <http://www.nerasaes.org/awards>.

Informational items:

- The Foreign Ag Service/USDA is soliciting applications for Cochran Fellows in India (Intelligent Import Inspection) and Vietnam (Strengthening Agricultural Trade Associations.) The notice of the funding opportunity is posted on the NERA website: nerasaes.org/employment.

- The Northeast Extension Risk Management Education Center in conjunction with the [North Central](#), [Southern](#), and [Western](#) ERME Centers announces a competitive funding opportunity for educational projects designed to help agricultural producers improve their economic viability through targeted risk management strategies. The RFA is posted at <http://www.nerme.org/funding/apply-for-funding/>.
- The University of Maine Cooperative Extension and School of Food and Agriculture invites applications for a joint full-time, fiscal-year, continuing contract eligible faculty appointment as Extension Ornamental Horticulture Specialist and Assistant Extension Professor and Assistant Professor of Environmental Horticulture. For a full job description and to apply: <https://umaine.hiretouch.com/job-details?jobID=43684&job=extension-ornamental-horticulture-specialist-assistant-extension-professor-and-assistant-professor-of-environmental-horticulture>.
- The Department of Animal and Avian Sciences, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Maryland is seeking an IT Coordinator-Webmaster. The job description is posted on the NERA website: nerasaes.org/employment
- LEAD21 is seeking applications for Class 14. Applications can be made at <http://lead-21.org/program-application-schedule/>.



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