



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

We have two items that we wanted to bring to your attention. The first is a “mark your calendar” and the second is an announcement of a webinar on the agInnovation rebrand effort. The audience that we’re seeking for the webinar is your communicators. Check out the action items.

In the meantime, we hope that you have the opportunity to pause and take advantage of the joys that fall brings. Change is in the air...

“You don’t make progress by standing on the sidelines whimpering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas.” – Shirley Chisholm (1970) in *Unbossed and Unsold*, Harper Collins, New York, NY.

Action items:

- *Mark your calendars:* agInnovation (formerly known as the Experiment Station Section) will be holding a virtual business meeting on December 12, 2023, from 4:00-5:00 PM ET.
- agInnovation is hosting a webinar on October 19 at 3:00 PM ET specifically focused on communicators and the rebrand effort. Encourage your communications team to join. RSVP at [Communicators Focus: agInnovation Rebrand Webinar](#).

Reminders/Updates:

- The minutes for the [September 25-26 NERA Business Meeting](#) are posted on the NERA website. Check those out.
- The Multistate Research Fund (MRF) Impacts program encourages the NERA community to [sign up for its quarterly newsletter](#). Visit the [MRF Impacts website](#) to view impact statements cataloged by station and by multistate activity, and to view monthly communications toolkits.
- The regional associations are seeking NIMSS user-representatives to answer questions and share best practices during a training and Q&A session sometime in the fall semester. Representatives can be either Directors or administrative officers who are regular users of NIMSS. Please [contact David](#) if you are interested in this opportunity. More information to come.

Informational items:

- The University of Massachusetts is seeking to fill two positions: an [Extension Assistant Professor in Urban Agriculture](#) and an [Extension Assistant Professor in Sustainable Fruit and Vegetable Production](#).
- NC State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is searching for a [Senior Associate Dean of Administration](#). The Senior Associate Dean of Administration, in collaboration with the CALS leadership team, will play a key role in the execution of the [CALS Strategic Plan: Growing Our Future 2023-2030](#). Inquiries and nominations are invited and may be directed to: [Steve Lommel](#), Chair, and CALS Associate

Dean and Director of NCARS.

- [LEAD21](#), the system's leadership training operation, is seeking applications for Class 21. Here's a link for the [instructions to apply](#).
- The [Northeast Regional Sun Grant Center](#) is seeking applications to its Competitive Grants Program. This program has been designed to support research, education and outreach projects in the strategic areas of biologically-based power (BioPower), biologically-based fuels (BioFuels), and biologically-based non-food products (BioProducts). Here's a link to the [Request for Applications](#).
- The APLU is hosting the [National Advocacy Leadership Summit](#) in Washington, DC on November 1-3, 2023. The summit will bring together individuals from across the network of public and land-grant universities' colleges of agriculture, life sciences, and natural resources, with a focus on the dynamics of successful federal advocacy strategies.
- *The continuing ask:* We've added a photo at the end of the newsletter that either captures "local flavor" or is indicative of current events. If you have a picture that you'd like to share with the NERA News followers, please send those to us with a caption and photographer acknowledgement.



Kudos to Jan Nyrop, the Northeast's 2023 Excellence in Leadership Award winner. JPN, congratulations!
(Photo courtesy of Jan!)

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