



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

We hope your fall has gone well...

Action items:

- We're interested to hear if you've participated in any of the NIFA listening sessions. If you have, would you please send what you shared. To that end, ESCOP and ECOP are collaborating to submit thoughts to NIFA. NERA will be submitting suggestions using information from last fall's white paper.
- The APLU is hosting a New Administrator's Orientation on December 12-14, 2017 in Alexandria, VA. The agenda and registration is on-line at <http://www.cvent.com/events/2017-new-administrators-orientation/event-summary-4820b730171648b0a34696fe423ef1f6.aspx>.

Reminders:

- *You've seen the reminders below; we continue to collect the information sought.*
- Sonny Ramaswamy recently sent out a letter to all Deans seeking the identification of institutional liaisons for civil rights and limited English proficiency. While NIFA will maintain the roster, NERA can assist you as well. **Please share with us the name and contact information of your liaison.** We'll also assist with identifying and publicizing opportunities for shared training in equality and inclusion as part of the nationwide work of the ESS's Diversity Catalyst Committee.
- The draft of NERA's revised Rules of Operation are posted on the website (http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/895599_c4598ce0de174d51b3b7bec034b43453.pdf) and ready for your review. The changes reflected in this draft revolve around reducing the number of experiment stations from 15 to 14 (Geneva and Ithaca merge as a single voting station) and minor editorial corrections. Changes to the Rules of Operation require that proposed changes are shared with NERA at least one month prior to voting by the association. Passage of changes requires a 2/3 positive vote.
- The NERA website is seeking new photos of your station. [Please forward station pictures to Dave](#), especially those that are iconic. We'll post them!
- We are collecting examples of Hatch projects that have been recently rejected or deferred by NIFA. If you'd like to share those, [please forward to Rick](#).

Informational items:

- We'll be sharing the analytics on the newsletter and the website at the spring meeting.
- UNH Cooperative Extension is seeking a Field Specialist (Landscape and Greenhouse Horticulture.) The link to the job is <https://jobs.usnh.edu/postings/27858>.



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