



Happy New Year!

You'll see in "Action Items" a few second timers. Of those, we bring three to your attention. The first? Check out Wendie's solicitation for input on the Chair's initiatives. The second item seeks suggestions for content experts to review a new roadmap doc. (This is an easy lift, these are 1-pagers.) And the last item is a "hold the date" for the agInnovation Northeast Spring Meeting.

"And now let us believe in a long year that is given to us, new, untouched, full of things that have never been, full of work that has never been done..." – Ranier M. Rilke (1945) in *Letters of Ranier Maria Rilke (1892-1910)*, W. W. Norton & Company, New York, NY.

### Action items:

- agInnovation Northeast chair, Wendie Cohick, is soliciting your input on the [Chair's Priorities and Initiatives](#). As the directions indicate, Wendie is accepting suggestions on priorities, initiatives, and themes. Here's a [link to the Google doc](#) to submit input. Go for it!
- agInnovation is working collaboratively with Cooperative Extension on the "Roadmap" (formerly called the Research Roadmap), an initiative championed by former agInnovation chair, George Smith. We are seeking content experts to review three, new, Roadmap docs (1-pagers) including: 4-H-Positive Youth Development, Nutrition and Health, and Community Economic Development. If you have faculty that might be interested in reviewing a 1-page document and assist in identifying the "wicked big, researchable questions", [please share those names with David and Rick](#).
- **Hold the dates, March 24-26, 2025**, for the agInnovation Northeast Spring Meeting (face-to-face) to be held at an experiment station, the Central Maryland Research and Education Center in Clarksville, MD. Details will be forthcoming on a room block. If you have any session topics or discussion items to suggest for inclusion on the Spring Meeting agenda, [please share those with David and Rick](#).
- agInnovation's Diversity Catalyst Committee will be offering all directors an opportunity to complete the Intercultural Development Inventory. This is a data-driven tool to assist in the development of inclusive leadership. We're expecting that to open by mid-January. Watch for announcements!

### Reminders/Updates:

- The agInnovation Northeast business [meeting minutes from December 12, 2024](#), are posted on the website, give those a read. You'll see in the notes some follow-up efforts that are reflected in several of the following action items.

- Again: In keeping with our name change, we've also migrated the domain of our organizational website. We're now: [www.aginnovation-northeast.org](http://www.aginnovation-northeast.org). Bookmark us!
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### Informational items:

- Sara Delheimer has recently shared the [Multistate Research Fund Impacts Toolkit for January 2025](#). As always, please share this toolkit and use the materials and sample posts as you wish!
  - The Communications and Marketing Committee has released the January 2025 Toolkit: [The Unique Power of the Land-grant University System: Accelerating Discovery, Developing the Workforce, and Delivering Solutions](#). Please share widely!
  - The 2025 CARET/BAA Washington Conference (formerly known as CARET-AHS) is slated for February 23-26, 2025, at the historic Watergate Hotel. Registration will open on Monday, December 16, and [room reservations can be secured here](#).
  - *Hold the date:* Steve Lommel, agInnovation chair, extends an invitation to join the next agInnovation Business Meeting, to be held virtually, on **March 5, 2025, from 2:00-4:00 PM ET**.
  - *The forever green reminder:* In past agInnovation Northeast 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.
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### From the Archive:

- The context: While we don't typically recycle "From the Archive" pieces, we're asking, again, for your input. As you know, "From the Archive" shares a unique attribute that you can find on the [agInnovation Northeast website](#). [We'd like to hear from you](#) about a resource that you found on the website and that helped you in some positive way. No tomes needed, just a quick description of what was helpful.

### **The Parting Shot:**



The sun has set on 2024. Many thanks for a great year! Here's to 2025! (photo courtesy of Rick Rhodes).

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