

## NEED/NERA Virtual Joint Summer Sessions (v12 web) June 21-June 24, 2021

### Day 1: Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>; NEED and NERA meet separately

- **NEED:** Summer Business Meeting; 9:00 – 11:00 AM and 1:00 – 3:00 PM
- **NERA:** Convene meeting of Northeast Communicators and Northeast directors; 1:00 – 2:30 PM
  - Developing a mechanism to speak with a common, regional voice.
  - How to co-promote and amplify work across institutions?
  - What do we want and what's the plan?
  - Next steps

### Day 2: Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>; 1:30 – 2:30 PM

- **NERA:** NERA Business Meeting
  - Approval of NERA budget FY'22.
  - [MAC Report](#). Updates and MAC recommendations approval (several peer-reviewed multistate projects and AA).
  - Nomination and selection of NERA officer at large. (In September Jody rotates off NERA Executive Committee, Matt becomes Past Chair, Eric becomes Chair and Mark is Vice Chair.)
  - NIFA Listening Session update: NERA recommendations.
  - Decide on a selection process for the ESCOP chair. At the ESS meeting in September, Moses Kairo (UMD, Eastern Shore-ARD) steps down as ESCOP chair, Chris Pritsos (UNR-Western section) takes on the role of chair, and NERA is in line to provide an incoming chair for 2022-23. What process do we want to use to identify candidates and select the next ESCOP chair? The announcement of the incoming ESCOP chair is made at the ESS meeting.
  - Fill miscellaneous committee slots (MAC members, 1 NERA, 1 NEED; APS liaison.)

### Day 2: Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>; 3:00 – 4:30 PM

- **NEED and NERA:** Research and Extension support for multistate projects
  - What do you need to know about the multistate project portfolio and the project gateway, NIMSS (see [Northeast Hatch Multistate Project Resources](#))? (15 minutes), *Rick and Dave*
  - What strategies do you use to promote multistate project participation to the benefit of both research and extension? (20 minutes) *NEED and NERA Directors*
  - What are the barriers to meaningful integration of extension and research in the multistate portfolio? What are the solutions? (20 minutes) *Ali and Rick*
  - Where are the gaps in the multistate portfolio? (20 minutes) *Ali and Rick*
  - Accounting for Extension efforts toward Multistate projects (15 minutes) *Ali and Rick*

**Day 3: Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>; 3:00 – 4:30 PM**

- **NEED and NERA:** Follow-up and reporting
- NIFA Update/USDA restructuring (*30 minutes*), **TBD**
- NE Ecosystems Services Symposium (*20 minutes*), **Ali, Alicia Coleman, Mario Machado**
- Regional Research/Extension Initiatives
  - Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development ([NERCRD Overview](#), [Annual Report 2020](#)) (*20 minutes*), **Stephan Goetz**
  - Northeast Climate Hub (*20 minutes*), **Dave Hollinger**