



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

Have a great Thanksgiving break!

***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.
- 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:***

- Animal Health Capacity Worksheets are due to NIFA on January 31, 2018.
- 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.

***Informational items:***

- The NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG), (NSF 18-1) has been issued. A webinar to brief the community on the new PAPPG will be held on December 8 at 2 PM EST. Registration is now available at: <https://nsfgrantsconferences.com/pappg-update-webinar/>



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