



Thanks for joining our joint meeting in Bethany Beach. We thought the meeting was a success and extend our best to our Delaware hosts!

Action items:

- We're dedicating time at the annual ESS/AES/ARD meeting (October 1-3, Lincoln, NE) to continuing our section-wide efforts on diversity and inclusion. The topic of discussion this fall is "Implicit Bias, Micro-aggression, and Inclusive Leadership." Our presenter, Paulette Russell, is seeking to develop a baseline of our understanding of the topic. She'll then craft the session based on our understanding. To that end, I'd ask each of you to complete a short survey (I did it in less than 2 minutes) to gauge your base-level of knowledge on the topic. Here's the link for the survey:
https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0qF1poTHUE89KSN.
- The Northeast has relatively low numbers of submissions to the National Impacts Database (also called Land-Grant Impacts, <https://landgrantimpacts.tamu.edu/>.) The audience for this resource included colleagues from NIFA, congressional delegates, and state legislators. Do you see value in continuing this endeavor? Does your NIFA state liaison use the resource? [Please share your thoughts with Rick](#).
- We're interested to hear your thoughts on the joint summer meeting. What did you like? What should we not do next year? Do you have any suggestions for future joint meetings?
- During the NERA business meeting we discussed ESCOP's Communications and Marketing committee. We've had a station share comments and are seeking additional reflections. [Please forward your comments to Rick](#).
- The business officers professional group, NERAOC, is seeking a Northeast institution to host the 2020 annual meeting. This is great opportunity for an institution to show what you do as they host the meeting. [If you're interested, please contact Rick](#).

Reminders/Updates:

- As a follow-up to the NERA business meeting, we wanted to remind you that we're moving the traditional NERA spring meeting (held most recently in conjunction with CARET/AHS) to the summer. That means that we'll be extending the summer meeting by a day and a half.
- The presentations from the Joint Meeting are posted on the NERA website as are the draft minutes of the NERA business meeting.

- NIFA is hosting two webinars on the proposed changes to the NIFA Federal Assistance Policy Guide (aka NIFA Policy Guide or Policy Guide; Oct 2014.) There is one webinar for competitive grantees and one for capacity grantees. The Capacity grantee webinar will also cover added definitions and the enhanced capacity grants matrix that details formulas, use of funds, limitations, reporting requirements, matching requirements, and carry-over provisions. The Competitive grantee webinar will also review the pre-award application and evaluation sections.

- COMPETITIVE GRANTEEES: June 26, 2018, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET. Join via zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/701371751> or dial: (646) 558-8656 or (646) 558-8665, meeting ID: 701 371 751.
- CAPACITY GRANTEEES: June 28, 2018, 1:30 – 3:00 pm ET. Join via zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/408736231> or dial: (646) 558-8656 or 8665 or (669) 900-6833, meeting ID: 408 736 231.

- Encourage your scientists and staff to take advantage of the NERA Funding Support for Grant Applications. This is a rolling call for support and the RFP is on the website: <http://www.nerasaes.org/planning-grants>.

- APLU has announced that Ian Maw's successor is Doug Steele, former head of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

Informational items:

- NIFA has recently released a funding opportunity in the Foundational and Applied Science Program, Program AREA Priority A1102, Foundational Knowledge of Agricultural Production Systems. The link to the RFA can be found at: <https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/agriculture-and-food-research-initiative-foundational-applied-science-program>.
- ESCOP will be meeting jointly with ECOP in 2019 on September 23-26 in either Memphis or Indianapolis. Pencil that in on your calendar.
- The University of Maryland invites applications for the position of Agent (Extension Educator - Southern Cluster/Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties). Visit www.nerasaes.org/employment for more information.



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