



We're hoping that you all had the opportunity to take some time over the July 4th weekend to relax and celebrate. The parting shot was taken in Sand Hill Cove, RI looking back at the sunset and beach bonfire. How did you celebrate?

As you'll read in the action items, the FY2025 NERA budget passed by a large margin, meeting the super majority requirement of our Rules of Operation. We appreciate your support and are looking forward to delivering valued service to you in the upcoming year.

Last, registration is open for the agInnovation Fall Meeting. We'll meet as a regional association during the meeting: we look forward to you joining in Raleigh!

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." — Muriel Strode (1903) in "Wind Wafted Flowers", The Open Court, Volume XVII, #8, The Open Court Publishing Company, London, England.

Action items:

- Thank you for casting a ballot on the [FY2025 NERA budget](#). Twelve ballots were cast out of a possible 14 for an 86% response rate. The motion to approve passed by a count of 11-approve, 1-reject. To that end, we will be preparing the 2025 NERA invoices in the next several weeks.
- The [2024 BAA Summer Leadership Meeting](#) (formerly known as Joint COPS) will be held in Providence, RI on July 16-18, 2024. During this meeting, agInnovation will host a hybrid business session on July 16 from 8:30 AM – 11:45 AM ET. For those that might be attending face to face, welcome back to Providence! For those joining virtually, here's the [link to the agInnovation business meeting](#).
- The 2024 [agInnovation Fall Meeting](#) will be held in Raleigh, NC on September 22-25, 2024. The theme for the meeting is "Reimagining the Land-grant University-Industry Relationship". As a heads up, [registration](#) is live, an [agenda](#) is posted, and [room reservations](#) are available. We look forward to seeing you in NC!

Reminders/Updates:

- Many thanks to the directors for ringing in on the request for names of external consultants that you've used to help develop strategic plans for your units.

- Take a look at this story shared by NIFA. This originated with Stacey Stearns and the Northeast communicators and is titled “[Vector-borne Diseases Are Taking a Bite Out of Our Health and Safety](#)”. Good work communicators! The Northeast Agenda at work!
 - A continuing ask: We are seeking Administrative Advisers (AA) for several projects as our NERA ranks evolve. Many thanks to the AAs that are rotating off projects. Projects that are seeking AAs include: NE2201 *Mycobacterial Diseases of Animals* and NRSP8 *Genomic Capacity: Building Applied Genomic Capacity for Animal Industries*. If you're interested, please contact [Rick](#).
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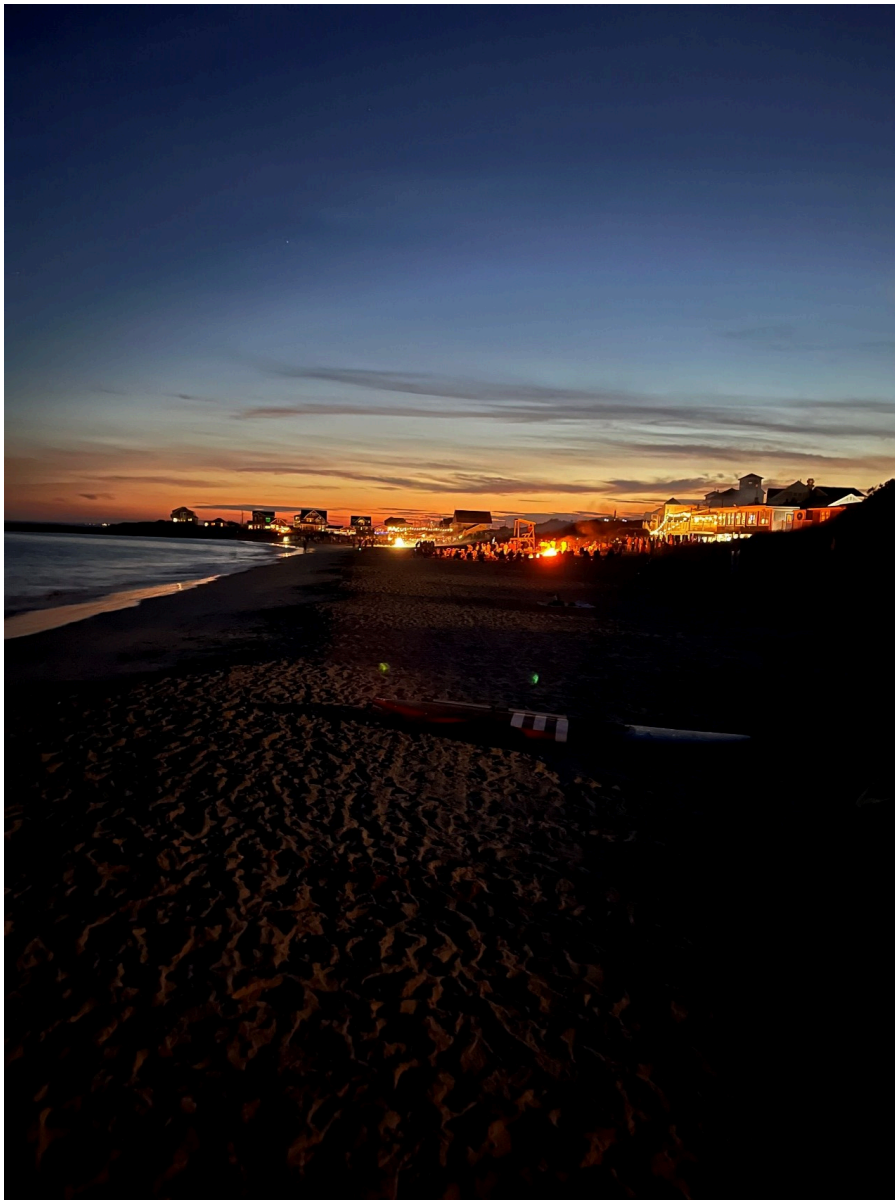
Informational items:

- The South Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station at South Dakota State University is seeking a 12-month, benefit-eligible, non-faculty exempt, full-time [Manager of the Dakota Lakes Research Farm](#). The Dakota Lakes Research Farm is owned by a nonprofit association of farmers and is operated by SDSU personnel.
 - Sara Delheimer has shared the [Multistate Research Fund Impacts Toolkit for July 2024](#). Please share this toolkit and use the any of the materials.
 - The Communications and Marketing Committee, the APLU/BAA standing committee, has shared their July 2024 Toolkit – Land-grant Universities: [Fortifying Food Security and Protecting National Security](#). Please share this toolkit and use the any of the materials.
 - *The forever green reminder*: In past NERA newsletters, we've made a pitch for “station” photos for both the NERA website and **The Parting Shot**. At the spring meeting we discussed institutions having image libraries. The image libraries are rich archives of photos. 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: As we shared in the first “Action Item”, the budget passed by a super majority as required by the NERA Rules of Operations. If you ever wanted to do a deep dive on “why does NERA do that?” check out the [Rules of Operation page](#) on the NERA website. We include links to the 8 revisions of the rules including the most recent revision (from September 2021).

The Parting Shot:



Sunset, beach bonfire, and July 4th, Sand Hill Cove, RI (photo courtesy of Rick Rhodes).

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