

Great to see just about everyone in Philadelphia!

Action items:

- The NERA website is seeking new photos of your station. Please forward station pictures to Dave (<u>david leibovitz@uri.edu</u>), especially those that are iconic. We'll post them!
- We are collecting examples of Hatch projects that have been recently rejected or deferred by NIFA. If you'd like to share those, please forward to Rick (<u>rcr3@uri.edu</u>).

Reminders:

- The ESS/SAES/ARD meeting marks the rollover of NERA officers. The 2017-2018 (FY '18) NERA Executive Committee is composed of Jan Nyrop (chair, jpn2@cornell.edu), Mark Rieger (past chair, mrieger@udel.edu), Jody Jellison (vice chair, jjellison@cns.umass.edu) and Ted Andreadis (officerat-large, Theodore.Andreadis@ct.gov).
- All presentations that were made at the recent ESS/SAES/ARD meeting are posted on the NERA website at http://www.nerasaes.org/ess2017.
- The Experiment Station Section has released the call for nominations for Excellence in Multistate Research. If you are an AA on a highly functioning multistate project, consider nominating the project for the award. The call is posted on the NERA website at nerasaes.org/awards.
- The Experiment Station Section has just released the call for nominations for the Excellence in Leadership Award. You'll recall that Gary Thompson will be presented with as the Northeast's ESS Excellence in Leadership winner this year at APLU. I'd ask that you think about nominees; those are due February 1, 2018. A copy of the call is on the NERA website nerasaes.org/awards.

Informational items:

- Sightlines, the company that did the facilities review for APLU, recently hosted a webinar, Doing More with Less: Solutions for Managing Facilities on a Limited Budget. The guide and the webinar is available on line at http://www.sightlines.com/insight/doing-more-with-less-webinar/. (You'll need to register to download; that's free.)
- The APLU is hosting a New Administrators Orientation on December 12-14, 2017 at the Westin Alexandria in Alexandria, VA. Details on the event can be found on the APLU website: http://www.cvent.com/events/2017-new-administrators-orientation/event-summary-4820b730171648b0a34696fe423ef1f6.aspx.
- The Institute of Biological Chemistry at Washington State University seeks a motivated and promising researcher engaged in a fundamental area of modern plant science. Applications are invited for an Assistant Professor. The job description is available on the NERA website at nerasaes.org/employment.

• The Third Annual IPM Online conference is scheduled for October 23 at 9:30 AM. Details on the event can be found at http://neipmc.org/go/feEc.



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