



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

The minutes for the NERA Business Meeting on September 23 are now posted on the NERA website. Check out the first action item. For a dose of really good news, see the second action item.

For those able to join us in Raleigh, it was great to see you. And for those that weren't able to join, you were missed!

"The most efficient meeting is one where there are no spectators, only participants."
— Andy Grove (1995) in *High Output Management*, Vintage Books, New York, NY.

Action items:

- The minutes from the [NERA business meeting on September 23](#) are now posted on the NERA website.
- We're thrilled to share that our colleague and friend, NEED Executive Director Ali Mitchell Dunigan, joined the ranks of "Mom" on Sunday, September 22! If you get a chance, please welcome Finn Thomas Dunigan, Ali and Jake's 9 lb. 2 oz., 21-inch baby boy. The happy family of three is now home.

Reminders/Updates:

- We are seeking an Administrative Adviser (AA) for one multistate research project: NE2201 *Mycobacterial Diseases of Animals*. Many thanks to the AAs that have rotated off projects, as our NERA ranks evolve. If you're interested, please contact [Rick](#).

Informational items:

- The University of Massachusetts is searching for a new [Director of the Center for Agriculture, Food and the Environment and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Agricultural Research and Engagement](#). The successful candidate will also serve as Director for both UMass Extension and the Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station. The position reports to the Dean, College of Natural Sciences and to the Vice Chancellor for Research and Engagement.
- The University of Hawai'i at Manoa invites applications for the position of [Associate Dean and Associate Director for Research](#) in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.
- LEAD21, the Land-grant University's leadership development program, is now accepting applications for Class 21. We've included the [Call for Applications](#) on the NERA website.
- Oregon State University invites applications for the [Director of the North Willamette Research and Extension Center \(NWREC\)](#) located in Aurora Oregon. The center's research and education programming are focused on the region's most important crop systems: nurseries and greenhouses, fresh vegetables and specialty seed crops, berries and small fruit, Christmas trees, orchard crops, and field crops associated with large and small farms.

- The Communications and Marketing Committee has issued the October toolkit. The theme this month is Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Emerging Technologies in Agriculture. [Check it out.](#)
- *Second time:* The APLU is hosting a webinar on October 10 at 5:00 PM ET for the Administrative Heads Section, titled “Appointing, Equipping and Engagement of CARET Delegates”. [Registration is required.](#)
- *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.

From the Archive:

- *The context:* Change is a universal constant. That’s why we’ve written and archived a director's orientation document on the NERA website. Using the navigation headings on the NERA home page, migrate over to Resources and click on “[NERA Directors Onboarding Document](#)”. As new directors come on board to NERA, we’ve developed a primer on who NERA is and what we do. Take a look!

The Parting Shot:



Rocky Respite. A landscape architecture researcher pauses his walking transect to catch-up on field notes at the Cornell AES Thompson Vegetable Research Farm in Freeville, New York (photo courtesy of Mark Schrader).

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