

NERA Meeting Minutes (Nashville, TN at ESS-CES Joint Meeting)

September 25, 2019

In attendance: Jody Jellison, Gary Thompson, Fred Servello, Mark Hutton, Adel Shirmohammadi, Jan Nyrop, Carol Thornber, Matt Wilson, Rick Rhodes, David Leibovitz

The 9/25/2019 agenda was approved by acclamation.

The minutes from the NERA business meeting of June 4-5, 2019 were approved by acclamation.

OED Evaluation

- The accomplishments report of the OED was provided to the Directors for their information
- 2019-2020 will be an important year for NERA and the other regional associations to work closely with NIFA during its transition to Kansas City
- **Comments will be solicited from all NERA Directors and the results of the evaluation will be shared after the meeting**

NIFA Relocation and the Northeast

- Any regional concerns should overshadow general concerns about the NIFA relocation and new operations
- NERA Directors should send information to NIFA through the OED, so Scott Angle consistently hears from Rick rather than different Directors at different times
- Conveying concerns at the regional level is more important than the institutional level
- NERA sees NIFA as a partner
- Other regions and sections share similar concerns – we need to unify messaging with the counterpart organizations

NERA Budget

- Approved FY19 / Final FY19 / Approved FY20 budgets were shared with the Directors
- Several institutions' faculty cannot apply for NERA Planning Grants because of the institutional overhead requirement
- **The OED was charged to draft a process that allows NERA institutions to bypass the payment of IDC on NERA Planning Grants. Streamlining the funding process will make NERA Planning Grants easier to promote across the region.**

NERA Spring Meeting

- NERA wants to return to the spring meeting in 2020
- Philadelphia is a major airport hub and seems like a favorable location for the whole association
- Dates – preferably late March or early April
- **The OED will send a set of dates and locations to NERA for their review**

NERA December Teleconference

- **The NERA December teleconference will be scheduled in the fall via a Doodle poll.**

NERA Officer-at-large Nomination

- Gary Thompson (Penn State) was nominated as the NERA Officer-at-large
- **Gary Thompson was appointed as the NERA Officer-at-large beginning in 2019-2020**

Changing of the Guard

- Ted Andreadis was not present at the meeting and rotated in as Chair for 2019-2020
- Jody Jellison was thanked and presented with an award in appreciation of her service as Chair in 2018-2019
- Jan Nyrop has rotated off the Executive Committee
- Current NERA Exec Committee: Ted Andreadis (Chair), Carol Thornber (Vice-Chair), Gary Thompson (Officer-at-large), Jody Jellison (Past chair)
- FYI – NERA will be providing the ESCOP Chair in 2022

The meeting adjourned at 8:56am