

We are rapidly approaching March and there are two meetings that you should be aware of. We've highlighted those in the <u>Action items</u>.

"We are drowning in information, while starving for wisdom. The world henceforth will be run by synthesizers, people able to put together the right information at the right time, think critically about it, and make important choices wisely."

-E. O. Wilson (1998) in *Consilience: The Unity of Knowledge*, Alfred Knoph, Inc., New York, NY.

Action items:

• Matt Wilson, the Experiment Station Section (ESS) chair, is hosting a virtual ESS meeting on March 8, 2023, at 4:00-5:15 PM. Registration is required to receive connection details and attend this meeting. To register, <u>click here</u>. The meeting <u>agenda and supporting materials</u> are posted on the ESCOP website.

NERA will be meeting face-to-face in Washington, DC at the APLU (1220 L Street NW) on March 15-

16, immediately after CARET/AHS. We'll be using a room block at the Architect Hotel (1025 15th Street NW) and the room block will open later this week. As we shared in the last newsletter, we're anticipating an afternoon start time on March 15. More to come!

Reminders/Updates:

• The BAA's standing committee, the Committee on Legislation and Policy (CLP, also known as the Farm Bill Committee) has posted the <u>2023 Farm Bill Title VII Policy Recommendations</u>. Check those out.

• ESCOP's Diversity Catalyst Committee is soliciting nominations for the <u>National Experiment Station</u> <u>Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion awards</u> (individual and group). This year, <u>nominations</u> are submitted through a web-based portal, hopefully making the nomination process simple. As a reminder, last year we had a national award winner from the region, Anna Katharine Mansfield (Cornell AgriTech).

• Hold the date: the NEED/NERA Meeting will be held in Annapolis, Maryland, June 5-7, 2023.

• For all of our NERA Administrative Advisors, the <u>request for nominations</u> for Excellence in Multistate Research is posted on the <u>ESCOP website</u>. Please consider nominating your project!

· Don't forget: If you haven't paid your NERA assessment, now is good time to process the invoice.

Informational items:

• The Northeast Climate Hub is extending a <u>Climate Equity Fellowship</u> to support the work of the Hub. This 19-month fellowship is funded through an interagency agreement between the DOE (Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education [ORISE]) and USDA (Forest Service). The application deadline is February 10.

• The University of Alaska is recruiting a <u>Research Assistant Professor in Agricultural Economics</u> to perform research in Alaska that extends an understanding of the economics of soil health and cover crop applications in the bigger picture of overall farm profitability.

• Rutgers University is inviting qualified candidates to apply for a tenure-track faculty position as an <u>Assistant Extension Specialist (equivalent to Assistant Professor) in Farm Viability</u>.

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