



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

We hope that you had a terrific Thanksgiving break, welcome back to the office!

All the regional Executive Directors (station and Extension) will be gathering in Washington, D.C. this week to strategize on your behalf. If you have any issues that you would like to share with us, please send those to [Rick](#)! We'd also note that your ESCOP chair, Matt Wilson, and his counterpart, Bev Durgan, the ECOP chair, will be joining the Executive Directors in D.C. to visit with a number of different constituencies to build relationship and awareness of the good work that you do.

“What good is livin' a life you've been given if all you do is stand in one place.” – Lord Huron lyrics (2012), “Ends of the Earth” on *Lonesome Dreams*, [lamsound](#).

Action items:

- The North Central Region announced today that Jeanette Thurston joined as their new Executive Director, taking over for Jeff Jacobsen. Two items here: please welcome Jeanette to the ED team and please thank Jeff for his service and leadership.
- We will hold our quarterly **NERA zoom teleconference on December 15th at 8:30-10:00 AM ET**. We've posted the [agenda](#) on the NERA website. **The password to connect to the meeting is "NERA" (no quotes)**.
- The NERA Executive Committee and your ED have drafted comments to be submitted to NIFA in response to “NIFA Listens”. We've [posted the comments](#) on the NERA website and will be submitting those to NIFA on November 30. If you have any edits, please forward those to [Rick](#).

Reminders/Updates:

- *Save the dates:* Matt is planning to host a virtual, mid-year ESCOP meeting on **December 7, 2022, at 4:00 PM ET**. An invitation to that meeting as well as the agenda will go out later today.
- *Time to say goodbye:* Effective November 21st, Award Documents, Organizational Reports, and Grants.gov integration in **FastLane were retired** and will be decommissioned. The NSF is preparing to transition the preparation and submission of all new proposals from FastLane to Research.gov on January 30, 2023, when the [Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide](#) (PAPPG) (NSF 23-1) becomes effective. Stay tuned!

Informational items:

- The Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development, based at Penn State University, is seeking an Associate Director. [Click here for more information and to apply](#).

- The University of Maine is seeking a [Veterinarian and Assistant Extension Professor](#) to provide direction and oversight of the activities of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory as well as sharing Extension education.
- The University of Florida is hosting the **Winter 2023 Meeting of the Research Center Administrators Society (RCAS)** on February 5-8, 2023 in Brandon, FL. To register, check the [RCAS](#) webpage. As a heads up, RCAS is focused on issues and challenges related to research centers, research, and education centers (RECs), across the Land- grant system.
- The University of California seeks qualified candidates to apply for the position of [Associate Vice President, Research and Cooperative Extension](#) within the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources.
- The National Science Foundation is hosting an Electronic Research Administration Forum webinar on **November 30, 2022, from 2:00 - 3:30 PM Eastern Time**. To participate in this Forum, you'll need to register [here](#). For information on the webinar topics, please visit the NSF's [Electronic Research Administration Forum](#) webpage.
- The Charles Riley Memorial Foundation is hosting two upcoming events, and the NERA community is invited to attend. A lecture on **Designing Pest Suppressive Agricultural Landscapes for a Changing World** will be held on November 30, and an **invitation-only Leadership Breakfast** will be held on December 1. Registration is required for both events. For more information, visit <https://www.aaas.org/riley-lecture> or contact the AAAS Center for Scientific Evidence in Public Issues at epicenter@aaas.org.



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