



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

Thanks to all of you that joined the quarterly teleconference. As a follow-up to the call, I bring an action item to your attention. We've posted NERA's recommendations on the renewal of two NRSPs and on NERA declining to participate in the National Impact Database. We appreciate the Association taking a stance on these two issues.

“Discovery consists of seeing what everybody has seen and thinking what nobody else has thought.” – Nobel Laureate Albert Szent-Gyorgi (also attributed to Jonathan Swift)

Action items:

- We've posted to the NERA website two documents:
 - [NERA's recommendation to the NRSP Review Committee on the renewal of NRSP3 and NRSP10.](#)
 - [NERA declines participation in the National Impact Database. \(These are your ccs of the memos.\)](#)
- The [notes from the quarterly NERA teleconference](#) are posted on the NERA website, please review.

Reminders/Updates:

- NIFA has begun providing guidance on the 2018 Farm Bill and hemp. Interestingly, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has been designated as the lead USDA agency to administer the new USDA Hemp Production Program. While the new regulations on licensing commercial hemp are not expected to be completed and released until Fall 2019, there are resources available for what you and producers might expect. Check <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/industrial-hemp>.
- We are seeking new AES photos for the NERA website. Please forward those to [Dave](#).

Informational items:

- The annual Joint COPS meeting scheduled to meet on July 21-24 at the Westgate Park City Resort & Spa, located at 3000 Canyons Resort Dr., Park City, UT. The hotel reservation link is live at: <https://resort.to/aplu>.
- The APLU is hosting a **New Deans', Directors', and Administrators' Orientation** on **December 10 – 12, 2019**.
- The National Science Foundation (NSF) is hosting an Electronic Research Administration (ERA) Forum webinar on **April 10, 2019 from 1:00 - 2:15 PM Eastern Time**. To participate in this Forum, please [Register Now](#). The topic for this forum will be Separately Submitted Collaborative Proposals from

Multiple Organizations in Research.gov.

- The **University of Maryland Extension** seeks applicants for an **Extension Educator** position in **Agriculture and Food Systems**. [Click here for more information and to apply](#).



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