



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

We're back...school is in session and our fall research agendas are in full swing.

Action items:

- We're convening an electronic NERA meeting to consider a recommendation by the MAC to approve three new multistate research projects. Convening the electronic meeting will assist in the submission of approved proposals to NIFA in anticipation of an October 1 start date. You'll receive the request to participate via a separate email.
- We're seeking Administrative Advisers for the projects listed below. As a reminder, our NE Guidelines allow for the Director or Associate Director to designate a non-director as an AA, provided that the designee has a level of understanding of and experience with multistate projects. For a list of the current NERA AA assignments see: http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/895599_30715450ec2f4b13a13f72324be3a9cb.pdf. Projects seeking NERA appointees include:
 - NRSP 6 (*The US Potato Genebank: Acquisition, Classification, Preservation, Evaluation and Distribution of Potato (Solanum) Germplasm*; Ed Ashworth, ME, retired.)
 - NRSP 9 (*National Animal Nutrition Program*; Cameron Faustman, CT, stepped down)
 - NECC 1200 (Equine Clinical Studies; project is being rewritten as NE_TEMP 1700; Cameron Faustman, CT, stepped down)

Reminders:

- Please register for the ESS/SAES/ARD Meeting (<http://www.cvent.com/events/2017-ess-saes-ard-fall-meeting-a-question-of-balance/event-summary-ef3b5d91b2594178a56cc130863c07b5.aspx>) and reserve your room (<https://aws.passkey.com/event/16386689/owner/6973/home>).
- You'll be voting at the ESS/SAES/ARD Meeting on the renewal of NRSP-1 (*National Information Management and Support System [NIMSS]*). The proposal is posted on the NERA website (<http://www.nerasaes.org/nrsp1>). Adel Shirmohammadi is the NE AA on the project. An issue has arisen with the proposal. The proposal, at one time, had in the budget, \$13,125 to support, in part, the salary and fringe of the Multistate Impact Statement Director (Sarah Lupis). This was a \$7,125 increase over \$6,000 supported by the current project that expires on September 30, 2017. The increase was removed during a revision to the project. The Western Region recently submitted a request to the NRSP Review Committee requesting restoration of the \$13,125. As a region, the feedback that we've received is that the NE is comfortable with \$13,125 to support the Multistate Impact Statement writing initiative.
- The Experiment Station Section has just released the call for nominations for the Excellence in Leadership Award. You'll recall that Gary Thompson will be presented with as the Northeast's ESS Excellence in Leadership winner this year at APLU. I'd ask that you think about nominees; those are due

February 1, 2018. A copy of the call is on the NERA website: <http://www.nerasaes.org/awards>.

Informational items:

- The University of Maine Cooperative Extension and School of Food and Agriculture invite applications for a joint full-time, fiscal-year, continuing contract eligible faculty appointment as Extension Wild Blueberry Specialist and Assistant Extension Professor and Assistant Professor of Horticulture. See the announcement at: <http://www.nerasaes.org/employment>.
- The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is seeking applicants for an Open Rank Faculty Position in Plant Phenomics. For more information, visit <http://www.nerasaes.org/employment>.
- The North Central Regional Center for Rural Development will be hosting a webinar entitled "*Connecting Health Insurance and Agricultural Viability—Helping farmers and ranchers address health-related risks*". The webinar will be hosted by Scott Loveridge (NCRCRD) and will include presentations from Shoshannah Inwood (The Ohio State University), Bonnie Braun (University of Maryland Extension), and Bob Parsons and Jake Jacobs (University of Vermont Extension). The webinar will take place on Tuesday, October 10 from 1:30pm - 3:30pm ET. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.hirednag.net/webinars>.



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