



Many thanks to those that contributed to the Northeast Joint Summer Session held last week in Annapolis. From our perspective the meeting was success: engaging and interesting! We expect to have the notes of the meeting and all the presentations posted in the next week. We'll apprise once everything is up. Not surprisingly, there are several important follow-up items including the first action item. More to come!

“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*, Vintage Books-Random House, New York.

Action items:

- *From our follow-up file:* We'll be holding a virtual NERA Business meeting early in July to discuss the NERA budget. The good news is that we have a healthy carry forward per the direction of the Association and we don't expect any changes in fiscal year 2024 assessments.
- During the Joint Summer Session, we unveiled the Northeast Agenda. We've posted the [full Northeast Agenda](#) and the [Executive Summary](#) on the NERA website. Please check these out! If you have any suggestions or edits, please forward those to [us](#).
- The 2023 Joint COPs Summer Meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2023 - July 20, 2023, at the Loew's Kansas City Hotel, Kansas City, MO. As a heads up, the [New Administrator's Orientation](#) is being held concurrently with Joint COPS.
- *Hold the date:* The annual meeting of agInnovation (formerly known as the Experiment Station Section) is scheduled for September 24-26 in Grand Rapids, MI. The theme for the meeting is **Catalyzing Solutions to Climate Change Impacts on Food Security through Partnerships**.

Reminders/Updates:

- We just heard that North Central colleague, Bernie Engel, current senior associate dean at Purdue University, was named the [Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture](#) and succeeds Karen Plaut who is now serving as Purdue's executive vice president for research. Congratulations to Bernie!

Informational items:

- *Continuing:* The National Science Foundation (NSF) requests input to inform the development of a roadmap for its newly established Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships (TIP) Directorate, in accordance with the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022. For more information, check the Federal Register

[“Request for Information on Developing a Roadmap for the Directorate for Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships.”](#) Comments are due on July 27, 2023.



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