



As you begin to close out the fall semester, please include the action items below on your fall punch list.

Action items:

- The 2nd quarter, NERA Zoom teleconference is scheduled for December 20th at 11:00 AM. During that call, we will discuss the Spring meeting agenda and you will be voting on several items including:
 - [NERA Rules of Operation \(click to view\)](#): primary change – reduce number of stations from 15 to 14 (consolidate Cornell-Ithaca with Cornell-Geneva)
 - [NE Supplemental Guidelines \(click to view\)](#): primary change – allows MAC to approve “requests to write” without seeking approval of NERA.
- The Budget and Advocacy Committee is looking at “strategic re-alignment” in FY’19 and the consolidation of lines in the NIFA budget. We’re interested in hearing your ideas on that topic.
- For Administrative Advisers of NE multistate projects, please consider nominating your project for the 2018 ESS Excellence in Multistate Research Award. [Click here to view the call for nominations.](#)

Reminders:

- Check your calendars: the NERA Spring meeting will be held in conjunction with CARET/AHS, on March 5-7, 2018 in Arlington, VA. We’ll apprise once the room block opens.
- 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 \(click here to view\).](#)

Informational items:

- NERA responded to NIFA’s call for input during the **NIFA Listens** campaign. In short, we advocated for support for sustainable agricultural systems in the Northeast with a goal of promoting agricultural literacy across rural, suburban and urban dimensions. We also suggested a grant portfolio that recognized diverse agricultural activities including small and large systems.
- The Ohio State University has posted information regarding the search for an Associate Dean and Director of Academic Programs. For more information, candidates can visit <https://cfaes.osu.edu/about-cfaes/college-leadership/leadership-searches>.
- Colorado State University’s San Luis Valley Research Center near Center, CO, seeks a Research Professor/Extension Specialist, Plant Pathology. The posting for position can be found at: <http://jobs.colostate.edu/postings/51578>.
- The Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture at Colorado State University seeks a tenure-track assistant professor to direct urban and controlled environment horticulture research and teaching programs. ng controlled environment agriculture/horticulture. Full job announcement/how to apply by 01/12/18 at: <http://jobs.colostate.edu/postings/51821>.
- The NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG), (NSF 18-1) has been issued. A

webinar to brief the community on the new PAPPG will be held on December 8 at 2 PM EST. Registration is available at: <https://nsfgrantsconferences.com/pappg-update-webinar/>.



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