

The fall semester is over, you're overseeing the completion of final exams, certifying grades and prepping for the holidays. We have several items for you to consider before you take off for holiday R&R. And to that end, Dave and I extend to you our holiday best and wishes for peace and prosperity in the New Year!

Action items:

• Sonny Ramaswamy has reached out to NERA to seek assistance in the identification of an institutional "continuity resource for civil rights and limited English proficiency." You might recollect that Director Ramaswamy sent a letter seeking that information in September (click here to view.) Please forward the name and contact information of your civil rights resource. We'll assemble a list for the Northeast and submit to NIFA.

Reminders:

- 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 (<u>click to view</u>): primary change reduce number of stations from 15 to 14 (consolidate Cornell-Ithaca with Cornell-Geneva)
 - NE Supplemental Guidelines (<u>click to view</u>): primary change allows MAC to approve "requests to write" without seeking approval of NERA.
 - MAC report (click to view.)
- 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 released the call for nominations for Excellence in Multistate Research. If you are an AA on a highly functioning multistate project; consider nominating the project for the award. The call is posted on the NERA website at http://www.nerasaes.org/awards.

Informational items:

- The College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES) at the University of the District of Columbia is seeking applicants for two positions; a budget and grants manager (http://udc.applicantstack.com/x/detail/a2hbyxhboppo) and a project specialist for health and wellness (http://udc.applicantstack.com/x/detail/a2hbyxhgg34i.)
- Cooperative Extension at the University of Maine is searching for a horticulture professional to deliver programs in Cumberland County. For a full job description and to apply see: https://umaine.hiretouch.com/job-details?jobID=45217&job=horticulture-professional
- The University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences seeks candidates for the position of Professor and Head of the Department of Horticulture.
 See http://www.caes.uga.edu/departments/horticulture.html.
- · Clemson University is searching for a Center Director to lead the Edisto Research and Education



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