

We're four weeks out from the Spring meeting in Baltimore. Dave and I are looking forward to seeing the Association!

Action items:

- As you know, planning is underway for the <u>NEED/NERA Summer Meeting at the Greenbrier (June 12 14, 2017)</u>. The meeting folks at WVU are seeking an estimate on the number of significant others that intend to join to register (covers meals and activities) in the spouse program. Would you please report to <u>Dave</u> if your significant other will be joining the group this summer?
- Please consider nominating a NE Multistate project for recognition of excellence.
 Nominations are due in the NERA office on Feb. 28. The request and guidelines for nominations have been posted on the <u>NERA website</u>.

Reminders:

• The <u>Joint CARET/AHS meeting is scheduled for March 5 – March 8, 2017</u> at the Westin Alexandria Hotel, in Alexandria, Va. The hotel block closes today, February 13, 2017. <u>To register, visit the 2017 Joint CARET/AHS Meeting Website.</u>

Informational items:

- A draft of the agenda for the NERA Spring Meeting is posted on the NERA website (http://www.nerasaes.org/agenda-minutes). Please note that agenda is evolving, check it out.
- NHAES reports finding a new strain of shellfish vibrio that causes sickness in human shellfish consumers. See the news release at: https://colsa.unh.edu/nhaes/article/2017/02/vibrio
- The University of Maryland seeks applicants for the position of Associate Dean, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Associate Director, University of Maryland Extension. Visithttp://www.nerasaes.org/employment-opportunities to view the job description.
- The University of Maine is advertising for an Extension Ornamental Horticulture Specialist/ Assistant Extension Professor and Assistant Professor of Environmental Horticulture (83% Cooperative Extension and 17% School of Food and Agriculture, environmental horticulture and sustainable agriculture programs). Visithttp://www.nerasaes.org/employment-opportunities to view the job description.
- The University of Tennessee seeks a Professor of Agricultural and Resource

Economics (50% research, 35% extension and 15% teaching). Visit http://www.nerasaes.org/employment-opportunities to view the job description.

 Washington State seeks an Assistant Professor in Soil Quality and Sustainable Soil Management (12-month, tenure track, teaching/research/extension).
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