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The summer is quickly winding down. We're hoping that you have all had an opportunity to take some time off and re-energize.

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### Action items:

- [A draft of the minutes from the summer meeting are now posted on the NERA website \(click here to view\)](#). Please review, we'll approve those in Philadelphia.
- [The final draft of the NRSP 1 proposal is posted on the NERA website \(click to view\)](#). If you have any comments on the proposal, please forward those to us and we'll share those with the NRSP Review Committee. The Review Committee meets on September 8th.

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### Reminders:

- **The ESS/SAES/ARD Fall Meeting is seeking your participation in the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI)**. You should have received an invitation to do the survey. While several of you have completed the survey in the past, we're seeking your participation again. That's a reflection of the inventory assessing current perspectives, perspectives that may have changed over time or after competence training. It's a 50 question survey and can be completed in 30 minutes or less. For information about the IDI instrument check <https://idiinventory.com/products/the-intercultural-development-inventory-idi/>.

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### Informational items:

- The American Chemical Society's 255th National Meeting (March 18-22, 2018) is calling for abstracts to support a symposium dedicated to *Sustainable Production and Processing of Agricultural Crops: The Food, Energy, Water Nexus*. The meeting link is <http://maps.acs.org> and the site opens on August 22, 2017.
- The Association for International Agriculture and Rural Development (AIARD) has released a new report, "SMART Investments in International Agriculture and Rural Development." The full report is available at: <http://www.aiard.org/publications-of-interest.html>.
- Eddie Gouge sent out the list of voting delegates in in the BAA. If you didn't receive the list, I can provide it. If you did receive the list, be sure to check and correct if needed. Eddie is looking for changes by August 25th.
- The University of Arkansas seeks a Professor and Director for the Rice Research and Extension Center, UA Division of Agriculture, Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service in Stuttgart, AR. See <http://www.nerasaes.org/employment-opportunities>.
- Cornell University is offering an online course: **Climate Change Science, Communication, and Action**. Registration is free and the course is being offered from September 11 - Oct 1, 2017. Who is this course for? Cooperative Extension Educators, state and local government, land trusts and other non-

profits, and others interested in an introduction to climate change science and in how to communicate effectively about this important topic. For more information and to register, <https://civeco.files.wordpress.com/2016/01/climate-change-syllabus-final.pdf>.

- Michigan State University seeks a director for the W. K. Kellogg Biological Station (KBS). See the notice at <http://www.nerasaes.org/employment-opportunities>.
- The USDA/NIFA is searching for a National Program Leader for Plant Pathology. NIFA is particularly interested in candidates with strong extension credentials. [Click here to view the position vacancy announcement at USAJobs.gov](#).



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