



There are a number of action items for your consideration. None require lengthy responses...

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- The Experiment Station Section is currently inventorying what institutions are deploying humanitarian resources to Puerto Rico and the U.S Virgin Islands in the aftermath of hurricanes. Both UPR and UVI and their agricultural experiment stations experienced significant damage. Further, we seek to determine what kind of assistance we might offer to UPR and UVI in the coming months. Has your institution deployed resources to Puerto Rico and/or the Virgin Islands? If, so what resources were deployed or extended? Does your institution or station have the capacity to assist the island universities and their stations? That might include degree completion for graduate students, sample analyses, surplus equipment transfer, etc.? We are seeking what support you might bring to bear to assist the island institution's re-establishment of normal operating conditions. [Please forward your reflections to Rick.](#)
- Sonny Ramaswamy recently sent out a letter to all Deans seeking the identification of institutional liaisons for civil rights and limited English proficiency. While NIFA will maintain the roster, NERA can assist you as well. [Please share with us the name and contact information of your liaison.](#) We'll also assist with identifying and publicizing opportunities for shared training in equality and inclusion as part of the nationwide work of the ESS's Diversity Catalyst Committee.
- We've reached out to the technical teams and the AA's of all NE projects expiring in September 30, 2018 to gauge whether the teams would be "revising/replacing". **If you have faculty interested in writing a new multistate project, please advise them that they should consider submitting a "request to write" by December, 2017.** That would most likely place the project in a June, 2018 review cycle with an anticipated state date of October 1, 2018. We can assist at any step.
- [Minutes for the NERA business meeting during the ESS/SAES/ARD fall meeting are posted on the website and are ready for your review.](#)
- [The draft of NERA's revised Rules of Operation are posted on the website and ready for your review.](#) The changes reflected in this draft revolve around reducing the number of experiment stations from 15 to 14 (Geneva and Ithaca merge as a single voting station) and minor editorial corrections. Changes to the Rules of Operation require that proposed changes are shared with NERA at least one month prior to voting by the association. Passage of changes requires a 2/3 positive vote.

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*Reminders:*

- The NERA website is seeking new photos of your station. [Please forward station pictures to Dave,](#) especially those that are iconic. We'll post them!
- We are collecting examples of Hatch projects that have been recently rejected or deferred by NIFA. If you'd like to share those, [please forward to Rick.](#)

- 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 [nerasaes.org/awards](http://nerasaes.org/awards).
- 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 [nerasaes.org/awards](http://nerasaes.org/awards).

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### ***Informational items:***

- The University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR), is seeking a Vice Provost of Research and Extension, to provide leadership and vision to county-based Cooperative Extension (UCCE) and 9 Research and Extension Centers (REC). The job description is on the NERA website at [nerasaes.org/employment](http://nerasaes.org/employment).
- The University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources has begun recruitment for the Vice Provost of Academic Personnel & Development, Academic Administrator position. The job description is on the NERA website at [nerasaes.org/employment](http://nerasaes.org/employment).
- The Northeastern IPM Center has announced its search for a new director. Applications will be reviewed starting November 15, 2017, with an anticipated starting date of January 1, 2018. The posting and job description are up on the NERA website at [nerasaes.org/employment](http://nerasaes.org/employment).
- The University of Maine is seeking a Director of the Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics (DP), Undergraduate Program Coordinator, and Lecturer in Human Nutrition. The job description is on the NERA website at [nerasaes.org/employment](http://nerasaes.org/employment).
- The University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences has an opening for an Assistant Dean for Research. The position is listed on the NERA website at [nerasaes.org/employment](http://nerasaes.org/employment).



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