



Happy Presidents' Day! While this newsletter is reaching you a bit later than our usual Monday/close of business timestamp, there's a good reason for that. David Leibovitz, your NERA coordinator and newsletter editor, is in Washington, D.C. completing his LEAD21 experience. On behalf of the Office of the Executive Director, we thank the association for investing in David.

We have a number of meetings coming up for which we seek your engagement. We believe these sessions will be good investments of your time and effort. Check out the [Action Items](#).

"Human capital is your single greatest investment."

-Nina Pande (2023) during [Providence Business News' 2023 Workforce Development Summit](#), Providence, RI, February 16, 2023.

Action items:

- Matt Wilson, your NERA-based Experiment Station Section (ESS) chair, is hosting a virtual ESS meeting on March 8, 2023, at 4:00-5:15 PM. Registration is required to receive connection details and attend this meeting. To register, click [here](#). The meeting [agenda and supporting materials](#) are posted on the ESCOP website.
- NERA will be meeting face-to-face in Washington, DC at the APLU (1220 L Street NW) on March 15-16, immediately after CARET/AHS. We'll be using a room block at the Architect Hotel (1025 15th Street NW). We've dedicated a page on the NERA website that shares the details of [2023 NERA Spring Meeting](#). Please be sure to check out the [lodging information](#), reservations can only be made by phone or email. Interestingly, this will be the first time in 5 years that we've met face-to-face in the spring. We are looking forward to seeing and working with you.
- During the Spring Meeting, we'll be meeting with Erica Mirich for an update on the Northeast Agenda. As we move toward the development of the NE Agenda final products, we seek photos of your experiment station activities to incorporate into the Agenda. Would you please [forward those to David](#) along with the photo credits?

Reminders/Updates:

- Last call: For all of our NERA Administrative Advisors, the [request for nominations](#) for Excellence in Multistate Research is posted on the [ESCOP website](#). Please consider nominating your project!
- ESCOP's Diversity Catalyst Committee is soliciting nominations for the [National Experiment Station Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion awards](#) (individual and group). This year, [nominations](#) are submitted through a web-based portal, hopefully making the nomination process simple. As a reminder, last year we

had a national award winner from the region, Anna Katharine Mansfield (Cornell AgriTech).

- *Hold the date:* the NEED/NERA Meeting will be held in Annapolis, Maryland, June 5-7, 2023.
- *Don't forget:* If you haven't paid your NERA assessment, now is good time to process the invoice.

Informational items:

- The University of Delaware is seeking a [postdoctoral fellow in Nutrient Management and Environmental Quality](#).
- The University of Wyoming is searching for a [manager](#) of the Seed Analysis Lab located in Powell, WY.
- The University of Maryland is seeking two Agricultural Technician Leads ([Beltsville Agricultural Research Center](#) and [Turfgrass Research Facility](#)) and a [Manager of the Wye Angus Program](#).
- Texas A&M AgriLife Research is seeking an [Associate Director and Chief Scientific Officer](#) who would also serve as the Associate Dean of Research for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.
- *Second time around:* The BAA's standing committee, the Committee on Legislation and Policy (CLP also known as the Farm Bill Committee) has posted the [2023 Farm Bill Title VII Policy Recommendations](#). Check those out.



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