



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

We're off and rolling in the New Year! The presidential inauguration events kick off on January 19<sup>th</sup> and Congress is expected to engage in one of the most demanding and busiest sessions in history. For many, you're about to start your spring semester classes and take on the administrative demands of a new calendar year. We appreciate how busy you are; don't hesitate to contact us for assistance.

### Action items:

- The NEED/NERA Planning Committee seeks your suggestions on themes for this summer's joint meeting as well as well as recommendations for what you would find interesting and helpful (or what you don't want). Please forward your ideas to [Rick](#) or [Dave](#). (This is a follow-up to the [NERA News Supplement 1, January 6, 2017](#).)
- Colleagues Bill Taylor and Andrew Carlson at MSU are again soliciting all AES Directors to complete a freshwater ecosystem health survey as part of multistate fisheries research group under a project sponsored by NIFA. Here's the link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T8XNLYW>.
- The [spring meeting is scheduled for March 13-15, 2017](#) at the historic Admiral Fell Inn, Fells Point, Baltimore, MD. The Executive Committee and Multistate Activities Committee will meet on the evening of March 13th and the general session for the association will kick off at 8:00 AM on March 14th. We plan to adjourn by 3:00 PM on March 15th. **Please confirm the nights you will be staying at the hotel by sending [Dave Leibovitz](#) an email no later than February 09, 2017.** Registration details and a preliminary agenda will be posted on the NERA website.

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### Reminders:

- Send pictures!

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### Informational items:

- A copy of the draft minutes for the January 5, 2017 teleconference are posted on the website (<http://www.nerasaes.org/agenda-minutes>).
- The University of Maryland is seeking an Extension Educator. Visit <http://www.nerasaes.org/employment-opportunities> for the job description.

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