



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

We have several action items that we bring to your attention.

Action items:

- **Early bird registration for the Northeast Joint Summer Session closes on April 15! Be sure to register at <http://extension.udel.edu/2018-nera-conference/>.**
- The **2018 NERA Funding Support for Grant Applications: Request for Proposals** is ready for release and we'll be forwarding that through the NERA listserv. Please disseminate widely. This is NERAs new version of a "planning grant." The RFP is also posted on the NERA website at <http://www.nerasaes.org/planning-grants>.
- NIFA hosted a webinar on Time and Effort Reporting (now called Compensation Reporting) on April 5th. If you missed the live webinar, the replay can be found at https://zoom.us/recording/share/hoGRKpWzqyAey3hx2Hzk_Sp9B76VZckPEV4ZWPE4oQKwlumekTziMw. Our important take-homes from the webinar included:
 - NIFA does not expect schools of Ag to develop shadow systems to meet Uniform Guidance requirements for Compensation reporting.
 - Teaching/research/service/admin are often intermingled in academia. When recording salaries/wages charged to Federal awards, a precise assessment of factors that contribute to costs is therefore not always feasible, nor is it expected.
 - NIFA is not mandating specific actions, reports or documentation that would exceed UG requirements.
- The regional executive directors are collecting the station policies for support of travel on multistate projects. Does your station support travel for a scientist(s) on multistate funds? If so, what's the maximum amount of funding for travel? Are there limitations to the travel (e.g., is travel limited to the annual meeting of the multistate project)? Are there any requirements for the traveler (e.g., is the traveler required to be an Appendix E project member or only one traveler per project, etc.)? Is there any other information you wish to share? [Please forward your comments to David by April 26th](#).
- Please share any additional pictures of your institution that you'd like to see on [the scrolling banner of NERA's website](#).

Reminders/Updates:

- Many of you have been contacted by the Fed-by-Science group, an effort that is spearheaded through

SoAR (Supporters of Ag Research Foundation, architects of Retaking the Field.) We expect this to be a topic of discussion during our business meeting this summer.

Informational items:

- NEED has hired a new Executive Director, Ali Mitchell, and her email address is Amitchell@northeastextension.org.



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