



NERA

Northeastern Regional Association
of
State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors Meeting

The Admiral Fell Inn
Historic Fell's Point, 888 South Broadway, Baltimore MD 21231

March 13-15, 2017

Final Agenda (3/10/2017)

Monday, March 13 [Board Room - 5th Floor]

5:00 pm	Multistate Activities Committee Meeting – Fred Servello, Chair [Dennis Calvin (NEED), Brad Hillman, Tim Phipps, Gary Thompson, Pat Vittum (NEED), Eric Wommack]
6:00 pm	NERA Executive Committee Meeting – Mark Rieger, Chair [Jan Nyrop, Jody Jellison, Rick Rhodes (ex officio), David Leibovitz (ex officio)]

Tuesday, March 14 [Admiral 1 Meeting Room - 5th Floor]

7:00 am	Breakfast at Captain's Room, 5 th Floor
8:00 am	Call to Order and Introductions – Mark Rieger, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Agenda Modification (Additions/Deletions) and Approval• Approval of the minutes of the September 20, 2016 NERA Meeting (Jackson, WY)• Approval of the minutes of the January 5, 2017 NERA Conference Call
8:10 am	NERA Executive Committee Report – Mark Rieger, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interim Actions

8:30 am	NIFA Update Questions/Comments – Luis Tupas, NIFA
8:45 am	Hatch Project and McIntire Stennis Project Review by NIFA – Luis Tupas, Bart Hewitt, Jody Jellison, Jan Nyrop
9:30 am	Budget and Legislative Update Questions/Comments – Hunt Shipman
10:00 am	Break
10:15 am	<p>ESCOP Update – Rick Rhodes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget and Legislative Committee – Gary Thompson, Tim Phipps, Jon Wraith • ESCOP CAC – Gary Thompson • Communication and Marketing Committee – Rick Rhodes • Science and Technology Committee – A. Shirmohammadi • Other Activities – Rick Rhodes
10:45 am	<p>Multistate Activities Committee Report – Fred Servello, Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NE Project Recommendations • Northeast Supplementary Multistate Research Guidelines revision • Administrative Advisers • NRSP 1 discussion • ESS Award for Excellence in Multistate Research Nomination
12:00 pm	Lunch in the Captain’s Room
1:30 pm	Best Practices/Discussion Session: Promoting diversity in our faculty, staff and graduate students – Gary Thompson, Facilitator
2:45 pm	NEED Update – Mike O’Neill
3:15 pm	Break
3:30 pm	NEED/NERA Planning Grant Discussion – Rick Rhodes
4:30 pm	Northeast Food Systems Whitepaper – Rick Rhodes, Lisa Chase, Stephan Goetz, Bill Hare
5:00 pm	Final Comments and Adjournment for the Day – Mark Rieger, Chair
	Dinner on your own

Wednesday, March 15 [Admiral 1 Meeting Room - 5th Floor]

7:00 am	Breakfast in the Captain’s Room, 5 th Floor
8:00 am	<p>OED Report – Rick Rhodes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities Update • Budget Status
8:30 am	2017 Joint NE Summer Session Program Discussion – Tim Phipps
8:45 am	2017 ESS Workshop Program Discussion – Gary Thompson
9:00 am	Social media, Federal policy and communicating in the digital age: a discussion – Rick Rhodes and David Leibovitz

10:00 am	Break
10:15 am	Best Practices/Discussion Session: Reaching out to minority serving institutions – Mark Rieger, Facilitator
11:30	Nominations Committee Report – Tim Phipps
11:45 am	Lunch in the Captain’s Room
1:15 pm	NE Climate Hub Update: Curtis Dell
2:00 pm	Unfinished business
2:30 pm	Break
2:45 pm	Summary Comments and Adjournment – Mark Rieger, Chair
	<p>Future Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northeast Joint Summer Session – The Greenbrier, White Sulfur Springs, WV, June 12-14, 2017 • ESS – Philadelphia, PA, September 25-27, 2017 • APLU Annual Meeting – Washington, DC, November 12-14, 2017