



Dave and I are representing NERA and ESCOP at the Joint COPS meeting this week.

Action items:

- Registration for the 2018 Fall ESS/AES/ARD meeting in Lincoln, NE (October 1-3) is now open. You can register on-line at <https://www.regonline.com/2018EES>. For hotel information and registration go to: http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/L/LNKESES-EXP-20181001/index.html?WT.mc_id=POG.

Reminders/Updates:

- For those that rang in, you unanimously rejected having NRSPs eligible for the Multistate Research Award. I'm sharing that reflection with Jeff Jacobsen, Executive Vice Chair for Science and Technology (the ESCOP committee that oversees the Multistate Research Award).

Informational items:

- *Save the Date:* The Northeast Management Officers (NEMO) will be holding their 2018 Annual Meeting on October 21-23 in Northampton, MA at the Historic Hotel Northampton. Should you have suggestion for the meeting agenda items please contact Bill Miller (wamiller@umass.edu).
- The Council for Agricultural Science and Technology has just released a new paper, "Genome Editing in Agriculture: Methods, Applications, and Governance" as part of the series "The Need for Agricultural Innovation to Sustainably Feed the World by 2050." The paper is posted on the NERA website ([click here to view](#)).
- SOAR has announced that [Breakthroughs 2030](#), a study by the National Academies to identify the greatest research opportunities in food and agricultural science, will be released on **Wednesday, July 18th**. We'll post the report to the NERA website once its released.
- University of Maryland Extension is seeking applicants for three positions: *Faculty Specialist, Healthy Food Systems Evaluation Associate* (non-tenured, <https://ejobs.umd.edu/postings/61260>), a *State Master Gardener Coordinator* (<https://ejobs.umd.edu/postings/61600>), and a *Coordinator* (<https://ejobs.umd.edu/postings/61485>) to assist the Associate Director. The job descriptions are also posted on the NERA website (<http://www.nerasaes.org/employment>).

- The University of Maine invites nominations and applications for the position of *Dean of Cooperative Extension*. The job description is posted on the NERA website (<http://www.nerasaes.org/employment>). More information on the position is available at: <https://extension.umaine.edu/university-maine-dean-cooperative-extension/>.



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