



Final countdown for the summer meeting is on...

Visit <http://www.nerasaes.org/2018-summer-meeting-docs> before traveling to secure all supporting materials for the NERA Business Meeting. See you in Delaware!

Action items:

- Encourage your scientists and staff to take advantage of the NERA Funding Support for Grant Applications. This is a rolling call for support and the RFP is on the website: <http://www.nerasaes.org/planning-grants>.
- The on-line registration for rooms at the summer meeting is now closed. If you need to make a room reservation, please call our representatives at the meeting hotel, Lorna Petchey or Jodi Wolinski at (302) 539-3200.
- We're seeking stories that CARET could use for advocacy that profile programs at the rural/urban interface. These can be regional stories, integrated stories or institutional stories. If you're willing to share a story (5 min or less, no slides) at the Joint Summer Meeting, would you please forward to me a sketch of the story? We plan on calling on 3 to 4 presenters during the joint Wednesday morning session. NEED is seeking stories as well.
- ESCOP's Diversity Catalyst Committee holds bimonthly calls and does a short, best practice during the call. This past month Sarah Rushing (Montana State) described efforts that MSU had made on closing the gender gap based on work that had been funded by an ADVANCE grant from the NSF. [If you have a best practice diversity and inclusion story that you \(or your staff\) would like to share, please contact David or Rick; we'll line you up for the call.](#)

Reminders/Updates:

- NERA has approved the nomination of NE1335 Resource Management in Commercial Greenhouse Production for the Excellence in Multistate Research award. Congratulations to the technical team and the AA, Adel Shirmohammadi.
- The National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research (NCFAR) is hosting a summit on May 31 - June 1 in Washington, DC to craft a strategic vision for the future of the agriculture research, extension and economics enterprise. Rick and Gary Thompson are attending to represent the Northeast. [If you'd](#)

[like to provide suggestions, please contact Rick or Gary.](#)

Informational items:

- The Northeast Regional Aquaculture Center has released its call for mini-grant proposals. The request for applications is post on the NRAC website at: <http://agresearch.umd.edu/nrac>.
- The University of Maine Cooperative Extension is searching for a Web Professional to maintain, design and redesign the system's website (<https://extension.umaine.edu/>). The job description is posted at <https://umaine.hiretouch.com/job-details?jobID=47985&job=web-professional>.
- The Northeastern IPM Center is searching to fill three positions: Center Director (<https://academicjobsonline.org/ajob/jobs/10133>), Evaluation Specialist (http://tiny.cc/Program_WDR_00014717), and Communications Specialist (http://tiny.cc/Communication_WDR00014764.)



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