



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

We're looking forward to seeing you all at the spring meeting in Arlington, VA, March 5-7, 2018.

### Action items:

- The Joint Summer Meeting website is up at <http://extension.udel.edu/2018-nera-conference/>. The site provides an opportunity to register for the meeting and shares a link for the hotel.
- The ESS fall meeting planning committee is convening. Are there any burning topics that you'd like to see addressed at the annual Experiment Station Directors meeting in Lincoln, NE on October 1-3, 2018? If so, [please forward them to Rick](#) and we'll share those with the planning group.

### Reminders/Updates:

- The Spring meeting agenda is posted on the NERA website (<http://www.nerasaes.org/spring2018>). Check it out, it's evolving!
- The request for nominations for the National Experiment Station Section Diversity and Inclusion Award is posted on the NERA website ([click here to view](#)). This is a new award and recognizes individuals, teams or organizations that go beyond simply meeting EEO/AA program requirements. Please consider submitting a nomination.
- The Spring meeting has a reading assignment and a reflection opportunity. The reading assignment is to peruse Bruce Tulgan's Not Everyone Gets a Trophy (Revised and Updated How to Manage Millennials.) It's available on [Amazon \(\\$13.00 for Kindle edition, \\$15.30 for hardcover or \\$7.95 for paperback\)](#) and will be the backbone of a best practices conversation on "Managing millennials: new students, new staff, new faculty."

### Informational items:

- Save the date: The Spring 2018 National Science Foundation (NSF) Grants Conference will take place on June 4-5, 2018 in Detroit, Michigan. The two-day event will be held in the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center. Registration will open on Thursday, March 15th at 12:00 PM (<https://nsfgrantsconferences.com/>).
- At Cameron Faustman's request, NERA solicited all the Executive Directors for examples of college communications plans. Those are posted on the NERA website ([click here to view](#)).
- Registration for the 2018 NERAOC conference (April 22-25; Grand Rapids, MI) is open at <http://www.canr.msu.edu/neraoc/>. This is the premier professional development opportunity for your college's administrative officers, and is a great time to get acquainted with the NIFA Office of Grants and Financial Management. Register by March 16th to secure the early-bird registration. (save \$20!)



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