



**CARET/AHS** met last week in Arlington, VA. As reported by Cornerstone at the meeting (and in a February 15th report), you should see a bump in your capacity lines for FY '19. Hatch increased \$15.3M, McIntire-Stennis increased \$2M, and AFRI increased \$15M.

“Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.” — Marie Curie

### Action items:

- The quarterly **NERA teleconference** is scheduled for **March 28, 2019 at 11:00 AM**. A draft of the [agenda](#) is posted on the NERA website. Here's the log in/dial in information: Web/Mobile: <https://zoom.us/j/5717743008>; Phone: (646) 558-8656 (access code 571 774 3008.)
- The National Academies of Science released [Breakthroughs 2030: A Strategy for Food and Agriculture](#); that doc is featured on the NERA landing page. Supporters of Agriculture (SoAR) is seeking endorsement of [Breakthroughs 2030 Research Goals](#). Take a look at the doc and forward comments to [Tim Fink](#). SoAR plans to adapt this document for use on the Hill and with the Administration as part of ongoing FY 2020 budget and congressional appropriations efforts.

### Reminders/Updates:

- ESCOP met last week in Arlington, VA during the CARET/AHS meeting. A topic that was discussed at length was the **rescission of match waiver** for the Specialty Crops Research Initiative (SCRI) and Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative (OREI.) We'll be discussing this during our teleconference on March 28th.
- The APLU is again supporting **“One Ask”** and seeking a **\$125M increase for NIFA**. The budget lines that this supports includes Hatch, McIntire-Stennis, Smith-Lever and AFRI.
- Scott Angle shared that NIFA is extending the 2020 **Plan of Work (POW) reporting deadline from April 1, 2019 to June 1, 2019**. The Director also mentioned that the **Plan of Work will be integrated with REEreport** and the goal of the integration is to better help telling the story of how the LGU partners and NIFA work together to advance agricultural research. Tuck that one away; it'll resurface when we discuss the National Impact Database on March 28th.
- **Last call: Jon Wraith** is currently engaged in developing a more rigorous process associated with **workload assignments**. He's asked: how many courses is a tenured faculty member expected to cover in a year and what's the criteria that supports the assignment? Jon appreciates that there's breadth in teaching assignments and is attempting to gauge the range of tenured faculty teaching workloads at our NE institutions. As a FYI, at UNH, Jon's college includes agriculture, life sciences, nutrition, and natural

If you'd [forward to me your expected tenured-faculty teaching load \(annual basis\) and the criteria that supports your expectation](#), we'll collate the data, share with Jon, and post to the NERA website.

- The APLU is hosting a **New Deans', Directors', and Administrators' Orientation** on **December 10 – 12, 2019**. In preparation for the meeting, Wendy Fink is sending out a survey to gauge interest in specific topics. Be on the lookout for the survey and please consider providing your input. What do new administrators need?
- We are seeking new AES photos for the NERA website. Please forward those to [Dave](#).

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***Informational items:***

- The University of New Hampshire Agricultural Experiment Station, part of the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture, is searching for a [Greenhouse Manager](#) to supervise the research and teaching greenhouse facilities. The job description is also [posted on the NERA website](#).



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