



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

NEED-NERA Joint Summer Meeting Update

The Planning Committee met this morning to develop and discuss the agenda for the Joint NEED/NERA Summer Meeting, June 13-15, 2017, The Greenbrier, White Sulfur Springs, WV. One of the outcomes of this morning's conversation was a request to solicit NERA directors for suggestions on a theme for this summer's meeting. The themes of previous joint meetings included:

- Pittsburgh (2016) "The Impact of Innovation on the Environment and Health"
- Portsmouth (2015) "Agriculture as an Agent for Sustainable Economic Development in the Northeast"
- Madison (2014) "Joint Meeting with NEED, NERA, NCRA"
- Ithaca (2013) "Building Capacity and Resiliency into the Northeastern US Agricultural and Food Systems".

The Planning Committee has standing meetings biweekly (next meeting, January 20, 2017.)

Action Item:

We seek your suggestions for a summer meeting theme, as well as recommendations for what you would find interesting and helpful (or what you don't want). Please forward your ideas to [Rick Rhodes](#) or [Dave Leibovitz](#) by January 17, 2017. Rick will incorporate those into our planning conversation. Thanks!

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