



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

We are looking forward to seeing those of you that will be joining the spring NERA meeting at the APLU in Washington next week. We'll keep this newsletter short and save the best for DC!

"This is the power of gathering: it inspires us, delightfully, to be more hopeful, more joyful, more thoughtful: in a word, more alive.

-Alice Waters (2017) in *Coming to My Senses: The Making of a Counterculture Cook*, Clarkson Potter Publishers, New York, NY.

Action items:

- Matt Wilson, your NERA-based Experiment Station Section (ESS) chair, is hosting a virtual ESS meeting on March 8, 2023, at 4:00-5:15 PM. Registration is required to receive connection details and attend this meeting. To register, click [here](#). The meeting [agenda and supporting materials](#) are posted on the ESCOP website.
- As you know, NERA will be meeting face-to-face in Washington, DC at the APLU (1220 L Street NW) on March 15-16, immediately after CARET/AHS. We've dedicated a page on the NERA website that shares the details of the [2023 NERA Spring Meeting](#), check it out.
- Next week (March 12-15), the APLU is hosting the [Joint CARET/AHS Annual Spring Meeting](#). If you are attending and are seeking national materials to support your "Hill" visits, check out the [LAND-GRANT.org](#) website (home of the BAA Committee on Legislation and Policy [aka, The Farm Bill Committee] and the BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee). The items that you might find useful include the [Unified Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations Request](#), the [2023 Farm Bill Title VII Policy Recommendations](#), and the [2023 Farm Bill Request for Research Facilities Act](#).

Reminders/Updates:

- During the Spring Meeting, we'll be meeting with Erica Mirich for an update on the Northeast Agenda. As we move toward the development of the NE Agenda final products, we seek photos of your experiment station activities to incorporate into the Agenda. Would you please [forward those to David](#) along with the photo credits?
- *Hold the date:* the NEED/NERA Meeting will be held in Annapolis, Maryland, June 5-7, 2023.

Informational items:

- ESCOP's Diversity Catalyst Committee is soliciting nominations for the [National Experiment Station Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion awards](#) (individual and group). This year, [nominations](#) are submitted through a web-based portal, hopefully making the nomination process simple. As a reminder, last year we had a national award winner from the region, Anna Katherine Mansfield (Cornell AgriTech).
- The Washington State University College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Resource Sciences is seeking applicants for an [Associate Dean of Research and Director](#) of the Agricultural Experiment Station.
- The [2nd U.S. Precision Livestock Farming Conference](#) (USPLF 2023) will be held May 21– 24, 2023 in Knoxville, TN. Discounted early registration is available for all attendees until March 25.



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