



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

We've returned from travel to Lincoln and the three-day weekend (Monday was a RI state holiday - Columbus Day.) Great to see many of you in Lincoln!

Action items:

- As we have discussed, the National Impact Database Subcommittee is seeking reviewers to evaluate and provide impact statement writers with feedback. Each region (5) was to submit the names of 6 reviewers (3 from CE, 3 from AES) for a total of 30 reviewers. As we've shared previously, NERA has had modest (and decreasing) participation with the National Impact Database over the past three years. Are there any stations that are willing to name a reviewer? If so, please provide me with a name and email address, I'll share that with Karla Trautman (a co-chair of the NIDB Subcommittee.) These reviewers could be evaluating statements from other regions or disciplines (AES or CE.)
- Second ask: NEED is seeking examples from institutions that have had successful student-sharing programs (students from your institution participate in another institution's academic programs at no extra cost to your students). This could be either face-to-face or virtual. [Please forward examples to me, I'll assemble and share with Ali Mitchell.](#)

Reminders/Updates:

- Rick will be attending the NIFA listening session in Hartford, CT this Thursday. In addition to the comments that NERA will be sharing in Hartford, we also intend to submit written comments. We'll circulate a draft of the written comments prior to the final comment submission due date on November 30, 2018.
- A draft of the NERA Business Meeting notes from Lincoln (October 2, 2018) is posted on the NERA website (<http://www.nerasaes.org/2018-fall-meeting-docs>).
- During the NERA business meeting in Lincoln, directors suggested developing a pass-word protected, drop-box/archive for correspondence or documents that are meant solely for the use of NERA directors. Dave and Rick are working on the initial architecture of the drop-box which will be accessible from the NERA website. Once we have a beta version up, we'll share with the association for comment.

Informational items:

- Eddie Gouge reminds us that it's time to designate 2019 CARET delegates. The [2019 CARET Delegate Designation Form](#) is due on November 28, 2018.

- The University of Delaware's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources seeks a visionary chairperson to lead the Department of Animal and Food Sciences. To apply, candidates can follow this link: [Chairperson and Professor, Department of Animal And Food Sciences](#).
- The Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development shares that the University of New Hampshire, WVU and the University of Maryland are growing their Extension teams.
 - UNH is seeking a [Hillsborough County Community and Economic Development Field Specialist](#).
 - WVU is searching for an [Assistant or Associate Professor/Extension Specialist—Coalitions and Community Engagement](#) and an [Assistant or Associate Professor/Extension Specialist—Entrepreneurial Leadership](#).
 - The University of Maryland is filling six tenure-track Educator positions including: [Agent, 4-H STEM Coordination](#); [Agent, 4-H Environmental Science](#); [Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences-Financial](#) (2); [Agent, Charles County 4H](#); and [Extension Specialist \(Dairy & Beef\)](#).
- The [Rutgers Climate Symposium 2018: Climate Change and Food Security](#) is scheduled for November 18, 2018 in Piscataway, NJ.
- The Association of 1890 Research Directors is holding their 2019 research symposium ([The 1890 Research Agenda: Making Critical Contributions to Rural Prosperity and Challenges in Food and Agriculture](#)) in Jacksonville, FL on March 31 - April 3, 2019.



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