



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

The Northeast is leading the country in COVID vaccination rates (first shot and fully vaccinated) and life as we once remembered it is returning. That said, the “new normal” will not be the “old normal.” We’ll need to be innovative in our approaches, and as I have shared previously, apply new lessons learned while not forgetting what worked well in the past. While this will be challenging, I think we have the opportunity to truly make a difference. In preparing for the next set of challenging tasks, please take some time off this summer, you deserve it.

“The task must be made difficult, for only the difficult inspires the noble-hearted”. – Soren Kierkegaard (1847) in Søren Kierkegaard's Journals and Papers: Soren Kierkegaard's Journals and Papers, Vol. 3: L-R. 1975. Indiana University Press, Bloomington, IN.

Action items:

- We’ve received a nomination of Wendie Cohick to serve on the Multistate Activities Committee. Should we not receive further nominations by July 17th, Wendie will be appointed by acclamation. We are also seeking an Academic Programs liaison. Any takers? Keep those cards and letters coming!
- Mark your calendars: ESCOP is meeting on July 20 from 12:30 – 3:45 PM ET. Once we have the connection details, we’ll forward those to you.

Reminders/Updates:

- *Again:* The [notes from the NERA Business Meeting on June 23, 2021](#) are posted on the NERA website. Please check those out!
- *We’re on:* The ESS will hold its [2021 Experiment Station Section Meeting](#) in Olympic Valley, CA on September 27-30, 2021. The theme will be “Disruptive Innovation.” The [room reservation link](#) is now open. NERA is slated to meet during the ESS meeting; that’s on Tuesday, September 28 from 9:00-11:30 AM PDT. As a heads up, the ESS meeting is slated to be face-to-face without a hybrid, virtual component.

Informational items:

- Penn State’s Department of Ecosystems Science and Management has begun the search for a [Director of the Soil Research Cluster Laboratory](#) (SRCL).
- ARS is seeking a [Supervisory Research Plant Physiologist/ Geneticist \(Plants\)/ Agricultural Engineer](#)(GS14-15) in Maricopa, AZ.

- The University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources is seeking applicants for three positions: Director of Financial and Policy Analysis, 4-H Extension Educator, and EFNEP Coordinator. Visit the NERA website for more information: <https://www.nerasaes.org/employment>.



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