



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

We understand that you are all getting very busy as the spring semester winds down and commencement approaches. As such, we have only a few items for your action and consideration. Best wishes closing out the academic year!

Action items:

- Please remind your faculty and staff to consider submitting a NEED/NERA Planning grant. The RFP is on the NERA website (see http://media.wix.com/ugd/895599_98e99d0c48614eb2aa70fa010fc00074.pdf)
- The early bird registration for the summer meeting expires on May 1st. Register! (<http://deananddirector.ext.wvu.edu/2017-need-nera/agenda>)

Reminders:

- ESCOP's Diversity Catalyst Committee is seeking a NERA replacement for Tim Phipps. Any volunteers? (Dave and I are both ex-officios on this working group; it's a very active group.)
- Ian Maw sent a memo outlining strategies for the BAA to consider to support the Sightlines study and the continuing issue of deferred maintenance on our campuses. The [Sightlines report](#), the [APLU Deferred Maintenance Committee report](#) and the memo are on the NERA website (see <http://www.nerasaes.org/reports-white-papers>).
- Mike O'Neill (mp.oneill@uconn.edu) is organizing a golf outing around the Joint Summer Meeting at the Greenbrier on Sunday morning (~9:00 AM), June 11th. Individual green fees (Meadow Course) with cart and forecaddie are \$250 (not including gratuity for the caddy). If you're interested please contact Mike before May 15th.

Informational items:

- The APLU and the Challenge of Change Commission is hosting a meeting in Washington, DC on May 16th titled 2017 Challenge of Change: Harnessing University Discovery, Engagement, and Learning to Achieve Food and Nutrition Security. To register, go to <http://www.cvent.com/events/2017-challenge-of-change-harnessing-university-discovery-engagement-and-learning-to-achieve-food-and/event-summary-dfcf0d0411f345a1acc491c782c4195c.aspx>.
- The University of Maryland, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Sustainable Agriculture Program seeks a Coordinator-Digital Media Specialist. The job posting can be viewed on the NERA website at http://media.wix.com/ugd/895599_f1c72af39a264e338dae03fadd958f98.pdf.

- The University of Georgia is searching for a Professor and Department Head, Crop and Soil Sciences Department. The job posting can be viewed on the NERA website at http://media.wix.com/ugd/895599_a8d3702f0b0b42a2b35fd8393f85f423.pdf.



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