

MINUTES
BUDGET AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
BOARD ON AGRICULTURE ASSEMBLY

Conference Call
4:00 p.m.
June 19, 2012

AGENDA

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CALL IN INSTRUCTIONS

Number: 1-800-264-8432
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- I. Call to Order (Galey)
- II. Roll Call (Gouge)
- III. Approval of Minutes from May Call (Galey)
- IV. FY 2013 Appropriations Update (Cornerstone)
 - A. House Results
 - B. Outlook for Balance of Year
- V. Other Business
 - A. Brief Farm bill update (Cornerstone)
 - B. Preparation for face-to-face meeting in July (Joint COPs)
 - C. Items from the floor

Call to Order and Roll Call

BAC Chairman Frank Galey called the meeting to order and asked Eddie Gouge to call the roll. The following participated in the conference call:

Francis D. Galey (*Chair*), *University of Wyoming*
Mark A. Hussey (*Advocacy Chair*), *Texas A&M University System*
Donald M. Marshall (*APS*), *South Dakota State University*
Richard M. Klemme (*CES*), *University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension*
Steven A. Slack (*ESS*), *The Ohio State University*
Deanna Behring (*IAS*), *The Pennsylvania State University*
M. Ray McKinnie (*1890 Extension*), *North Carolina A&T State University*
Meg Goetz (*1994 Institutions*), *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*
Anson Elliott (*AASCARR*), *Missouri State University*
Lee S. Yudin (*Insular/Territories*), *University of Guam*
Kenneth J. Nicewicz (*CARET*), *Massachusetts*
Timothy L. White (*Forestry*), *University of Florida*
Allison Rosenberg (*CGA*), *Iowa State University*
Eddie G. Gouge, *APLU*
Jane Schuchardt, *Cooperative Extension*
Carolyn B. Brooks, *Association of Research Directors (1890)*
L. Washington Lyons, *Association of Extension Administrators (1890)*
H. Michael Harrington, *WAAESD*
Hunt Shipman, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Jim Richards, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Vernie Hubert, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*
Fred H. Hutchison, *Cornerstone Government Affairs*

The following committee members/staff were unable to participate in the meeting:

Orlando F. McMeans (*1890 Research*), *West Virginia State University*; **John L. Phillips** (*1994 Institutions*), *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*; **Rodney K. Gangwish** (*CARET*), *Nebraska*; **Pamela J. White** (*Human Sciences*), *Iowa State University*; **Trevor Ames** (*University of Minnesota – Twin Cities Campus*); **Wendy Wintersteen** (*CLP*), *Iowa State University*; **Charles D. Boyer** (*BAAPBD*), *California State University, Fresno*; **Ian L. Maw**, *APLU*; **Malcolm Butler**, *APLU*; **Wendy Fink**, *APLU*; **Andrew Maccabe** (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Colleges*; and, **Brian T. Smith**, (*Veterinary Medicine*), *Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges*.

The following guests participated in the meeting: **Robin A. Shepard**, *North Central Cooperative Extension Association*; **Michael P. Hoffman**, *Cornell University*; **Daryl Buchholz**, *Kansas State University*; **Paul D. Coreil**, *Louisiana State University*; and, **Linda Kay Benning**, *Northeast Extension Directors*.

Minutes

The minutes, as distributed, from the May 15, 2012 conference call were approved.

Update on Fiscal Year 2013 Appropriations

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- the Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of the Agriculture Appropriations bill and there were no changes from the information in the Cornerstone Government Affairs Report
- House and Senate allocations were significantly different – the House was \$15 billion below the enacted level in Fiscal Year 2012 and the Senate was \$4.5 billion above that level
- the Agricultural Appropriations bill is scheduled to go to the House next month, and it appears that there will be a lot of debate over farm policy during the bill's consideration
- it is possible that there will not be a resolution to Fiscal Year 2013 Agricultural Appropriations until early 2013

Farm Bill Update

Cornerstone Government Affairs reported the following:

- the House is working to get a draft bill together, and it may be available by the end of the week and mark up may occur by the following week
- there is optimism for the research title, and the House hopes to avoid the acrimony that occurred on the Senate side in regard to the commodity title
- the Senate currently is considering S. 3240, and there are 70 amendments to the bill (including an amendment to make the University of the District of Columbia eligible for McIntire-Stennis funds was rolled into the bill through the manager's amendment)
- Vernie Hubert asked the BAC to contact him via e-mail if they heard anything from their Hill contacts relating to the Farm Bill from their

Crop Protection Program

Mike Hoffman reported the following:

- the working group (about 40 people) had a conference call and decided to aim for action in the Fiscal Year 2014 budget; the BAC letter to NIFA was provided to the working group, and they see this as an opportunity to raise the program's profile and use it as a future model
- the working group is looking for improved coordination and efficiencies of resources provided in the program

- the working group is looking to reaffirm the value of education and training the next generation of practitioners, has made a specific request for impacts, and is sensitive to stakeholders
- Mike Hoffman was asked to resend the “strawman” document to Chairman Galey
- there was consensus that the working group needed to ascertain if IR-4 was on the bus or even in the tent (no assurances have been given that the IR-4 program will lose money)
- feedback from the working group will be shared with the BAC at its July meeting

Mike Harrington thanked Robin Shepard for his work on this issue.

Preparation for the July Meeting

The following points were made about the upcoming face-to-face meeting of the BAC in Savannah, GA on July 23, 2012:

- the agenda is straightforward and the BAC will not deviate from what has been done in the past
- the Crop Protection Program needs to be added to the agenda
- each Section was asked to come to the meeting prepared to talk about their section’s priorities for Fiscal Year 2014

Adjourn

Chairman Galey adjourned the conference call at 4:37 p.m. (EDT).