



Dr. Arthur Allen, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, regularly tests the effectiveness of a gypsum curtain as a barrier of control of flue gas desulfurization (FGD) gypsum product of a coal-fired power generation unit. The gypsum is used to precipitate phosphorus (P) there, produce P fertilizers in group centers.



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ARD Updates

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Message from the Chair

It is with tremendous pride and pleasure that I share with you the strategic agenda for the Association of 1890 Research Directors, Inc. — **bold TRANSFORMATIONS 2025: Strategic Agenda for 1890 Research and Innovation in the Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences – 2019-2025.**

The ARD is the official representative body of the agricultural research administrators of the 19, 1890 land-grant universities. ARD is considered one of the five regions of the national land-grant university system's Experiment Station Section of the

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Board on Agriculture Assembly of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. The revised mission of ARD is to “provide visionary and enlightened leadership to member institutions as they continually address issues impacting their ability to provide innovative solutions to the food and agricultural research challenges facing the state, nation and the world-at-large.”

In terms of 1890 research and ARD, it has been quite a journey from our humble beginnings. 1890 research and ARD have made significant strides along the way to the year 2019. But that was then, and this is now. **bold TRANSFORMATIONS 2025** outlines the priorities or challenges we will collectively address as we begin our journey

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House Committee passes Ag. Budget—increases for 1890s

On Tuesday, June 4, The U.S. House Appropriations Committee passed the Department of Agriculture's FY 2020 budget. This bill provides funding for NIFA and other USDA Agencies. The bill totals \$24.310 billion in discretionary funding, an approximately \$1.3 billion increase from the FY 2019 enacted level. This FY 2020 budget has been scheduled for a final vote on the House floor next week.

The bill provides \$1.018 billion in funding for Research and Education Activities, \$536.086 million for Extension Activities and \$40 million for Integrated Activities.

For the 1890s, there are significant increases over FY 2019 for research (+\$9,000,000), education (+\$3,673,000), Cooperative Extension (+\$8,380,000) and the new scholarship program (+\$10,000,000).

Agricultural Appropriations Chairman Sanford Bishop, Congresswoman Alma Adams, Congressman David Scott, along with a number of other members of Congress, have been key to these successful efforts.

In addition, the bill text released by the House Agriculture Appropriations subcommittee includes funding of \$10 million for FY 2020 for 1890 institutions to support the new Centers of Excellence.



APLU Priorities	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2020 House	Difference	FY 2020 APLU Request
McIntire-Stennis	36.000	38.000	2.000	41.000
1890 Extension	48.620	57.000	8.380	57.000
Evans-Allen	58.000	67.000	9.000	67.000
Hatch Act	259.000	265.000	6.000	292.000
Smith-Lever	315.000	325.000	10.000	359.000
AFRI	415.000	445.000	30.000	440.000





NERAOC seeks ideas for 2020 conference

The National Planning Committee of the National Extension and Research Administrative Officers Conference (NERAOC) is requesting input and ideas for potential topics on or before June 28th, [using this online form](#). The tracks include diversity and inclusion, finance/capacity grant, HR/organizational development, minority serving institutions, and program reporting and accountability.

The University of Missouri and Lincoln University will host the 2020 NERAOC, April 19-22 in St. Louis. The purpose of the conference is to provide a professional development opportunity to exchange current and relevant best practices, discuss policy, obtain definitive interpretation of regulations, and discuss future issues pertinent to operating the land-grant system.

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toward 2025 and toward the next decade – a journey that insures we as a regional association that prepares tomorrow’s leaders, invest in our communities and meet global challenges in the food and agricultural sector. Because of the complex nature of the pressing problems in the food, agricultural and environmental sciences, transdisciplinary, systems thinking and the design-thinking approaches will be an important part of the ARD’s discovery and learning portfolio.

Moses T. Kairo, immediate past chair of ARD and dean and director at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, charged the Strategic Planning Committee with delivering a plan that was inclusive, comprehensive, challenging and concise. That committee, under the leadership of Walter Hill (Tuskegee University) and Chandra Reddy (Tennessee State University), spent two years developing this plan. **bold TRANSFORMATION** builds on everything that has been accomplished previously for the 1890 research scientists and recognizes the hard work and dedication of the incredible talents of many people who positioned the 1890 institutions for the next giant leap. This strate-

gic research agenda is a living framework that allows for a “call to action.”

I thank the committee and you for all of your work. However, that was the easy part. Now it is time for implementation.

There is a lot of work to do, and we intend to reach and stretch so that we offer what the region, the country and the world needs, demonstrate that we are part of the discovery enterprise that solve the perplexing problems facing the food and agricultural sector, and prepare students to compete at the very highest levels in this knowledge-based, digitally-powered global economy.

Will it be hard? We hope so. Will it require more of us? I want it to. But does it specify what we need as we all do our part to build the science and discovery enterprise at the 1890 land-grant universities? Yes, it does. **bold TRANSFORMATIONS** lays out the agenda, and I now encourage all of us to join in as we begin the journey of moving the 1890 science and discovery enterprise to the next level, as lead by ARD.

I take pride in sharing with you [bold TRANSFORMATIONS 2025](#).

FSLI solicits packets for Cohort 15

FSLI is accepting applications for cohort No.15 for fall 2019 and will continue to collect applications until cohort 15 is full. After a nomination and/or email, stating the intent to submit an application is received, a place will be held until all application materials are on file. At that time, the full application packet will be reviewed and acceptance will be determined. Notifications of acceptance will be sent out as each application procedure concludes. The fee for the two-year program is \$20,000. An invoice will be sent out before the first fall residential session. Application Instructions

In order to open up an application file, a member of your organization’s senior leadership must endorse your application to participate by completing the [Nomination and Commitment to Support Form](#).

1. Once we receive your endorsement, a link to the FSLI Application Form will be sent to you via email. This form must be completed and submitted along with a two-page CV and a list of three of your colleagues to submit an

evaluation for you.

2. The three colleagues you have listed on your application will be notified by email to complete and submit an FSLI Evaluation Form for you.

All these completed forms will be submitted online. The system will send you monthly status reports until your application is complete. After all your forms are submitted, you will receive an email notice. We will review your application at this time to determine acceptance. You will receive an email of your acceptance after we have reviewed your application.

RECOMMENDATION

If you know of someone you would recommend to the FSLI program, there is an FSLI [Recommendation Form](#) that can be filled out and sent via email to [Carol Reilly](#), program specialist. If you have any questions regarding the application process please contact: [Carol Reilly](#), program specialist, 919-515-4197.



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ARD CALENDAR



JOINT COPs MEETING

July 19-24, 2019, Park City, UT, Westgate Park City Resort and Spa, 3000 Canyons Resorts Dr., Park City, UT

The theme of 2019 Joint COPs Meeting is "Land-Grant Universities' Colleges of Agriculture: Renewing Our Relevancy through Community Resilience." USDA REE and NIFA representatives have been invited to address this theme. Jim Ogsbury of the Western Governors' Association will discuss sustainability in teaching and research. Finally, participants will engage in an advocacy strategy discussion with BAA Leadership and Cornerstone Government Affairs. Individual section committees on organization and policy will hold business meetings.

Members of ACOP, ECOP, ESCOP, ICOP, and AHS Executive Committee, should attend the Joint COPs Meeting. The Joint Meeting begins, Monday, July 22 with a reception at 5:30 p.m. The meeting concludes Wednesday, July 24 at Noon.

[Hotel Reservations here.](#) [Registration here.](#)

Monday, July 22 – ARD Business Meeting

Tuesday, July 23 – Joint COPs in the morning and COPs meetings in the afternoon

Wednesday, July 24 – Joint COPs in the mornings and PBD in the afternoon



JOINT ESS/CES/NEDA MEETING

"Leading the Future: Changes, Opportunities, and Relationships"

Sept. 23-26, 2019, Nashville Marriott at Vanderbilt University, 2555 West End Ave., Nashville, TN (Reservations: 615-321-1300)

The Joint ESS/CES-NEDA Meeting [registration webpage](#) is now available. The site includes the following menus across the top of the page, also attached is the overall schedule for your convenience.

[Summary](#), Draft [Agenda](#), [Hotel and Transportation](#), [Fees and Policies](#) and [FAQs](#).

Please note that the early registration deadline is Sept. 3 and hotel block reservation deadline is Sept. 2.



APLU ANNUAL MEETING – Nov. 10-12, 2019 – San Diego, CA, Hilton San Diego Bayfront

[Register today.](#)

The theme of the 2019 APLU Annual Meeting is *In Service*. The meeting session will examine how public universities can better serve their students, communities and country at a time when their work is more essential than ever. The meeting will also mark the 100th anniversary of Veterans Day and include a celebration of the veterans who have left an indelible mark on the institutions where they study and work. In addition, this year marks the 25th anniversary of the 1994 Morrill Act and certain sessions will honor the contributions of the 1994 land-grant institutions.