



Message from the Chair



ARD UPDATES

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Dear Colleagues:

I wanted to give an update on issues that evolved from the BAA Policy Board of Directors (PBD) meeting on March 11, 2014. The Board determined that there is to be a strategy to advocate for increased Evans-Allen and 1890 Extension funding to cover Central State University's eligibility for funds in 2016. The BAC should also develop a position statement on how Congress should respond as it relates to new institutions requesting to be added to capacity lines. NIFA has added a new "Opportunity Growth Initiative" that has been proposed in the President's budget. Of \$60 million that NIFA would receive, \$15 million would be added to Hatch and \$5 million to Evans-Allen and these new funds would be competitive, not part of the formula per se. There is an \$8.5 million increase proposed for AFRI and \$25 million per year for five years for three virtual institutes. The three institutes will be in the areas of pollination and pollinator health, anti-microbial resistance and manufacturing innovation in bio products and bio-processing. NIFA would fund a \$2.5M program to assist veterans in becoming a part of the food and ag. sector.

The Rules of Operation change requested by the Board passed but was amended to include that even though an amendment requires two-thirds of those voting instead of two-thirds of those eligible to vote, there must be a quorum of the voting membership greater than 51 percent. The NIFA government-private partnership foundation requests nominations for the founding board. Please do so according to directions sent to you via email from the ARD executive director.

Sincerely,

Shirley Hymon-Parker



Dr. Hazo W. Carter, Jr. Passes



Last month we lost another of our 1890 family, Dr. Hazo W. Carter Jr., who served as president of West Virginia State University for 25 years. Dr. Carter was serving as the university's president emeritus. During Carter's tenure as president, WVSU made a number of notable accomplishments, including: recovering its status as a land-grant institution, which had been lost in the 1950s, allowing it to receive more federal funds; establishing master's degree programs; becoming a university in 2004. Before becoming president at WVSU, Carter served as president at Philander Smith College in Little Rock, AR from 1983 to 1987. He served as vice president of student affairs at Norfolk State University from 1977 through 1983. His wife, Judge Phyllis Carter, also passed in February, 2014. Both Dr. and Mrs. Carter were much beloved among the 1890 family.

Dr. Chavonda Jacobs-Young Appointed Administrator for the Agricultural Research Service (ARS)



Dr. Jacobs-Young recently served as ARS Associate Administrator for National Programs, where she led the Office of National Programs which manages the research objectives of the Agency. She also led the Office of International Research Programs which is responsible for ARS' liaison with its international partners. Dr. Jacobs-Young assumed her new duties effective February 23, 2014. Prior to moving into her role at ARS, she served as the Director of the Office of the Chief Scientist in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where she was responsible for facilitating the coordination of scientific leadership across the Department to ensure that research supported by, and scientific advice provided to, the Department and external stakeholders were held to the highest standards of intellectual rigor and scientific integrity. She also served as the Acting Director for USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

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Funding Opportunities at USDA NIFA	Closing Date	Contact
1890 Institution Teaching, Research and Extension Capacity Building Grants (CBG) Program	March 19, 2014	Edwin Lewis
Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants Program (SPECA)	April 3, 2014	Irma Lawrence
Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Program - Organic Transitions (ORG)	April 4, 2014	Mathieu Ngouajio
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational Program: Agriculture Systems and Technology	April 9, 2014	Daniel Schmoldt
Higher Education Challenge (HEC) Grants Program	April 10, 2014	Edwin Lewis
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational Program: Plant Health and Production and Plant Products	April 17, 2014	Ann Lichens-Park
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational Program: Agriculture Economics and Rural Communities	April 28, 2014	Robbin Schoemaker
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational Program: Animal Health and Production and Animal Products	May 1, 2014	Mark A. Miranda
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational Program - Food Safety, Nutrition, and Health	May 6, 2014	Jeanette Thurston
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Food Safety	May 8, 2014	Jeanette Thurston
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational Program: Renewable Energy, Natural Resources, and Environment	June 4, 2014	Raymond Knighton
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Food Security	June 12, 2014	Robert Nowierski
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational Program: Critical Agricultural Research and Extension (CARE)	August 7, 2014	Martin A. Draper
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Foundational Program	September 30, 2014	Effie Baldwin
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational Program: Exploratory	September 30, 2014	Michael A. Bowers

Examples of Excellence: Drs. M.M. Tajkarimi and Salim Ibrahim of the N.C. A&T State University Food Microbiology and Biotechnology Laboratory and Dr. D.O. Cliver of the University of California Davis published an article, "Antimicrobial herb and spice compounds in food" in the *Journal of Food Control* 21 (2010) 1199-1218 that is the most downloaded and most reviewed in the last three years and it has been cited in journal articles over 200 times.

<i>Highlights of NIFA Budget</i>			Presidents Budget
Program	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Smith-Lever	271.269	300.00	300.000
Hatch	218.577	243.701	243.701
Evans-Allen	47.074	52.485	52.485
1890s Extension	39.299	43.920	43.920
McIntire-Stennis	30.459	33.961	33.961
Capacity Building Grants	17.883	19.336	19.336
Facilities for 1890s	18.205	19.730	19.730
AFRI	264.470	276.98	316.409

NIFA's total discretionary budget would be \$1.34 billion, an increase of \$58.4 million. We await instructions about the \$5 million in competitive funding that would be added to Evans-Allen.