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Message from the Chair

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During the recent Joint CARET/AHS meeting in Crystal City, VA, ARD members and their CARET representatives were very engaged in the sessions related to "Connecting Our World Through Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching," and participated in Capitol Hill visits to promote our research agenda. We also networked and discussed current issues, challenges and opportunities, and identified strategies for enhanced engagement. We need to continue this dialogue on a regular basis.

As part of the meeting, ARD also had a very productive session where a number of action items that need immediate attention were identified as follows: (1) convene college/school meetings, including stakeholders, to continue our work to complete ARD's Strategic Agenda in a timely manner; (2) finalize the "New Seeds Initiative" solicitation and distribute to the membership; (3) engage the 1890 Agricultural Communicators especially with the goals of writing more effective impact statements and working more strategically on ARD and AEA priorities; (4) complete individual assessments for the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI); (5) distribute the NIFA survey for purposes of collecting primary data to complement NIFA's secondary data in order to strengthen ARD's relationship with NIFA; (6) distribute the revised amendments to the Bylaws for review and approval; and (7) work with the Science and Technology Committee to finalize ESCOP's new roadmap.

As I mentioned in the February 2018 edition of *ARD Updates*, we are proud of our colleague, Dr. Orlando McMeans of West Virginia State University for his leadership roles as the chair of the Board of

FSLI Accepting Applications for Cohort 14

The Food Systems Leadership Institute Board of Commissioners is accepting applications for Cohort 14 for the fall of 2018 and will continue collecting applications until Cohort 14 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 Residential Session in the fall.

Application Instructions

- A member of your organization's senior leadership must endorse your application to participate by completing the [Nomination and Commitment to Support Form](#).
- The [FSLI Application Form](#) must be completed and submitted along with a two page CV.
- Please select three colleagues and ask them to complete and submit an [FSLI Evaluation Form](#) for you.

If you know of someone you would recommend to the FSLI program there is a [FSLI Recommendation Form](#) that can be completed and submitted. The completed

form should be emailed to [Carol Reilly](#), FSLI program specialist. If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact Carol Reilly at 919-515-4197.



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NIFA/NFS INFEWS grants available

NIFA announced funding to understand how interactions across the food, energy and water systems nexus are likely to affect the world, and how to proactively plan for increased resilience. This is a joint federal research partnership between NIFA and the National Science Foundation (NSF).

[Innovations at the Nexus of Food, Energy and Water Systems \(INFEWS\)](#) supports a systems approach to research that incorporates social, behavioral, physical, natural, and biological processes. Project outcomes should transform the understanding of the connections between food, energy, and water systems to produce new technologies and improve decision support. [Read the request for applications announcement.](#)

Support for 1890 Facilities

NIFA announced support to enhance food, agricultural, natural resource and human science facilities and equipment at 1890 land-grant institutions. Funding is made through NIFA's 1890 Facilities Grants Program (FGP).

The [1890 FGP](#) facilitates the full participation of 1890 land-grant institutions in the research, extension and education enterprises of the higher education system. [Read the full request for applications announcement.](#)

ESCOP creates Diversity Award

The Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy (ESCOP) is seeking nominations for a newly designated honor, the **National Experiment Station Section Diversity and Inclusion Award**. This new award recognizes experiment station research initiatives that support the creation of diverse and inclusive efforts and is dedicated to individuals, teams or organizations that go beyond meeting EEO/AA program requirements.

The [request for nominations](#) is posted on the ESCOP website. Importantly, the nomination is short and the award comes with paid travel to the Annual ESS/SAES/ARD meeting, recognition with a commemorative plaque and a \$1,000 cash award. Questions about the nomination should be forwarded to [Jeff Jacobsen](#), executive vice chair, ESCOP Diversity Catalyst Committee, 517-884-7965.)

All nominations should be submitted as a single, PDF document to [Jeff Jacobsen](#), executive vice chair, and ESCOP Diversity Catalyst Committee by 8 p.m. EDT on March 30.



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Agriculture Assembly's Budget and Advocacy Committee (BAC) and Board of Agriculture Assembly's liaison to CARET.

On April 23 –25, the ARD and the USDA/Agricultural Research Service (ARS) will host the Second Food Safety Consortium Symposium at the USDA-ARS – Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Building 005, Room 021 in Beltsville, MD. The purpose of this joint symposium is to highlight the accomplishments from current 1890 research, education and Extension projects related to food safety, including water quality, and to provide opportunities to network and develop collaborative initiatives among the 1890 Universities' Food Safety Consortium participants and the USDA-ARS scientists for future activities. In addition, emphasis will be placed on developing opportunities to provide student and faculty internships at USDA-ARS, FDA, other academic institutions, and industry.

Each 1890 institution is encouraged to sponsor at least one faculty member and two students. The deadline for registration and submission of abstracts for oral or poster presentations is March 30.

For additional information on the agenda, abstract submissions, registration, hotel accommodations, please visit the ARD website: <https://www.umes.edu/ard>.

Finally, I appreciate all that each you do every day to achieve the mission of ARD, that is to: *"provide visionary and enlightened leadership to member institutions as they continually address issues impacting their ability to accomplish the food and agricultural research challenges facing the state, nation and world-at-large."*

NASS continues efforts to complete 2017 Census of Agriculture

Although the mail and the online deadline for the 2017 Census of Agriculture has ended, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service is following up with producers who missed the February deadline through additional mailings, emails, phone calls and personal appointments. Please help NASS spread the word that it is not too late to respond. Without being represented in the data, hardworking producers are at risk of be-



ing underserved.

NASS is required by federal law to keep all information confidential, use the data only for statistical purposes, and only publish in aggregate form to prevent disclosing the identity of any individual producer or farm operation. Data release is scheduled for February 2019. [Click for more information.](#) Producers can call toll-free (888)424-7828.

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ARD CALENDAR



APLU 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

New Orleans, LA, Nov. 11-13.

Register today for APLU's 2018 Annual Meeting, the premier gathering of senior leaders from public research universities, land-grant institutions and state university systems. No other meeting in higher education brings together such a diverse array of public university presidents, chancellors, and other senior leaders.

Join us as we tackle the challenges facing public universities. The theme of this year's Annual Meeting is *Resilience*. The meeting sessions will explore the capacity of universities, their communities and partners to adapt and thrive no matter what stresses or acute shocks they experience.



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2018 NATIONAL EXTENSION AND RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS CONFERENCE

April 22-25, Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI.

Registration Fees

- Early Fee - \$685 (until March 16, 2018)
- Regular Fee - \$705 (until April 15, 2018)
- Onsite Fee - \$735 (after April 15, 2018)

Registration for NERAOC 2018 is **open** and closes at 11:59 p.m. on April 15.

[Register for the conference here.](#) Onsite registration will be available on Sunday, April 22 from 2-6 p.m. (EST).

Cancellation Policy -

Refunds will be made in full for cancellations made by March 16. Cancellations received between March 17 - April 15 will be subject to a \$200 cancellation fee. No funds will be given for cancellations on or after April 16, or for conference no-shows.

[Click for more conference information.](#)

Session Topic/Speaker Solicitation - Speaker or topic submission for NERAOC 2018 is open and closes at 11:59 p.m. on February 28.

Accommodations - Michigan State University is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the event two weeks prior to the start of the event. Requests received after this date will be honored whenever possible. For more information, contact [Betsy Braid](#) at 517-884-7081.



JOINT COPS MEETING

July 15-17, 2018

Excursions will be offered Wednesday, July 18
Guadalajara, Mexico. Hosted by the Universidad de Guadalajara

ARD SUMMER BUSINESS MEETING

July 13-14, 2018

Guadalajara, Mexico. Hosted by the Universidad de Guadalajara