



# Message from the Chair



Association of  
1890 RESEARCH DIRECTORS



# ARD UPDATES

Dear Colleagues:

As we all know, Dr. Carolyn Brooks, ARD Executive Director, announced a year ago that she will retire in June 2016, and the time has come for us to bid farewell to her. I would like to briefly recap her extensive and exemplary service to the 1890s for the benefit of some of the newer administrators, faculty and staff of our family. Dr. Brooks has a long and impressive track record which I cannot possibly cover in this short note, but I will give a few highlights of who this dynamic person is. She has done so much for higher education throughout her distinguished career that benefitted not just one institution, but all 1890s, several 1862s, non-land-grant institutions, and some international institutions and agencies. Dr. Brooks has provided exemplary leadership and trusted advocacy beginning as faculty, Department Chair, Dean and Director, Exec. Assistant to one of the UMES Presidents, and Executive Director of ARD. She served as chair of ARD, was the elected 1890 Representative to serve on the Board on Agriculture Assembly's first Policy Board of Directors, a member of the Design and Implementation Team for Food Systems Leadership Institute, Board Chair of LEAD 21, member of CREATE21 Task Force, member of the Committee on Opportunities in Agriculture-NRC of the National Academies of Sciences, and member of Boards/Councils of the Northeastern Regional Aquaculture and the Rural Development Centers to name a few. She has served on numerous task forces and committees representing women and minorities in STEM, received national, State and regional awards and served as an evaluator for university, national, international, and federal programs, and the list goes on. All of us know of her yeoman efforts to make our symposia and the events of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration successful. There is much more, but little space so I conclude with: On behalf of the entire ARD family, I wish her happy, healthy, and peaceful retired life.

Congratulations, Carolyn!!!



## Message from the ED

Dearest Friends:

It is with heartfelt thanks that I move into semi-retirement after working at land-grant universities for 35 years and for my beloved ARD for nine years. I am indebted to you all for allowing me to work with you to accomplish so much in support and for the advancement of the institutions and for the stakeholders we all serve with great passion. I wasn't sure what becoming the ARD's second Executive Director would involve/evolve into, but under the great leadership of the five ARD chairs and the ARD membership under whom I served, I was allowed to just spread my wings and go at it, and that is what made this professional position continuously rewarding and fulfilling. I was blessed to work with wonderful friends throughout the 1890 community and that gave me constant joy and allowed me to be a part of many successful ventures. The accomplishments were many because I had the benefit of working with such competent and dedicated professionals—all of us deeply committed to the 1890 institutions.

Thank you for constantly making me feel appreciated; for giving me your respect and your trust; for letting me know that you thought of me not only as your colleague, but your friend....and thank you for letting me know you will miss me. The best time to retire is **before** people want you to go. Call on me if or when you need me—I'll be there.

With great affection,

*Carolyn*



Please visit the ARD website-

[www.umes.edu/ard](http://www.umes.edu/ard)

or contact us using [cbbrooks@umes.edu](mailto:cbbrooks@umes.edu)

**We are ready! The website for the Association of 1890 Research Director's 2017 Symposium is up.**

**<https://www.umes.edu/ard/1890Symposium/Symposium.aspx>**

# ARD UPDATES

## *The AFRI Foundational Program*

The AFRI Foundational Program has been announced and the closing date is Aug. 31, 2016. This program supports grants in the six AFRI priority areas:

Plant health and production and plant products; Animal health and production and animal products; Food safety, nutrition, and health; Renewable energy, natural resources, and environment; Agriculture systems and technology; Agriculture economics and rural communities. Grant types supported by the AFRI Foundational Program include single-function Research Projects, multi-function Integrated Projects, and Food and Agricultural Science Enhancement **(FASE) Grants, which are critical for the 1890s.** Please see <https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/agriculture-and-food-research-initiative-foundational-program>.

Other Selected programs for 2016 now online:

(1) **Animal Health and Disease - NEW priority** soliciting a **US Animal Vaccinology Research Coordination Network**. **Application Deadline** – July 14th

(2) **Tools and Resources - Immune Reagents for Agricultural Animals** may only address either Ruminants, with primary focus on bovine-specific reagents, or Poultry. **Application Deadline** – July 14th

(3) **Improving Food Safety**; **Application Deadline** – July 14th

(4) **Understanding Antimicrobial Resistance**; **Application Deadline** – July 14th

(5) **Nanotechnology for Agricultural and Food Systems**; **Application Deadline** – July 13th

(6) **Critical Agricultural Research and Extension (CARE)**; **Application Deadline** – July 14th

(7) **Exploratory Research Program**; **Letter of Intent Deadline** – accepted anytime throughout the year.

**AFRI Food Safety Challenge Area** - now online; **AFRI Food Security Challenge Area** - now online

## *New President at West Virginia State University*



Dr. Anthony Jenkins has become the 11th president of West Virginia State University effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Jenkins, formerly the senior associate vice president for student development and enrollment services at the University of Central Florida said he wasn't concerned about transitioning from a large school like UCF to a smaller environment like WVSU. "For me it isn't a huge transition. Prior to my joining the University of Central Florida, which is the second-largest university in the nation, I was at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, which is the second-smallest institution in the University System of Maryland."

Before his career in higher education, Jenkins served in the U.S. Army. He studied criminal justice and sociology at Fayetteville State University, earned a master's in criminology from North Carolina Central University and received a doctorate in educational leadership and policy studies while at Virginia Tech.

## **Interim President Appointed at Kentucky State University**



The Kentucky State University Board of Regents announced the appointment of Dr. Aaron Thompson as interim president at Kentucky State University after the resignation in May of Dr. Luther Burse. Dr. Thompson was serving as Executive Vice President at the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. He will take a leave of absence to lead KSU until a permanent president is appointed by the Board of Regents.

Thompson is nationally recognized in the areas of education attainment and academic success. He has given more than 800 workshops, seminars, and invited lectures to educational institutions (elementary, secondary, and postsecondary), corporations, non-profit organizations, police depart-