

Message from the Chair



Dear Colleagues:

At the end of September and in the month of October there were two meetings that some of us attended. One of the most important results of the ESS/SAES/ARD meeting in Estes Park, CO was a unanimous vote of ESS to NOT support the one line budget proposed to the system to provide downside protection on capacity funding if appropriations are reduced and was to assure increases in capacity funding (at designated proportions) when new appropriations are made. Subsequently, ECOP has also indicated that it can not support this strategy either. However, ESS does recommend that serious efforts be made to consolidate/reduce the number of lines in the NIFA budget. The system's Executive Directors in Extension and Research have begun to make such recommendations by focusing on NIFA budget lines at risk for cuts and elimination. These are generally those lines identified in the NIFA budget as "Integrated Activities."

A second very important meeting was one held at the recommendation of NIFA to plan for collaboration of the 1890s on McIntire-Stennis projects. Therefore representation of all thirteen campuses who receive McIntire-Stennis funding met in Atlanta in October and determined that they will begin working together to submit a proposal to NIFA in three thematic areas; the institutions would have been invited to participate, and thus would have included their objectives and associated actions. The second decision made at this meeting is that the group will form the 1890 McIntire Stennis Research Coordinating Committee (MSRCC). After the collaborative proposal has been submitted attention will be directed toward the development of the first draft of the MSRCC Rules of Operation. This will be done under the leadership of the chair, Kamran Abdollahi from Southern University, the chair-elect, Colmore Christian from Alabama A&M, the Secretary, Solomon Haile from Tennessee State University, and the Asst. Secretary, Sathya Elanarthy from Delaware State University.

The collaboration proposal is being developed under three team leaders, Dr. Kamran Abdollahi, Dr. Colmore Christian and Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd of Alcorn State University. The theme areas will be agroforestry, urban forest ecosystems and tourism and recreation. Those attending the Atlanta meeting did an excellent job and we offer them all sincerest thanks for moving us forward in what we all know has to be done: collaboration is no longer a choice, it is required.

Sincerely,

Dyremples Marsh, ARD Chair



ARD UPDATES

Meeting Reminders/Notices

APLU Annual Meeting in San Francisco—Nov. 13-15, 2011. The ARD dinner meeting will be Monday evening (Nov. 14). For those of you on the Executive Committee of the 1890 Task Force, that meeting will take place from 9am—noon on Wednesday, November 16, 2011.

Consortium Planning Meeting—Nov. 27—29, 2011 in Atlanta

ARD Winter Meeting—January 18—20, 2012 in Jacksonville, FL

AHS/CARET at Washington, DC Keybridge Marriott Hotel (add 1.5 days in Feb.)

AEA Conference in Memphis—June 24—28, 2012

ARD Summer Meeting in Brazil—TBD

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The 2013 Biennial Research Symposium



SAVE THE DATE

April 6, 2013—travel day

April 7th –student presentations

April 9th –closing awards banquet

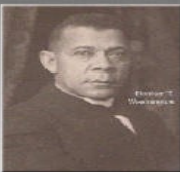
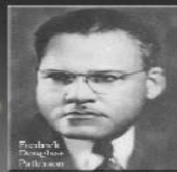
April 10th—travel day

LOCATION:

*Hyatt Regency
Jacksonville Riverfront*



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Tuskegee's Annual Professional Ag. Workers' Conference (PAWC) is December 4-6, 2011 at the Kellogg Conference Center, Tuskegee University

2011 Conference Theme: *“Empowering Underserved Farmers and Rural Communities Through Effective Farm Bill Legislation, USDA Program Delivery, and New Market Opportunities and Partnerships”*

1890 Impact Statements Requested by the System to be Posted on ARD Website

All regions have been requested to post impact information on their websites and the format will be as follows: a) project title; b) impact nugget (one sentence abstract); c) issue (who cares and why); d) what has the project done so far?; e) Impact Statements (the economic, social, health, or environmental consequences derived as benefits for the intended users. (Note impact statements should not include publications, meetings/conferences/program held, meeting/conference/program attendance, or results of research. These are outputs.) Lastly, the posting would include 'Research needs for the future.'

