

**National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics  
(NAREEE) Advisory Board**

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**SPECIALTY CROP COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**October 14, 2015 to October 15, 2015**

American Geophysical Union, 2000 Florida Avenue NW, Washington, DC

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**Wednesday, October 14, 2015**

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| 8:00 am – 8:15 am  | <b>Welcome and Introduction of Members</b><br><i>Michele Esch, Executive Director/Designated Federal Officer</i>  |
| 8:15 am – 8:25 am  | <b>Safety and Hospitality</b><br><i>Shirley Morgan-Jordan, Program Support Coordinator</i>  |
| 8:25 am – 8:35 am  | <b>Call for Nominations for Chair</b><br><i>Michele Esch, Executive Director</i>  |
| 8:35 am – 9:00 am  | <b>Welcome from NIFA</b><br><i>Dr. Parag Chitnis, Deputy Director, Institute of Food Production and Sustainability, NIFA</i>  |
| 9:00 am – 12:00 pm | <b>SCRI Project Director Presentations</b><br>(will include a break)<br><i>The SCRI Project Directors will provide 15 minute presentations on the intended goals of their research projects and accomplishments to date</i> |
| 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm | <b>Lunch</b> (for members, speakers and panelists)<br><i>Nominees for Chair will provide a brief introduction</i>   |
|                    | <b>Poster Session</b><br><i>Members will have an opportunity to interact individually with the SCRI Project Directors to discuss specific projects and information</i>  |
| 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm  | <b>Overview and Updates on the FY2015 NIFA Specialty Crop Research Initiative and Presentation of Grants Awarded</b><br><i>Dr. Tom Bewick, National Program Leader, NIFA</i>  |
| 2:00 pm – 2:15 pm  | <b>Discussion with SCRI National Program Leaders</b>  |
| 2:15 pm – 2:30 pm  | <b>Break</b>  |
| 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm  | <b>SCRI Relevancy Review</b><br><i>Dr. Joseph Bischoff, FY2015 Relevancy Review Manager, SCRI</i>   |
| 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm  | <b>Discussion with Relevancy Review Manager</b>   |

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3:30 pm – 3:35 pm	<b>Announcement of Chair for the Specialty Crop Committee (FY2016)</b>
3:35 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Public Comment</b>
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Working Session – General Discussion</b>
5:00 pm	<b>Adjourn for Evening</b>

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**Thursday, October 15, 2015**

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8:30 am – 8:45 am	<b>Welcoming Remarks and Overview of Day</b> <i>Chair Elect, Specialty Crop Committee</i>
8:45 am – 9:45 am	<b>Working Session – Comments on SCRI Grants Awarded in FY2015</b> <i>Specialty Crop Committee Members</i>
9:45 am – 10:45 am	<b>Working Session – Discussion and Establishment of Recommendations for FY2016</b> <i>Specialty Crop Committee Members</i>
10:45 am – 11:00 am	<b>Break</b>
11:00 am – 11:30 am	<b>Updates on Upcoming Listening Sessions, Future Programs, and Membership</b> <i>Michele Esch, Executive Director and Chair Elect, Specialty Crop Committee</i>
11:30 am – 11:45 am	<b>Travel Procedures</b> <i>Shirley Morgan-Jordan, Program Support Coordinator</i>
11:45 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Public Comment</b>
12:00 pm	<b>Meeting Adjourns</b>