

# National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics Advisory Board

Wednesday, July 17 – Friday, July 19, 2019

The Darcy Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, DC

Wednesday, July 17, 2019		Open Session	Gaston Room
8:00 am – 9:00 am	<b>Coffee Networking</b> (for members, Ex-Officio members, and speakers)		
<b>Orientation Session (see separate agenda for details)</b>			
9:00 am – 10:30 am	<b>Orientation</b> All members are invited and encouraged to attend the orientation session.		
10:30 am – 10:45 am	<b>Break</b>		
<b>NAREEE Advisory Board Meeting Convenes</b>			
10:45 am – 10:50 am	<b>Safety and Hospitality</b> , Shirley Morgan-Jordan, <i>Program Support Coordinator, NAREEE</i>		
10:50 am – 11:15 am	<b>Introduction of Members</b> Each member will introduce themselves, include name, where they are from/their institution, their category of representation, and 1-2 major issues impacting that area.		
11:15 am – 11:30 am	<b>Welcome and Overview of USDA/REE and NAREEE Changes</b> Michele Esch, <i>Executive Director/Designated Federal Officer, NAREEE</i>		
11:00 am – 11:30 am	<b>Remarks from the Research, Education, and Economics Mission Area</b> , Dr. Scott Hutchins <i>Deputy Under Secretary for REE</i>		
11:30 am – 11:45 am	<b>Q&amp;A with Dr. Hutchins</b>		
11:45 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Procedures/Elections for Executive Committee, Chair, and Vice Chair</b>		
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Networking Lunch</b> (for members, Ex-Officio members, and speakers)		
<b>REE Agency Updates</b> • Each agency will provide a short update on 2-3 initiatives or issues impacting their respective agency. Each speaker will have 15 minutes for presentation and 15 minutes for questions.			
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>National Institute of Food and Agriculture</b> , Dr. Scott Angle, <i>Director</i>		

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1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>Agricultural Research Service</b> , Dr. Mojdeh Bahar, <i>Assistant Administrator, Office of Technology Transfer</i>
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	<b>Break</b>
2:15 pm – 2:45 pm	<b>National Agricultural Statistics Service</b> , Mr. Hubert Hamer, <i>Administrator</i>
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm	<b>Office of the Chief Scientist</b> , Dr. Dionne Toombs, <i>Director</i>
3:15 pm – 3:45 pm	<b>Economic Research Service</b> , Dr. Greg Pompelli, <i>Associate Administrator</i>
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Break</b>
<b>Board Business</b>	
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Board Business</b> (General Discussion, Establish Executive Committee, etc.)
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	<b>Public Comment</b>
4:45 pm	<b>Adjourn for Evening</b> (Group Dinner – Location TBD)

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8:30 am – 9:00 am	<b>Welcome and Review/Overview</b> , Michele Esch, <i>Executive Director/Designated Federal Officer, NAREEE</i>
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## 2018 Farm Bill Changes and Implementation

9:00 am – 9:30 am	<b>Overview of Title VII, Research and Extension, of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018</b> , Josh Stull, <i>Congressional and Stakeholder Affairs Officer, NIFA</i>
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9:30 am – 10:00 am	<b>Discussion</b>
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## Relevance and Adequacy Review

*The NAREEE Advisory Board is statutorily required to perform an annual review of all the agricultural and natural resource research, extension, or education activities funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to assess their relevance to the Department’s established Research, Education and Economics (REE) priorities and to advise USDA on the adequacy of the funding for those activities (7 USC 7613(b)). This annual process is called the Relevance and Adequacy (R&A) review.*

- (b) Advisory Board review:** *On an annual basis, the Advisory Board shall review—*
- (1) The relevance to the priorities established under section [7612 \(a\)](#) of this title of the funding of all agricultural research, extension, or education activities conducted or funded by the Department; and*
  - (2) The adequacy of the funding.*

10:00 am – 10:15 am	<b>Overview of Relevance and Adequacy Process</b> , Michele Esch, <i>Executive Director/Designated Federal Officer, NAREEE</i>
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10:15 am – 11:00 am	<p><b>Discussion/Guiding Questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the process work?</li> <li>• How can we streamline?</li> </ul> <p><b>Establish Review Process and Relevance and Adequacy Subcommittee</b></p>
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11:00 am – 11:15 am	<b>Break</b>
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## Board Business

11:15 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Board Business</b> (Vote on Chair, Vice Chair, Executive Committee)
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12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b> (for members, Ex-Officio members, speakers, and panelists)
<b>REE Strategic Priorities and Planning</b>	
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>Overview of Strategic Themes</b> , Dr. Scott Hutchins <i>Deputy Under Secretary for REE</i>
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>Discussion with Dr. Hutchins</b>
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	<b>Break</b>
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm	<b>Discussion of Priorities, Programmatic/Strategic Themes, and Relevance &amp; Adequacy</b> <i>Members will split into small groups to discuss priorities, strategic themes and how they relate to the Board's charge, and the relevance and adequacy process.</i>
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Public Comment</b>
4:00 pm	<b>Adjourn for Evening</b> (dinner on own)

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<b>Board Business</b>			
8:30 am – 9:00 am	<b>Remarks from Chair, TBD, NAREEE</b>		
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>Subcommittee Updates &amp; Discussion, Michele Esch, Executive Director/Designated Federal Officer, NAREEE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Science Advisory Council</b></li><li>• <b>Specialty Crop Committee</b></li><li>• <b>National Genetic Resources Advisory Council</b></li><li>• <b>Citrus Disease Subcommittee</b></li></ul>		
10:00 am – 11:00 am	<b>General Board Discussion</b>		
11:00 am – 11:15 am	<b>Delta/Plus Activity</b> – What worked? What can we do better?		
11:15 am – 11:30 am	<b>Travel Reminder</b> Shirley Morgan-Jordan, <i>Program Support Coordinator, NAREEE</i>		
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Public Comment</b>		
12:00 pm	<b>Meeting Adjourns</b>		