



MINUTES
Executive Committee Conference Call
Friday, September 6, 2019, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EDT

Executive Committee Members Present: Dr. David Baltensperger (Chair), Dr. John Coupland, Dr. Sarah Francis, Mr. Richard De los Santos, Ms. Liz Hobart, Dr. Jayson Lusk, and Dr. Mike Oltrogge

Executive Committee Members Absent: Dr. Edmund Buckner and Ms. Robin Beck

NAREEE Board Staff: Ms. Michele Esch, Executive Director, and Ms. Shirley Morgan-Jordan, Program Support Coordinator

Ex-Officio(s): None

Others Present: Dr. Rich Derksen (OCS) and Ms. Courtney Knupp (REE)

I. Welcome and Roll Call of the Executive Committee Members and Other Attendees

Ms. Michele Esch welcomed everyone on the calls.

II. Welcome from the Chair

Dr. Baltensperger welcomed everyone on the call. He opened a discussion on the ERS/NIFA relocation.

Ms. Esch stated that they are still working on the location for the employees and the location and an announcement of the permanent location will be made in October. The actual move to the permanent location will depend on the build-out requirements. A formal lease has not been signed at the temporary location (the Beacon Center) since the building is already leased to USDA. The USDA agencies currently occupying the building have graciously made space for ERS and NIFA.

III. Review and Discussion of Comments to the USDA Science Blueprint

The Board reviewed the responses and proposed edits to the USDA Science Blueprint. They specifically reviewed the responses to the 4 overarching questions and the edits to Blueprint. They were asked to identify further review the edits to the USDA Science Blueprint and provide concurrence to Ms. Esch by September 9.

IV. Finalize location of the next NAREEE Meeting

- The EXECOM spoke briefly on the location of the next meeting and agreed that a doodle poll will be sent out.
- Ms. Esch will look at the top options and speak with Dr. Hutchins on the specific questions he wants the Board to review on Ag Climate Adaptation focus area. Ms. Esch will then consult with ARS and NIFA to determine an adequate location.

V. Other Business

- Dr. Baltensperger requested approval of the minutes from the last meeting and they were unanimously approved with no edits.

VI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Next meeting will be Friday, October 4, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Dr. David Baltensperger
Chair

Dr. Edmund Buckner
Vice Chair

Michele Esch
Executive Director

APPROVAL BY ADVISORY BOARD:

Date

Initials following Advisory Board Approval