

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

Sun 6/2/24 – Tues 6/4/24

Concord/Kannapolis, North Carolina

Sunday 6/2/24 – Travel Day for Meeting

All day Arrive at Hilton Embassy Suites Charlotte/Concord (5400 John Q. Hammonds Drive, Concord, NC 28027)

Monday 6/3/24 – Meeting Day #1 – North Carolina Research Campus, Core Laboratory Building (Events Room), 150 Research Campus Drive, Kannapolis, NC 28081

- 8:00 – 8:30 am ET** Board Member and Guest Coffee Networking
- 8:30 – 9:00 am** Meeting Overview & Welcome: NAREEE Advisory Board Chair – Dr. Kenrett Jefferson-Moore, Professor and Chair, Department of Agribusiness, Applied Economics and Agriscience Education (AAEAE) at North Carolina A&T State University (NC A&T)
- 9:00 – 10:00 am** USDA REE Highlights/Update -- Dr. Deirdra Chester, Director, USDA Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS), (Live, via Zoom), 30 min presentation with 30 min for questions
- 10:00 – 10:15 am** BREAK
- 10:15 – 11:45 am** Discussion: Current Member Overviews for New Members – each experienced member (7/8 -- TBD) will introduce themselves, including their affiliation, their category of representation, 1-2 issues they bring to their Board service, and 1-2 projects they've worked on as a Board member to represent those interests or future Board project ideas (2 slides, 10 mins per member)
- 11:45 – 12:15** **Lunch**
- 12:15 – 1:00 pm** NIFA NextGen Program Presentation – Dr. Peter Motavalli, USDA/NIFA, Live, via Zoom, (NextGen background and strategy), Dr. Antoine Alston, NC A&T (1890), Live, via Zoom, and Dr. Natasha Mast – Texas A&M University (1862)-Kingsville (status of NextGen award activity at these institutions)

- 1:00 – 3:00 pm** Tour: Center for Post-Harvest Technologies (CEPHT), UNC Nutrition Research Building, 500 Laureate Way, Kannapolis, NC 28081 (Host: Dr. Guibing Chen) NC A&T's CEPHT researches health-enhancing ways to process fruits and vegetables and explore innovative solutions to make food safer, extend shelf life and preserve health-promoting nutrients.
- 3:00 – 4:30 pm** Presentation: The Extension Foundation's ExtensionBot and an introduction to Artificial Intelligence for Cooperative Extension -- Mr. David Warren, Senior Director, Integrated Strategies, Oklahoma State University and AI Program Leader at the Extension Foundation
- 4:30 – 4:45 pm** BREAK
- 4:45 – 5:30 pm** USDA Science & Research Strategy (S&RS) Presentation – Ms. Aarti Arora, ORISE Data Science Fellow, OCS
- 5:30 - 5:45 pm** Time for Public Comment

Tuesday 6/4/24 – Meeting Day #2 -- North Carolina Research Campus, Core Laboratory Building (Events Room), 150 Research Campus Drive, Kannapolis, NC 28081

- 8:00 – 8:15 am ET** Board Member and Guest Coffee Networking
- 8:15 – 8:30 am** Remarks: Recap of Day 1 and Overview of Day 2 – Ms. Kate Lewis, NAREEE Board Executive Director
- 8:30 – 10:30 am** Current Board Business – FY23/FY24 Projects – Kate Lewis
- Diversity & Inclusivity Letter (response from USDA Secretary, status/next steps)
 - Ag Climate Report Addendum (response from USDA Secretary, status/next steps)
 - CDS -- NIFA ECDRE FY24 Research Priorities – Mr. Gee Roe, Chair
 - NGRAC – FY24 recommendations in process – Dr. Jim McFerson, Chair and Mr. Edwin Kitzes, NAREEE Board member, BOARD VOTE: Crop Vulnerability Report
 - Pollinator Subcommittee (PS) Initiation and update – Ms. Izzy Hill, Ex-Officio Member
 - SCC – NIFA SCRI FY24 Program Recommendations – Dr. Greg Goins, Chair
- 10:30 - 10:45 am** BREAK

- 10:45 – 11:45 am** Discussion: Relevancy & Adequacy (R&A) Project – Ad Hoc Committee (AHC)
Dr. Mario Ferruzzi (The NAREEE Board is statutorily required to perform an annual review of all research, extension, or education activities to the established REE priorities and the adequacy of the funding for these activities.)
The AHC will provide all Board members a project overview, outline the drafting and status of the R&A evaluation of USDA's Precision Nutrition theme area, and discuss any questions Board members have on the FINAL draft of the report. Time will also be allocated for some initial discussion about the FY25 R&A
- 11:45 – 12:00 pm** Time for Public Comment
- 12:00 – 12:15 pm** New Board Business: Call for Vote for new Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Executive Committee -- Kate Lewis
- 12:15 – 12:45 pm** Lunch
- 12:45 – 1:00 pm** Forecast Next Board Meeting (Topics/Location) and Announce Vote for new Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Executive Committee – Kate Lewis
- 1:00 – 3:00 pm** Tour: The North Carolina Food Innovation Lab (NCFIL), 150 N Research Campus Drive, Kannapolis, NC 28081 (Host: Ms. Dede Beaver)
NCFIL is an North Carolina State University-led food manufacturing pilot plant dedicated to accelerating plant-based food research, development, and commercialization
- 3:15 pm** Adjourn