

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

SPRING 2016 NAREEE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 23, 2016 – Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Grand Hyatt Hotel, 1000 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

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Independence D/E

(all times listed are EDT)

8:30 am – 8:45 am **Welcome and Introduction of Members**
Michele Esch, *Executive Director/Designated Federal Officer, NAREEE Advisory Board*

8:45 am – 8:50 am **Safety and Hospitality**
Shirley Morgan-Jordan, *Program Support Coordinator, NAREEE Advisory Board*

8:50 am – 9:00 am **Opening Remarks**
Dr. Steve Daley-Laursen, *Chair, NAREEE Advisory Board*

Approval of Minutes from Fall/Winter 2015 NAREEE Meeting

9:00 am – 9:30 am **Remarks from the Research, Education, and Economics Mission Area**
Dr. Catherine Woteki, *Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics (REE)/
USDA Chief Scientist*

9:30 am – 10:00 am **Discussion on REE Activities**

10:00 am – 10:15 am **Break**

PART I: Relevance and Adequacy

Questions for the Board members to consider during the Relevance and Adequacy Session:

- *What are the key research, education and extension programming and their specific goals for this REE Action Goal(s)?*
- *What documented client/stakeholder needs are being addressed by the programming for this Action Goal(s)?*
- *Does the research, education and extension for the Action Goal(s) advance agricultural and/or natural resource science and its application? [Address strengths and limitations in answering this question.]*
- *Is the funding invested accomplishing the goals of this program area?*
- *Is there a complementary balance of intramural and extramural funding and short- and long-term research in this Action Goal(s)?*
- *What does this Action Goal(s) need to do to address remaining gaps between the activities and accomplishments, evolving stakeholder needs, and the current state and application of agricultural science?*
- *Is there complementarity and collaborative effort across REE in terms of intramural, extramural, and infrastructure funding and short- and long-term research, education and extension that does not duplicate efforts in REE or other federal efforts?*

10:15 am – 10:30 am **Introduction**
Dr. Patsy Brannon, *Co-Chair, Relevance and Adequacy Committee*
Dr. Carrie Castille, *Co-Chair, Relevance and Adequacy Committee*

10:30 am – 11:00 am **Relevance and Adequacy Contributions to REE Strategic Planning**
Dr. Catherine Woteki, *REE, Under Secretary/USDA Chief Scientist*

11:00 am – 11:15 am **Discussion with Dr. Woteki**

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- 11:15 am – 12:00 pm **Presentation of the Draft Report on the Relevance and Adequacy of the Food Safety and Nutrition Programs in REE**
Dr. Patsy Brannon and Dr. Carrie Castille, *Co-Chairs, Relevance and Adequacy Committee*
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **Lunch** (for members, speakers, and panel members)
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations**
- 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm **R&A Process – Lessons Learned**
Michele Esch, *Executive Director, NAREEE Advisory Board*
- 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm **Establishment of the R&A Committee for Climate and Energy Needs and Discussion on Timeline**
- 3:00 pm – 3:15 pm **Break**

PART II: Technology Assessment

The NAREEE Board is charged to review the mechanisms of the Department of Agriculture for technology assessment (which should be conducted by qualified professionals) for the purposes of—

- a) performance measurement and evaluation of the implementation by the Secretary of the strategic plan;*
- b) implementation of national research policies and priorities;*
- c) the development of mechanisms for the assessment of emerging public and private agricultural research and technology transfer initiatives; and*

- 3:15 pm – 3:30 pm **Overview of Charge – What is technology assessment?**
Michele Esch, *Executive Director, NAREEE Advisory Board*
- 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm **Current Mechanisms of Technology Assessment in REE**
- 3:30 pm – 3:45 pm ARS, Office of Technology Transfer – Dr. Mojdeh Bahar, *Assistant Administrator*, and Robert Griesbach, *Deputy Assistant Administrator*
- 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm NIFA – Dr. Luis Tupas, *Deputy Director, Institute of Bioenergy, Climate and the Environment*
- 4:00 pm – 4:15 pm NASS – Donald Buysse, *Chief, Census Planning Branch*
- 4:15 pm – 4:30 pm ERS – Dr. Kelly Day-Rubenstein, *Agricultural Economist* and Dr. Paul Heisey, *Agricultural Economist*
- 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm **Discussion on Implementation of Charge**
- 5:15 pm – 5:30 pm **Public Comment**
- 5:30 pm **Adjourn for evening**
Relevance and Adequacy Committee Members will meet in Independence D/E immediately following adjournment of the meeting.

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8:30 am – 8:45 am **Summary of Day One and Overview of the Agenda**
Dr. Steve Daley-Laursen, *Chair, NAREEE Advisory Board*

PART III: Establishment of National Priorities

The NAREEE Board is charge to review and provide consultation to USDA, land grant colleges and universities, and the appropriate Congressional Committees on: A) long and short term national policies and priorities for REE; B) the annual establishment of national priorities. These national priorities may be utilized by the Secretary to grant a waiver for matching funds for some competitive grants.

8:45 am – 9:00 am **Revisit Charge**
Michele Esch, *Executive Director, NAREEE Advisory Board*

9:00 am – 9:45 am **Discussion on Past and Future Process**

10:00 am – 10:15 am **Break**

Part IV: Roundtable Discussion

Pre-selected NAREEE Members and the REE leadership will present one to two initiatives and/or issues facing their industry or agency that call for significant involvement and/or input.

NAREEE members

Agricultural Research Service

Economic Research Service

National Agricultural Statistics Service

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Office of the Chief Scientist

Dr. Chavonda Jacobs-Young, Administrator

Dr. Mary Bohman, Administrator

Mr. Joe Reilly, Administrator

Dr. Meryl Broussard, Associate Director for Programs

Dr. Kim Green, Director

10:15 am – 12:00 pm **Presentation of Initiatives/Issues and Discussion**

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **Lunch** (for members, speakers, and panelists)

Science Advisory Council Meeting (Independence C)

PART V: Board Business

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm **Subcommittees and Working Groups Updates**
*** Subcommittees will provide a written update or meeting minutes unless specific action is required.*

1:00 pm – 1:15 pm **Presentation of Letter of Recommendations**
Dr. Etienne Rabe, *Vice Chair, Citrus Disease Subcommittee*

1:15 pm – 1:30 pm **Discussion and Approval of CDS Letter of Recommendations**

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm **General Discussion and Questions on Subcommittee Activities**

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- 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Discussion of Future Programs, Timeline, and Membership of the NAREEE Advisory Board and its Committees**
Board members should be prepared to discuss upcoming topics, outstanding issues. NAREEE staff will also discuss membership and the nomination process.
- 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm **Delta/Plus Activity**
What works? What needs to be changed?
Michele Esch, *Executive Director, NAREEE Advisory Board*
- 3:30 pm – 4:15 pm **Closing Comments and Discussion**
Dr. Catherine Woteki, *REE, Under Secretary/USDA Chief Scientist*
- 4:15 pm – 4:45 pm **Closing Remarks**
Dr. Steve Daley-Laursen, *Chair, NAREEE Advisory Board*
Dr. Carrie Castille, *Vice Chair, NAREEE Advisory Board*
Michele Esch, *Executive Director, NAREEE Advisory Board*
- 4:45 pm – 5:00 pm **Public Comment**
- 5:00 pm **Meeting Adjourns**