

Agenda
NORTHEAST MULTISTATE ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE MEETING

November 20, 2019
8:00-9:00 am Teleconference

<https://zoom.us/j/5717743008> or
(646) 558-8656 (access code 571 774 3008)

Chair, Brad Hillman (Rutgers)

Members: Matt Wilson (WVU), Eric Wommack (UD), Gary Thompson (PSU), Pat Vittum (UMASS) and Amy Ouellette (UNH)

Approval of the agenda

Approval of [MAC Report, October 16, 2019 \(click to view\)](#)

Informational items

1. NERA decisions on MAC recommendations
 - a. Approval of NECC_TEMP1901 *Integrating Genomics and Breeding for Improved Aquaculture Production of Molluscan Shellfish*
 - b. Approval of AAs: Bill Miller AA – NRSP1, Matt Wilson AA – NE1544, Mark Hutton AA – NE1731, Matt Wilson AA – NE1962
 - c. Funding for a NERA Planning Grant, Govoni, UCONN

Action Items:

Request to Write

1. None

Request to Approve Peer Reviewed Multistate Coordinating Committees and Extension and Research Activities

1. None

NERA Planning Grant

1. Discussion of the tabled NERA Planning grant rfp.
 - a. Background: Faculty members at several NERA institutions cannot apply for NERA planning grants because of the requirement by the institution to recover F&A costs.
 - b. Two strategies for accommodating all institutions:
 - i. Principal investigator (PI) submits proposal to NERA, NERA funds proposal with a lump-sum check to the PI

- ii. PI submits proposal to Station Director, Director chooses to endorse the PI and team and inform NERA of intent to fund. Funding will be provided by the PI's institution. The planning grant funds dedicated to the proposal are then subtracted from the following year's NERA assessment.
- c. General support for moving forward with both strategies. A new RFP has been drafted (attached). The intent of both strategies is to raise the number of submissions and assist PI's and institutions by avoiding internal obstacles for deploying "NERA" funds. The question of responsibilities of the NERA planning grant host institution were discussed at length. A concern was expressed about the host institution inheriting all the attendant transactional problems (e.g., travel reimbursement for individuals not associated with the host institution.)
- d. Should decisions on planning grants reside with the MAC or does that require NERA approval?

Administrative Adviser Assignment

- 1. None

Attachments

NERA Planning Grant rfp