NERA Meeting Minutes (Nashville, TN at ESS-CES Joint Meeting)

September 25, 2019

In attendance: Jody Jellison, Gary Thompson, Fred Servello, Mark Hutton, Adel Shirmohammadi, Jan Nyrop, Carol Thornber, Matt Wilson, Rick Rhodes, David Leibovitz

The 9/25/2019 agenda was approved by acclamation.

The minutes from the NERA business meeting of June 4-5, 2019 were approved by acclamation.

OED Evaluation
- The accomplishments report of the OED was provided to the Directors for their information
- 2019-2020 will be an important year for NERA and the other regional associations to work closely with NIFA during its transition to Kansas City
- Comments will be solicited from all NERA Directors and the results of the evaluation will be shared after the meeting

NIFA Relocation and the Northeast
- Any regional concerns should overshadow general concerns about the NIFA relocation and new operations
- NERA Directors should send information to NIFA through the OED, so Scott Angle consistently hears from Rick rather than different Directors at different times
- Conveying concerns at the regional level is more important than the institutional level
- NERA sees NIFA as a partner
- Other regions and sections share similar concerns – we need to unify messaging with the counterpart organizations

NERA Budget
- Approved FY19 / Final FY19 / Approved FY20 budgets were shared with the Directors
- Several institutions’ faculty cannot apply for NERA Planning Grants because of the institutional overhead requirement
- The OED was charged to draft a process that allows NERA institutions to bypass the payment of IDC on NERA Planning Grants. Streamlining the funding process will make NERA Planning Grants easier to promote across the region.

NERA Spring Meeting
- NERA wants to return to the spring meeting in 2020
- Philadelphia is a major airport hub and seems like a favorable location for the whole association
- Dates – preferably late March or early April
- The OED will send a set of dates and locations to NERA for their review

NERA December Teleconference
- The NERA December teleconference will be scheduled in the fall via a Doodle poll.
NERA Officer-at-large Nomination

- Gary Thompson (Penn State) was nominated as the NERA Officer-at-large
- **Gary Thompson was appointed as the NERA Officer-at-large beginning in 2019-2020**

Changing of the Guard

- Ted Andreadis was not present at the meeting and rotated in as Chair for 2019-2020
- Jody Jellison was thanked and presented with an award in appreciation of her service as Chair in 2018-2019
- Jan Nyrop has rotated off the Executive Committee
- Current NERA Exec Committee: Ted Andreadis (Chair), Carol Thornber (Vice-Chair), Gary Thompson (Officer-at-large), Jody Jellison (Past chair)
- FYI – NERA will be providing the ESCOP Chair in 2022

The meeting adjourned at 8:56am