

# Message from the Chair



# ARD UPDATES

Dear Colleagues:

Representation of the 1890 Universities on committees, panels, task forces, and boards of ESCOP and CSREES is critical. It is also extremely important that the 1890 representatives have the opportunity to report back and to keep the membership informed about activities, decisions and opportunities within the larger land grant system. Several requests of the ARD have been made to submit nominations or to identify representatives on key land grant programs or on initiatives that would greatly impact the 1890 universities. Some of you have nominated scientists to participate in an on-line Delphi process to determine system-wide research priorities. This is a very important committee because ESCOP will submit research priorities to the CSREES Office of Competitive Programs to consider in developing the 2010 RFAs for AFRI. The progress on developing these priorities will be shared at the ESS/SAES/ARD meeting in Oklahoma in September, 2009 and will be refined by the Science and Technology Committee (1890 representatives are Ambrose Anoruo and Steve Meredith). Directors have nominated scientists to participate in the Aviation Biofuels Summit in September as well. This initiative is an attempt to assist the Air Force in developing a plan to implement their goal of 50% aviation biofuel use by the end of 2012. Another important appointment is two 1890 representatives (one from ARD and one from AEA) for the first Plan of Work and Annual Report Review Team. The team is going to be convened by the CSREES Office of Planning and Accountability to review the current POW/AR process and make recommendations for improvements. Finally, we also need to select/elect the candidate from the ARD to run on the APLU ballot for membership on the Policy Board of Directors of the Board on Agriculture Assembly. While these are merely examples of the many appointments for 1890 representation, it is evident that we can only be “at the table” if these representatives are nominated or appointed. We need them to voice our needs and concerns and return to the 1890 family with information that benefits us all. Therefore, as always, I look forward to your cooperation in helping to fill the above positions and the many that are on the horizon. Our full participation with the rest of the land grant system benefits us and allows us to grow in the partnerships we develop within the “Family.”

Sincerely,

Orlando F. McMeans

ARD Chair



## FYI: % of Increases and Decreases in Funding

CSREES Lines	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09
Evans-Allen	+2.0%	+1.4%	+9.0%	+0.9%	+10.8%
1890 Extension	+3.0%	+2.0%	+5.0%	+1.8%	+12.0%
Capacity Building Grants	+7.9%	-1.0%	+1.6%	+9.8%	+10.4%
1890 Facilities	+12.5%	-1.0%	+1.0%	+2.9%	+4.2%

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## Leadership Development for the 21st Century (LEAD21)

The LEAD21 program is accepting applications for the 2009-2010 Class (Class 4). Representing the 1890s on the LEAD21 Board of Directors are Gina Eubanks of Southern University and Carolyn Brooks of the ARD. LEAD21 is the primary national-level leadership development program serving the needs of land grant universities' colleges of agriculture, environmental and human sciences and CSREES. The program is intended to meet the needs for leadership development of faculty, scientists, specialists, program and team leaders, research station and center directors, district and regional directors, department heads/chairs, and others.

The 1890s had four participants in the class of 2008-2009 (Class3) and they were Millie Worku of North Carolina A&T State University, Patricia Duncan of Fort Valley State University, Sonja Davis of Prairie View A&M University, and Yvonne Matthews of Lincoln University. Class 3 of 2008-2009 concluded their experience in February, 2009 in Washington, D.C. The leadership development experience consisted of three on-site sessions, peer coaching, a personal development plan, self-directed learning, and a campus leadership experience. The experiences are guided by five core competencies: developing self and others; leading with integrity and values; resolving conflict; fostering collaboration; and managing change. While the cost to be a participant is prohibitive (\$12,000), there are scholarships that are available. Additionally, CSREES is investigating the possibility of including the tuition cost as an eligible expense in a Capacity Building Grant. The classes are usually >than 65 participants and it is hoped that more 1890 participants will be in the program since the largest number in one year has been five. The program is well worth the investment!

## Capacity Building Grant Update

When the 1890 Capacity Building Grant Program announcement is official, and the releasing date is established, Dr. Ali Mohamed, National Program Leader, will send an e-mail to deans, directors and extension administrators to indicate the date and procedure to conduct three (3) webinars. The first will be for these three groups of 1890 administrators to discuss and become familiar with the major changes in the RFA and to stress the things that need to be strengthened in developing a successful proposal and to be reminded of what not to do when applying through *grants.gov*. The appropriate participants in the webinar shall be determined by each university.

The next webinar will be repeated so that only nine (9) institutions can participate in each of the two webinars (one or the other) presented next. The participants should be university faculty (teaching, research and extension) who were chosen to participate in writing an 1890 Capacity Building Grant application at the respective institutions. It is expected that these selected faculty participants will have already read the RFA and would be prepared to ask specific questions about things that remain unclear. Additionally, Dr. Mohamed will provide additional information about the use of the Logic Model for writing the proposals.

All applicants (research, extension and teaching faculty) are strongly encouraged to participate in the webinars. Dr. Mohamed also wanted it to be stressed that the Capacity Building Grant Program is competitive and applications will be recommended for funding based on quality (highest scores).

### **REMINDER**

***Summer Meeting Updates: [www.umes.edu/ard](http://www.umes.edu/ard)***