Message from the Chair

Dear Colleagues:

I wanted to give an update on issues that evolved from the BAA Policy Board of Directors (PBD) meeting on March 11, 2014. The Board determined that there is to be a strategy to advocate for increased Evans-Allen and 1890 Extension funding to cover Central State University’s eligibility for funds in 2016. The BAC should also develop a position statement on how Congress should respond as it relates to new institutions requesting to be added to capacity lines. NIFA has added a new “Opportunity Growth Initiative” that has been proposed in the President’s budget. Of $60 million that NIFA would receive, $15 million would be added to Hatch and $5 million to Evans-Allen and these new funds would be competitive, not part of the formula per se. There is an $8.5 million increase proposed for AFRI and $25 million per year for five years for three virtual institutes. The three institutes will be in the areas of pollination and pollinator health, anti-microbial resistance and manufacturing innovation in bio products and bio-processing. NIFA would fund a $2.5M program to assist veterans in becoming a part of the food and ag. sector.

The Rules of Operation change requested by the Board passed but was amended to include that even though an amendment requires two-thirds of those voting instead of two-thirds of those eligible to vote, there must be a quorum of the voting membership greater than 51 percent. The NIFA government-private partnership foundation requests nominations for the founding board. Please do so according to directions sent to you via email from the ARD executive director.

Sincerely,

Shirley Hymon-Parker

Dr. Hazo W. Carter, Jr. Passes

Last month we lost another of our 1890 family, Dr. Hazo W. Carter Jr., who served as president of West Virginia State University for 25 years. Dr. Carter was serving as the university’s president emeritus. During Carter’s tenure as president, WVSU made a number of notable accomplishments, including: recovering its status as a land-grant institution, which had been lost in the 1950s, allowing it to receive more federal funds; establishing master’s degree programs; becoming a university in 2004. Before becoming president at WVSU, Carter served as president at Philander Smith College in Little Rock, AR from 1983 to 1987. He served as vice president of student affairs at Norfolk State University from 1977 through 1983. His wife, Judge Phyllis Carter, also passed in February, 2014. Both Dr. and Mrs. Carter were much beloved among the 1890 family.

Dr. Chavonda Jacobs-Young Appointed Administrator for the Agricultural Research Service (ARS)

Dr. Jacobs-Young recently served as ARS Associate Administrator for National Programs, where she led the Office of National Programs which manages the research objectives of the Agency. She also led the Office of International Research Programs which is responsible for ARS’ liaison with its international partners. Dr. Jacobs-Young assumed her new duties effective February 23, 2014. Prior to moving into her role at ARS, she served as the Director of the Office of the Chief Scientist in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where she was responsible for facilitating the coordination of scientific leadership across the Department to ensure that research supported by, and scientific advice provided to, the Department and external stakeholders were held to the highest standards of intellectual rigor and scientific integrity. She also served as the Acting Director for USDA’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture.
### Funding Opportunities at USDA NIFA

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**Examples of Excellence:** Drs. M.M. Tajkarimi and Salim Ibrahim of the N.C. A&T State University Food Microbiology and Biotechnology Laboratory and Dr. D.O. Cliver of the University of California Davis published an article, “Antimicrobial herb and spice compounds in food” in the *Journal of Food Control* 21 (2010) 1199-1218 that is the most downloaded and most reviewed in the last three years and it has been cited in journal articles over 200 times.

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### Highlights of NIFA Budget

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NIFA’s total discretionary budget would be $1.34 billion, an increase of $58.4 million. We await instructions about the $5 million in competitive funding that would be added to Evans-Allen.