

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

DRAFT 16, October 14, 2004

AGENDA

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 27-29, 2004

Meeting Location: *Washington Court Hotel, 525 New Jersey Ave., N.W.,
Washington, DC 20001-1527; phone: 202-628-2100*

Wednesday, October 27:

1:30 p.m. – I. NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION – *Springwood Room*
2:40 p.m. *(All interested Board members are welcome!)*

Dr. Rodney Brown, Deputy Under Secretary for Research, Education, and
Economics (REE), USDA

Dr. Martin Massengale, Chair, Advisory Board

Dr. George Hoffman, Vice Chair, Advisory Board

REE Agencies (10 minutes each):

Dr. Colien Hefferan, Administrator, Cooperative State
Research, Education, and Extension Service

Dr. Edward Knipling, Administrator, Agricultural Research
Service

Dr. Phil Fulton, Associate Administrator, Economic Research
Service; and

Mr. Ron Bosecker, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics
Service.

Ms. Sara Mazie, REE Budget Coordinator;

Ms. Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director, Advisory Board, REE, USDA;

Mrs. Shirley Morgan-Jordan, Program Support Coordinator, REE, USDA; and
newly appointed Advisory Board members; and interested incumbents.

2:40 p.m. **Break**

Wednesday, October 27 (continued):

Location: Springwood Room

3:00 p.m. II. ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – Chair presiding

A. Welcome –

- Chair of Advisory Board – Dr. Martin Massengale
- Deputy Under Secretary for REE, USDA – Dr. Rodney Brown

⇒ *Brief Introductions by Members and Guests*

3:30 p.m. B. General Advisory Board Business – Chair

1. Approval of Interim Minutes since the March 2004 Board Meeting –
Advisory Board

3:35 p.m. 2. Meeting Agenda: Brief Walk-Through – Ms. Deborah Hanfman,
Executive Director, Advisory Board

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Advisory Board

4. Announcements:

- Brief Overview of Executive Committee Election Process – Dr. Martin Massengale, incumbent Chair and Ms. Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director
- Election of Advisory Board Chair and Vice Chair *for Fiscal Year 2005 (October 2004-September 30, 2007)* – Advisory Board voting members
- Other Announcements – Ms. Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director; Mrs. Shirley Morgan-Jordan, Program Support Coordinator; *and/or* Advisory Board members

4:00 p.m. 5. Information Sharing: “Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition” – a joint USDA/EPA FACA committee – liaison: Burleson Smith,
Director, Pest Management Policy, Office of the Deputy Secretary, USDA

4:15 p.m. C. BACKGROUND FOR THURSDAY’S FOCUS SESSION:
Economic Overview of Animal Disease Issues and Related Impacts –
Dr. Walter Armbruster, President, Farm Foundation (includes traceability and invasive species’ issues, among others)

Board Q&A

by 5:15 p.m. Meeting Adjourns for the Day

Wednesday evening, October 27:

6:00 p.m. –

8:30 p.m. **III. RECEPTION** – in “*Executive Room*”

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. William Danforth, Chair of the USDA Research, Education and Economics (REE) Task Force – Highlights of the REE Task Force Report titled, *National Institute for Food and Agriculture: A Proposal (July 2004)* – **Introduced by Dr. Martin Massengale**

Board Discussion and Q&A

Thursday, October 28:

Location: Springwood Room

7:30 a.m. **Breakfast & Informal Board Discussion**

IV. ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

7:45 a.m. **IMPORTANT: *Nomination of candidates will be taken from the floor for the election of members to the Executive Committee for FY 2005 (i.e., October 2004 – September 30, 2005) – Chair presiding***

8:00 a.m. **REE RESPONSES TO ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SECRETARY (SINCE THE MARCH 2004 BOARD MEETING) – Dr. Joseph Jen, Under Secretary for REE, USDA**

⇒ **new CSREES-administered *Integrated Organic Program*** – *integrates two congressionally-mandated programs, “Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative (OREI)” that provided funding authorization in the 2002 farm bill and “Organic Transitions Program (ORG)” that provided authorization under Section 406 of the 1998 farm bill – into one competitive grant “Request for Applications (RFA),” totaling approximately \$4.7 million in FY 2004 (Board advice issued March 26, 2004).*

⇒ ***REE Relevance to Priorities and Adequacy of Funding*** – 7th annual review by Advisory Board – a congressional Mandate in the 1998 farm bill (**Board advice issued May 13, 2004**).

⇒ **March 2004 Advisory Board Meeting – *Focus Session on “Agriculture, Natural Resources and the Environment: Implications for Sustainable Agricultural Systems.”*** (Board advice issued May 25, 2004).

⇒ ***USDA Agricultural Research Service Peer Review Process*** (Board advice issued April 7, 2004).

Thursday, October 28 (continued):

Location: Springwood Room

9:00 a.m. V. FOCUS SESSION BEGINS

PROTECTING OUR FOOD SYSTEM FROM CURRENT & EMERGING ANIMAL AND PLANT DISEASES AND PATHOGENS: Implications for Research, Education, Extension & Economics

Brief introductory remarks – Dr. Jeff Armstrong, Co-Chair of Board’s Program Planning Work Group

► Welcome by Under Secretary for REE – Dr. Joseph Jen

9:30 a.m. KEYNOTE SPEAKER – Jeremy Stump, Homeland Security Director for USDA – Overview of USDA activities regarding Homeland Security Presidential Directive/HSPD-9

Board Q&A

10:40 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS (REE), USDA – AGENCY HIGHLIGHTS

⇒ to address briefly: **a)** Focus Session *Objectives*; **b)** REE agency activities in response to the *Homeland Security Presidential Directive/HSPD-9*; **c)** *coordination* within REE; and **d)** *other homeland security activities* in place or planned for the future.

Moderator: Dr. Joseph J. Jen, Under Secretary for REE, USDA

11:05 a.m. ● Agricultural Research Service (ARS) – Dr. Caird Rexroad, Associate Administrator

Board Q&A

11:50 a.m. ● Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) – Dr. Colien Hefferan, Administrator

Board Q&A

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. WORKING LUNCH

Thursday, October 28 (continued):

Location: Springwood Room

V. FOCUS SESSION (continued)

PROTECTING OUR FOOD SYSTEM FROM CURRENT & EMERGING ANIMAL AND PLANT DISEASES AND PATHOGENS: Implications for Research, Education, Extension & Economics

- 1:15 p.m.** • Economic Research Service (ERS) – Greg Pompelli, Economist-in-Charge
Geospatial Economic Analysis
- Board Q&A
- 1:45 p.m.** • National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) – Mr. Ron Bosecker,
Administrator
- Board Q&A
- 2:15 p.m.** **Board Overall Discussion of key REE Agency Activities**
- 2:30 p.m.** **Advisory Board members: → Complete & Sign “Voting Ballot” (located in each member’s briefing book) to elect seven members to the Executive Committee (for FY 2005) → Please pass ballot to Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director**
- BREAK**
- 3:00 p.m.** **Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – *Activities Related to Food, Fiber, and Agriculture*** – Dr. Gerald Parker, Office of Research and Development (ORD), Science & Technology Directorate, DHS
- 3:30 p.m.** Board Q&A
- 4:00 p.m.** **General Board Discussion – Chair of Advisory Board presiding**
- 4:30 p.m.** **Public Comments**
- 4:55 p.m.** • **Vice Chair Announces Members Elected to the Executive Committee (for FY 2005)**
- **Vice Chair Asks Members to consider topics and possible dates for next full Board Meeting (late winter/early spring 2005)**
- 5:00 p.m.** **Adjourn for the day**

Thursday evening, October 28:

6:00 p.m. **FOCUS SESSION RECEPTION** – in “Executive Room”

PROTECTING OUR FOOD SYSTEM FROM CURRENT & EMERGING ANIMAL AND PLANT DISEASES AND PATHOGENS: Implications for Research, Education, Extension & Economics

~ 6:45 p.m. **GUEST SPEAKER: DR. LONNIE KING, DEAN AND PROFESSOR, COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, AND FORMER ADMINISTRATOR, APHIS** – *Introduced by Mrs. Carol Keiser, Co-Chair of Board’s Program Planning Work Group*

7:30 p.m. Board Discussion and Q&A

by 9:00 p.m. Reception ends

Friday, October 29:

Location: Springwood Room

7:00 a.m. *Breakfast & Informal Board Discussion*

7:20 a.m. **V. FOCUS SESSION RECONVENES**

PROTECTING OUR FOOD SYSTEM FROM CURRENT & EMERGING ANIMAL AND PLANT DISEASES AND PATHOGENS: Implications for Research, Education, Extension & Economics

Moderator for a.m. Focus Session: Mrs. Carol Keiser, Co-Chair of Board’s Program Planning Work Group

7:30 a.m. *The Role of the Department of Homeland Security: Collaborations and Implications for Agricultural Research, Education, Extension, and Economics* –
Dr. Beth Lautner, DVM, Center Director, Plum Island Animal Disease Center,
Department of Homeland Security

Board Q&A

8:15 a.m. **Open Discussion** – Board and Speakers

8:30 a.m. **Break**

Friday, October 29 (continued):

Location: Springwood Room

V. FOCUS SESSION (continued)

PROTECTING OUR FOOD SYSTEM FROM CURRENT & EMERGING ANIMAL AND PLANT DISEASES AND PATHOGENS: Implications for Research, Education, Extension & Economics

Session Moderator: Mrs. Carol Keiser

9:00 a.m. **National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), National Institutes of Health** – Dr. Eugene O. Major, Co-Chair of Federal Inter-Agency Task Force on Prion Science, and Acting Director, Basic Neurosciences Program, Division of Intramural Research

Board Q&A

9:45 a.m. ***Stakeholder Perspectives on Preparedness and Prevention of Emerging Animal Diseases and Pathogens – Opportunities for Collaboration and Cooperation that Link Local, State, and Federal Levels*** – Dr. Lee Myers, DVM, MPH, Dipl. ACVPM, State Veterinarian, and Assistant Commissioner of Animal Industry, Georgia Department of Agriculture, Atlanta, Georgia

Board Q&A

10:30 a.m. **Concluding Discussions** – Advisory Board

10:45 a.m. ***Advisory Board Vice Chair presiding***

Propose Topics for the next full Advisory Board Meeting and possible Meeting Dates (late winter/early spring 2005) – Advisory Board members

Brief Wrap-Up – Vice Chair

11:00 a.m. **Public Comments**

by 11:30 a.m. **Meeting Adjourns**