



This is a short **NERA News**. The two items that we have for you include: mark your calendar, the next quarterly teleconference is slated for December 6, 2019 and Happy Thanksgiving!

“There are three stages in scientific discovery. First, people deny that it is true, then they deny that it is important; finally, they credit the wrong person.”- Bill Bryson, 2003, *A Short History of Nearly Everything*, Crown Publishing Company, New York.

Action items:

- Our next NERA teleconference is scheduled for December 6, 2019 at 11:00 AM. You can log onto the teleconference at <https://zoom.us/j/5717743008> or dial in on (646) 558-8656 (access code 571 774 3008.) A draft of the agenda is posted.
- We posted a draft of the NERA Institutions: Lab Space Allocation Policies to the NERA website. Check it out. If you'd like to modify the document by adding details from your institution or if you'd like to amend your institutional policies, please apprise.

Reminders/Updates:

- Are you experiencing any untoward issues as a result of the NIFA move and workforce reduction? If so, please forward your issues to me, I'll aggregate on the part of the region.
- Mark your calendars: the **NERA Spring Meeting**, our annual face-to-face get-together, is slated for **March 23 - 25, 2020 in Philadelphia** at the Bellevue at the Hyatt. (That is the same hotel that hosted the 2017 ESS meeting.)

Informational items:

- NERA's Multistate Activities Committee will meet on November 20, 2019 at 8:00 AM. If you have any items that should be added to the MAC agenda, please apprise.
 - The University of Arkansas is seeking a Senior Associate Vice President and Director of the Cooperative Extension Service.
 - Arkansas State University is seeking a Dean of the College of Agriculture.
 - University of Maryland Extension is seeking an FSNE Nutrition Educator at the Prince George's County office.
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