

**Northeast Extension Directors Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 6, 2015 | 8:00 a.m. ET**

**Dan Lerner, Chair**

*CALL IN NUMBER: 1-888-296-6500; passcode 284578*

**Call to Order**

Dan Lerner

**Roll call:**

Steve Bonanno, Chair-Elect

CT: Mike O'Neill  
DC: Sabine O'Hara, Bill Hare  
DE: Michelle Rodgers, Albert Essel  
ME: John Rebar  
MD: Stephen Wright, Enrique Escobar  
MA: Patricia Vittum, Bob Schrader  
NH: Lisa Townson, Ken LaValley  
NJ: Larry Katz, Mary Jane Willis  
NY: Chris Watkins  
PA: Dennis Calvin  
RI: Debby Sheely  
VT: Doug Lantagne, Dan Lerner  
WV: Steve Bonanno, Ami Smith  
NIFA: Muquarrab Qureshi  
ED: Nancy Bull

**Approval of Minutes from 4/1/2015**

**Welcome to our new NIFA Liaison!**

Muquarrab Qureshi, Deputy Director  
*Institute of Youth, Family, and Community*

**NEED Discussion, Initiatives and Updates**

**NEED Letter to Dr. Ramaswamy/NIFA**

Nancy

**NEED Finances: Spending Plan for the Coming Year**

Dan, Nancy

*Discussion and vote – new budget effective July 1*

**Planning for Meetings**

All

*Discussion on topics of interest for the NE Joint Summer Session (July 7-8, Portsmouth, NH)*

*NEED Exec proposes:*

- *Meet by ourselves, not with AES or CARET*
- *90 minutes – regular meeting, plus planning for NEDA in St Louis*
- *App challenge projects to be presented*

**Updates/Announcements (Follow-up and new items)**

Directors

- *NEED Award of Excellence – updates on nominations received and process*
- *National Diversity Award: Due June 1*
- *1890s 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration – <http://www.1890universities.org/>*
- *Check out the NEED Website! [northeastextension.org](http://northeastextension.org)*
- *App challenge update*
- *Other stuff?*

### **ECOP Discussions**

<u>ECOP Executive Subcommittee</u>	Michelle Rodgers
<u>Personnel Subcommittee</u>	Mike O’Neill
<u>Program Subcommittee</u>	Mary Jane Willis
<u>Budget and Legislative Subcommittee</u>	Lisa Townson, Larry Katz, John Rebar
<b>NIFA Liaison’s Report</b>	Muquarrab Qureshi
<b>NEED Executive Director</b>	Nancy Bull
<b>NEED Chair</b>	Dan Lerner

### **2015 NEED Meetings** *(1st Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. ET)*

June 3	Teleconference
July 7-8	NE Mini-land grant meeting (Portsmouth, NH) – in person meeting
August 5	Teleconference
September 2	Teleconference
October 12	NEDA (St. Louis) – In person meeting on October 11
November 4	Teleconference
December	TBD