

## Budget and Legislative Committee Agenda Brief

The committee holds regular conference calls on the last Tuesday of each month. These calls have generally been well attended. The current B&L Committee membership is shown below.

<b>Chair:</b> Ernie Minton NCRA	<b>Liaisons</b>
<b>Delegates:</b>	Jon Boren (ECOP Liaison)
Bobby Phils (ARD)	Bob Holland (NIFA)
Alton Thompson (ARD)	Paula Geiger (NIFA)
Shawn Donkin (NCRA)	Josh Stull (NIFA)
Dave Benfield (NCRA)	Glen Hoffsis (APLU Vet Med)
Sabine O’Hara(NERA)	Eddie Gouge (APLU)
Jon Wraith (NERA)	Doug Steele (APLU)
George Hopper (SAAESD)	Becky Walth (CARET)
Saied Mostaghimi (SAAESD)	Cheryl Achterberg (APLU - BoHS)
Chris Pritsos (WAAESD)	Jim Richards (Cornerstone)
Glenda Humiston (WAAESD)	Hunt Shipman (Cornerstone)
<b>Executive Vice- Chair</b>	Vernie Hubert (Cornerstone)
Mike Harrington (WAA	Maggi Earle (Cornerstone)

Recent discussions focused the proposed move of NIFA and ERS. Other discussions included the Sightlines Report on the growing infrastructure needs. Sightlines has mentioned that we were falling behind by \$300 million/year. According to the report, there are some 87,000,000 gross sq. ft (GSF) of space covered in the study. We are spending \$1.82/GSF on average across the system, but should be spending \$4.40/GSF. This calculates to a shortfall of at least \$224,460,000, which adds to the total deferred maintenance figure each year. This suggests that an infrastructure package aimed at meeting College of Ag needs would need to exceed this figure to keep from falling further behind.

**Strategic Realignment of small lines:** On several occasions, the Committee has discussed the realignment of small lines concept and is in favor of moving this effort forward. The Committee joined the February 26, 2019 discussion of the realignment proposal. Tall webinars and other documents are located at these links”

- [Strategic Realignment Committee Update](#) webinar
- [Appropriations & Strategic Realignment 101](#) webinar
- [Ernie Minton Communique to BAA](#)
- [Charge to Strategic Realignment Committee](#)
- [Current NIFA 2018 Discretionary Accounts](#)
- [Draft Single Top Line Recommendation](#)
- [Strategic Realignment FAQs](#)

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