



# **Budget and Legislative Committee (BLC) Update**

Steve Lommel, Chair

# Welcome to Our New BLC Liaison Member

- Matt Peterson
  - Chair, Agricultural Appropriations | APLU Council on Government Affairs (CGA)
- Matt brings valuable insight and connectivity to national policy discussions.

# Launched DC Update Meetings

- **What?**
  - 1.5-hour DC Update Meetings for informed engagement for agInnovation members.
- **Why?**
  - Federal policy and funding are evolving rapidly.
  - Your awareness and engagement matter—now more than ever.

# Launched DC Update Meetings

- **Purpose:** *Provide timely insights on:*
  - Federal budget developments
  - Agency activities and decisions
  - Congressional actions affecting ag research
- ***Thank you*** to Elizabeth Stulberg (LBA) and Matt Peterson (CGA/NCSU) for leading these discussions.
  - Their updates and open Q&A have been invaluable during these dynamic times in Washington.

# New Administration Impacts Brief

- **What & Why?**

A brief was developed outlining the impacts of the new administration on agricultural research—both in terms of personnel and programs—in response to inquiries from Congressional staff and advocacy coalitions.

This document has been shared across agInnovation to support directors in their conversations with stakeholders and policymakers on Capitol Hill.

# New Administration Impacts Brief

- BLC is exploring opportunities to partner with the APLU Council on Governmental Affairs (CGA) and others to update and expand the brief.
- Potential revisions may include impacts across other sections (e.g., CES, APS, IPS) and adaptations to better support stakeholder education efforts.

## **Other Activities: Next 6 Months**

### **Learn More About the USDA NAREEE Board**

USDA National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board may provide another important avenue to elevate our work, communicate our impact, and help inform USDA policies and programs.

## **Other Activities: Next 6 Months**

### **Collaborate Across agInnovation To Advance Roadmap**

Partnering with other agInnovation groups—such as the Science and Technology Committee (STC)—and the new communications team to help advance the agInnovation Research Roadmap, particularly efforts related to developing a cohesive budget strategy.



*Do you have suggestions on these priorities  
or other areas where the BLC should focus  
in the coming year?*

***Thank you***