

Board's examination program for the November 1998 pension actuarial examination and the May 1999 basic actuarial examinations will be discussed. In addition, establishing examination guidelines and credit for unanswered questions on the examinations will be addressed.

A determination has been made as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) that the portions of the meeting dealing with the discussion of questions which may appear on the Joint Board's examinations and review of the May 1998 Joint Board examinations fall within the exceptions to the open meeting requirement set forth in Title 5 U.S. Code, section 552(c)(9)(B), and that the public interest requires that such portions be closed to public participation.

The portion of the meeting dealing with the discussion of the other topics will commence at 9:00 a.m. on June 30 and will continue for as long as necessary to complete the discussion, but not beyond 10:30 a.m. This portion of the meeting will be open to the public as space is available. Time permitting, after discussion of the program, interested persons may make statements germane to this subject. Persons wishing to make oral statements are requested to notify the Committee Management Officer in writing prior to the meeting in order to aid in scheduling the time available, and should submit the written text, or, at a minimum, an outline of comments they proposed to make orally. Such comments will be limited to ten minutes in length. Any interested person also may file a written statement for consideration by the Joint Board and Committee by sending it to the Committee Management Officer. Notifications and statements should be mailed no later than June 18, 1998, to Mr. Robert I. Brauer, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, c/o Office of Director of Practice, Internal Revenue Service (C:AP:P), 901 D Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024 or by facsimile transmission to 202-401-6657.

Dated: May 19, 1998.

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Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.*
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Notice of Solicitation for Membership to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Solicitation for Membership.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces solicitation for nominations to fill 11 vacancies on the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

DATES: Deadline for Advisory Board member nominations is June 15, 1998.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1408 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 as amended by section 802 of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 authorized the creation of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board. The Board is composed of 30 members, each representing a specific category related to farming or ranching, food production and processing, forestry research, crop and animal science, land-grant institutions, food retailing and marketing, rural economic development, and natural resource and consumer interest groups, among many others.

The Board was first appointed in September 1996 and one-third of the 30 members were appointed for a 1, 2, and 3 year term, respectively. As a result of the staggered appointments, the terms for 10 of the 30 members who represent 10 specific categories will expire September 30, 1998. Nominations for a 3-year appointment for all 10 of the vacant categories are sought. Nominees will be carefully reviewed for their broad expertise, leadership, and relevancy to a category. As a result of a resignation, another member's slot representing the category of "Scientific Community not closely associated with Agriculture" is also vacant. The replacement Board member for this category will serve the remainder of the term or 1 year, terminating September 30, 1999. The 11 vacancies are:

Category E: National Animal

Commodity Organizations

Category H: National Food Animal Science Societies

Category I: National Crop, Soil, Agronomy, Horticulture or Weed Science Societies

Category N: 1890 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities

Category O: 1994 Equity in Education Land Grant Institutions

Category R: Scientific Community not closely associated with Agriculture (1-year term)

Category T: Food Retailing and Marketing Interests

Category V: Rural Economic Development

Category W: National Consumer Interest Groups

Category X: National Forestry Groups

Category Y: National Conservation or Natural Resource Groups

Nominations are being solicited from organizations, associations, societies, councils, federations, groups, and companies that represent a wide variety of food and agricultural interests.

Nominations for one individual who fits several of the categories listed above, or for more than one person who fits one category will be accepted. Please indicate the specific membership category for each nominee. Each nominee must fill out a form AD-755, "Advisory Committee Membership Background Information" and will be vetted before selection. Send nominations to the Office of the Advisory Board, Research, Education, and Economics, Room 3918 South Building, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250-2255 no later than June 15, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, Room 3918 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP: 2255, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-2255. Telephone: 202-720-3684. Fax: 202-720-6199, or e-mail: lshea@reeusda.gov.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 26th day of May 1998.

I. Miley Gonzalez.

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Notice of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Western Regional Listening Session

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of listening session.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5