



**PROPOSED RESOLUTION
AMENDING THE NOMINATION PROCESS
FOR APPOINTING MEMBERS FROM EACH COUNTY TO THE
NEW JERSEY AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION BOARD OF MANAGERS**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station ("NJAES") was established on March 10, 1880 by the New Jersey State Legislature and was placed under the control of a board of directors, the name of said board being changed to the Board of Managers in 1881; and

WHEREAS, in 1945 the State Legislature transferred the functions, powers, and duties of the Board of Managers to the Trustees of Rutgers College and the Trustees were charged with appointing a Board of Managers to direct the NJAES; and

WHEREAS, in 1956 the State Legislature established the Board of Governors to serve as the governing body of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, and the Board of Managers became the agent of the Board of Governors in managing and directing the NJAES; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey law dictates that the Board of Governors shall appoint one member from each county in New Jersey to the Board of Managers; and

WHEREAS, by resolution dated June 12, 1998, the Board of Governors endorsed and adopted a statement clarifying the role and responsibilities of the Board of Managers to include: 1) advising the Executive Director of the NJAES on matters related to the NJAES's operations, policy development, budgets and program development as they affect teaching, research and extension over the broad spectrum of responsibility of the Experiment Station including agriculture, youth development, community development, natural resources and the environment, marine and coastal issues, food science and nutrition; 2) advising the Board of Governors on policy issues related to the NJAES; 3) communicating county needs and concerns to Rutgers and the Experiment Station administrative leadership; 4) communicating back to the counties the statewide policies, programs, needs, and issues addressed by the Experiment Station; and 5) acting as statewide and nationwide advocate for the Experiment Station; and

WHEREAS, currently, the Executive Director requests nominations for county members of the Board of Managers from the County Boards of Agriculture, where such boards exist, or where such boards do not exist, from other county or regional organizations whose work and mission relate to that of the NJAES; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director then recommends a candidate for each county member position to the Board of Governors for consideration and final determination; and

WHEREAS, funding and other support for NJAES programs in many counties is appropriated by the respective County Boards of Chosen Freeholders and the Executive Director recommends a nomination process for the Board of Managers that more closely and comprehensively reflects the broad mission of the NJAES and aligns with the needs of the individual counties and the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2014, in consultation with Executive Director of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station and Executive Dean of the School of Biological and Environmental Sciences Robert M. Goodman and University President Robert L. Barchi, the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors considered and endorsed amending the nomination process for county member positions on the NJAES Board of Managers to reflect the role of the counties within the NJAES mission and recommended approval by the Board of Governors.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Board of Governors amends the nomination process for the Board of Managers of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director shall seek nominations of qualified candidates for the county member positions on the Board of Managers from the Board of Chosen Freeholders of each county as well as from other county or regional organizations whose work and mission relate to that of the NJAES, which may include, but will not necessarily be limited to, County Boards of Agriculture; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Executive Director shall continue to recommend candidates for the county member positions on the Board of Managers to the Board of Governors for its consideration and final determination.

Board of Governors
Rutgers, The State University
of New Jersey
April 1, 2014