

**Southern Administrative Heads and CARET
Mini Land-grant Conference, Fayetteville, AR
June 9 - 12, 2025**

Final

Date / Time	Agenda Item / Activity
Monday, June 9, 2025	
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Welcome Reception – Reynolds Stadium, Diamond Club

Tuesday, June 10, 2025	
6:30 – 8:00 am	Breakfast – Brodie Payne
8:00 – 10:00 am	Plenary Session 1 – Strategically Communicating the Land-grant Mission in the 21st Century - Spoofer's Stone
10:00 – 10:30 am	Break – 2nd floor lobby
10:30 – 12:00 pm	Southern AHS Business Meeting – Deacue Fields, Chair, S-AHS – Brodie Payne
10:30 – 10:35	Welcome and Introductions – Deacue Fields
10:35 – 10:45	Items from March CARET/BAA Washington Conference – Deacue Fields & Keith Carver
10:45 – 11:00	Salary Survey debrief – Eric Young <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion to add “Average Assistant Professor <u>Starting</u> Salary by Department (Discipline)” – Interest and/or concerns? • Other suggested changes or additions?
11:00 – 11:10	Nomination for Southern AHS Secretary (election at winter meeting) – Deacue Fields
11:10 – 11:50	Discussion – Potential actions to address federal funding decreases (position shifting, restructuring, program elimination, downsizing, etc) - All
11 50 – 12:00	Future Southern AHS meetings – Eric Young <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2026 Winter AHS, Monday, Feb 2, Louisville, KY, Omni Louisville Hotel • 2026 Summer AHS/CARET, July 24 – 26 or July 31 – Aug 2, Georgia
10:30 – 12:00 pm	Southern CARET Business Meeting – Larry Holmes, Chair, S-CARET – Levon Helm
10:30	Call to order and Welcome – Larry Holmes
	(Agenda TBD by S-CARET)
12:00 – 1:30 pm	Joint Lunch Meeting – AHS/CARET with ASRED – Brodie Payne AB (pick up lunch in Brodie Payne CD)
12:30 – 1:30	(Discussion topics TBD by ASRED) – Damona Doye, Chair, ASRED
1:30 – 3:00 pm	Southern AHS Business Meeting – Deacue Fields – Levon Helm
1:30 – 2:00	Discussion – Continue federal funding reduction discussion; or Industry impacts from tariff and international trade changes
2:00 – 3:00	Institution Updates (handout) – All

3:00 – 3:30 pm	Break – 2nd floor lobby
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Large Joint Session (all groups) – Federal Updates – Spoofer’s Stone
3:30 – 4:30	Lewis-Burke Update on Legislative and Related Activities (Zoom) – Bridget Krieger, Lewis-Burke Associates
4:30 – 5:00	NIFA Update – Rubella Goswami, Deputy Director, Institute of Youth, Family and Community, NIFA
5:00 pm	Adjourn, Dinner on your own

Wednesday, June 11, 2025	
6:30 – 8:00 am	Breakfast – Brodie Payne
8:00 – 10:00 am	Plenary Session 2 – Faculty Hiring and Retention – Spoofer’s Stone
10:00 – 10:30 am	Break – 2nd floor lobby
10:30 – 12:00 pm	Southern AHS/CARET Joint Business Meeting – Deacue Fields – Brodie Payne
10:30 – 10:40	Welcome and Introductions – Deacue Fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AHS introduce new CARET members
10:40 – 11:10	FANR Update: Personnel, initiatives, international, & advocacy – Doug Steele
11:10 – 12:00	Discussion - Effectively communicating societal impacts to Congressional members and staffers – Frankie Gould (LSU) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A few Administrative Heads will share one impact story from their programs that CARET Delegates could use for advocacy, focused on capacity funds Ag Communicators will discuss how best to communicate that impact for advocacy purposes
12:00 – 1:30 pm	Joint Lunch Meeting – AHS/CARET, with agInnovation South – Brodie Payne AB (pick up lunch in Brodie Payne CD)
12:30 – 1:30	Possible topics for open discussion – Scott Senseman, Chair, agInnovation South <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitating student CARET delegates’ impact on state and regional legislative efforts Leveraging research infrastructure funds from the Farm Bill Development and fund raising Engaging CARET delegates outside national and regional meetings
1:30 – 8:00 pm	Tour and Dinner (off site)

Thursday, June 12, 2025	
6:30 – 8:00 am	Breakfast – Brodie Payne
8:00 – 10:00 am	Plenary Session 3 – AI in Agriculture and the Environment – Spoofer’s Stone
10:00 – 10:30 am	Break – 2nd floor lobby
10:30 – 12:00 pm	Southern AHS Business Meeting (if needed) – Deacue Fields – Brodie Payne
12:00 pm	Conference Adjourns