

**CRENET 2020 Annual Business Meeting
Friday, July 31
1:00-2:30 PM EDT**

**Zoom meeting, Meeting ID: 929 2851 0645, Password: CRENET, or**<https://umsystem.zoom.us/j/92928510645?pwd=c1I1VGV5aDJVdTZ2M1dSN1lLZmVhQT09>

1. Welcome and Introductions – Jeff O’Hara, CRENET Chair
2. Membership discussions
	1. Number of AAEA CRENET members in 2019: 246
3. AAEA board update from board liaison – Nobert Wilson
4. 2020 Goldman Award Winner
	1. Brigid Tuck and Jennifer Hawkins (University of Minnesota) – *Economic Contribution of Small Businesses in Olmstead County*
5. AAEA 2020 CRENET track sessions – Sarah Low, Chair-Elect
	1. First virtual CRENET session: **Impacts of Rural Broadband, Broadband Policies and Programs,** Tuesday August 18th, 2 p.m. EDT
	2. **Community & Regional Economics Extension: Searching for Sustainability**, Tuesday September 15th, 2 p.m. EDT
	3. **Hemp: Identifying issues across the value chain,** TBD late Sept. or October
6. Promoting research by CRENET members
	1. Twitter account - 204 followers – identifying appointee for account
	2. Other roles for CRENET leadership
7. CRENET perspective on Diversity and Inclusion
	1. Discussion with CWAE and COSBAE on AAEA Fellows and Member in the News
	2. Diversifying CRENET membership
8. Potential outreach activities for 2020-2021
	1. 2021 track session ideas
	2. Other types of webinars throughout the year
	3. Promoting/facilitating networking and mentorship opportunities (planned happy hour at 2020 annual meeting was canceled)
9. Leadership transition
	1. Thank Jane Kolodinsky for her service
	2. Welcome Craig Carpenter