



**BERKS AGRICULTURAL  
RESOURCE NETWORK**

*Framework for the Farm & Food Industries*

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**MEETING AGENDA**

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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017 @ 1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM**

**AT THE**

**BERKS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CENTER**

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|-------|---|----------------------------|
| I.    | Welcome   | Larry Gelsinger, President |
| II.   | American Pledge of Allegiance                             |                            |
| III.  | Minutes of November 22, 2016 Board Meeting                | Tammy Bartsch, Secretary   |
| IV.   | Treasurer's Report  | Wm. Hughes                 |
| V.    | Committees' General Announcements                         |                            |
|       | A. Update – 2017 BARN Career Fair                         | Carolyn Gunster            |
|       | B. Update - 2017 BARN Bountiful Berks Banquet             | Carl Brown                 |
| VI.   | Old Business  |                            |
|       | A. PA Farm Bureau Friends of Agriculture Foundation       | T. Hildebrand              |
|       | B. Update – BARN at Reading Royals Ag Night               | Roger Bowman               |
| VII.  | New Business  |                            |
|       | A. Penn Street Market Food Hub                            | Lucine Sihelnik            |
|       | B. National Ag Day Essay Contest                          | Jamie Klein                |
|       | C. 2017 National Ag Day Sponsorship Request - Dept. of Ag | T. Hildebrand              |
|       | D. 2017 BARN Annual Meeting location                      | T. Hildebrand              |
| VIII. | Other Items – B.A.R.N. Members Comments/Questions         |                            |
| IX.   | Adjournment of BARN Business meeting                      |                            |

**B.A.R.N. Board Members**

1. Tammy Bartsch
2. Ray Davis
3. Jarod Fisher
4. Larry Gelsinger
5. Carolyn Gunster
6. Lloyd Hopkins
7. Bill Hughes
8. Darvin Levensgood
9. Ted Noble
10. Gary Rothermel
11. Lucine Sihelnik
12. Keith Silfee
13. Ted Teaford
14. David Thun
15. Travis Werley

**B.A.R.N. Board Members – Ex officio**

1. Carl Brown
2. Chris Hartman
3. Bill Zollers

**2017 B.A.R.N. Tentative Meeting and Event Dates - REVISED:**

1. Friday, February 3, 2017 - Deadline for 2017 Career Fair Exhibitor Registration
2. Friday, March 17, 2017 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM – B.A.R.N. Career Fair
3. Thursday March 23, 2017 – B.A.R.N. Annual Meeting
4. Tuesday, May 23, 2017 – B.A.R.N. Meeting
5. Tuesday, July 25, 2017 – B.A.R.N. Meeting
6. Tuesday, September 26, 2017 – B.A.R.N. Meeting
7. Thursday, August 31, 2017 - Deadline for 2017 Farm Tour Host Farm Site Questionnaires and Sponsorships and Advertisers
8. Saturday, October 14, 2017 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual B.A.R.N. Farm Tour
9. Friday, October 27, 2017 6:00 PM – B.A.R.N. Bountiful Berks Banquet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel
10. Tuesday, November 28, 2017 – B.A.R.N. Meeting