

ESCOPE CAC Teleconference MINUTES - Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 4 pm ET

To join:

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Participants:

Deb Hamernik, Alton Thompson, Eric Young, Gary Thompson, Maggie Earle, Jim Richards, George Hopper, Laura Lavine, Doug Steele, Jeff Jacobsen, Chris Hamilton (recorder)

Call Agenda and Minutes

1. Welcome and roll call – Done, see participants list above.
2. Approval of today's agenda – Approved as is.
3. NIFA Listening Sessions Debrief – Deb
 - a. ESCOP and ECOP submitted joint written testimony.
 - b. Representatives were in attendance for all regional sessions, we believe. NC, S, and NE for certain; no confirmation available for W.
4. NC-FAR Meeting – Deb, Jeff
 - a. This was a great meeting with about 40 people in attendance from a variety of groups.
 - b. Sally Rockey gave a nice update on FFAR.
 - c. Congressional staffers gave an update on the Farm Bill and appeared very happy it had passed.
 - d. Ernie Minton discussed the Strategic Realignment effort at a very high level. The process is still underway, with the committee collecting input from stakeholders. Mike Harrington is working on the recorded appropriations webinars.
 - e. Scott Angle was the only NIFA employee in attendance due to the government shutdown. He talked about his new role with NIFA and how the shutdown is affecting them. He indicated that the NIFA relocation effort still underway, describing a 2-step process to reduce the original 130+ location applications down first to 20 and then 5 for in-person site visits before a final decision is made. It's unclear at this time if a decision will still be made this month.
5. Cornerstone Report –Jim Richards
 - a. Not much to report, given the governmental shutdown with no end yet in sight.
 - b. The House is currently in its committee organizational process.
 - c. Eric Young asked if earmarks will be allowed in next budget cycle. Jim indicated that it's possible, but too much is still uncertain.
6. ESCOP/ECOP DC Visits
 - a. Deb and Ed Jones (ECOP chair) are very interested in continuing these joint visits to DC.
 - b. Jeff and Deb created a prioritized list of agencies and people to see.
 - c. Original DC visit date was to be during the February Ag Outlook Forum, but with the government shutdown, the schedule is uncertain. They may push it back until around the March CARET/AHS sessions. More to come on this.

- d. Gary strongly suggested Deb visit the National Academy of Sciences, indicating that it would be a valuable effort and a positive visit.
 - e. George Hopper will be at the CARET/AHS meetings and is very interested in assisting with the visits, if necessary.
7. S&T Roadmap One-pagers – Laura
- a. Our new Science Roadmap documents are finished and up on the ESCOP website at <http://escop.info/roadmap/>, available for viewing and printing.
 - b. Jeff printed 250 of each and sent on to EDs and S&T members. He was pleased to report that the entire project was completed under-budget!
 - c. S&T has a call on Monday, January 28, during which they will likely discuss means of sharing and distribution, through press releases, etc.
8. Other ESCOP Committee Reports (B&L, CMC, DCC, NRSP-RC, NIDB; new information only, please)
- a. Rick Rhodes has taken over DCC and the committee has a call next Tuesday at 3 pm.
 - b. NIDB: No changes since before Christmas; Scott Cummings is finishing up the new website.
9. Items of Regional Significance (ARD, NC, NE, S, W; as needed)
- a. ARD will be having a joint meeting with 1890s Extension next week in an effort to strengthen their relationship and partnerships. They are also finishing their strategic agenda, hoping to have it complete by May. The focus will be on how the 1890s can comfortably participate with the Science Roadmap topics, Breakthroughs 2030 and other such initiatives.
 - b. NC is working on re-imagining the multistate program in the NC region. There will be a conference call next week with a small group of directors (Tim Connor from NIFA also was invited) to start the discussions, before advancing ideas to the full NCRA group and then perhaps nationally. Also, Greg Cuomo from UMN is interested in improving local level and regional activities of ag communication personnel. This effort has just started, with more to come.
 - c. S: Will have the first S Mini LGU meeting in many years that will include 1862s, 1890s, CARET, AHS, and EXT all meeting together in March. One full day of joint sessions is planned.
 - d. W: New/interim ED discussions and brainstorming efforts are underway for when Mike Harrington retires. The idea of an interim ED and/or joint WEDA/WAAESD ED have been mentioned, but no decisions have been made.
10. Other, as needed
- a. Joint ESS/EXT meeting in September 23-26 is now to be in Nashville, TN due to Indianapolis hotel issues. There's a great planning team working on some excellent meeting topics. More will be available on this meeting probably by the next CAC call.
 - b. APLU (Doug Steele): Ian's retirement party is next Tuesday; please attend if you can. Doug has started or is planning meetings with leaders of SoAR and other ag research groups. He indicated he'd like to work with Deb and Jeff on success strategies for these interactions.

- c. NRSP1 (Jeff): They are planning a call soon to discuss the impact writing program portion of NRSP1 and ways to effectively utilize the extra funds left over when Sarah Lupis departed.
- d. ESCOP budget with APLU (Jeff): Working on cleaning up and analyzing the budget to get a better sense of transactions over the past few years. We will likely maintain a static ED to manage this, rather than rotating annually with the ESCOP chair. We are also looking at other things could spend funds on once the budget is fully sorted out. More to come on this.

Call adjourned at 4:47 pm ET.

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Recent ESCOP Appointments:

- Shirley Hyman-Parker (NC), ARD rep to NRSP-RC
- Wendy Powers (CA), ESCOP rep to LEAD21 Board of Directors
- Germán Bollero (IL), ESCOP rep to NIDB

Upcoming Meetings:

- ESCOP Committee Meeting, during CARET/AHS Sessions, 8 am to 12 noon, Monday, March, 4, 2019. Hilton Crystal City, Arlington, VA. Room TBA.
- ESCOP Committee Meeting, during Joint COPs, July 22, 2019, 1-5 pm MT. Park City, Utah. Location TBA.
- ****Note new location: Fall ESS/AES/ARD Meeting and Workshop, joint with Extension, September 23-26, 2019, Marriott at Vanderbilt, Nashville, TN.**