

ESCOP CAC Call

January 16 at 4 pm Eastern Time

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Participants: Steve Slack, ESCOP 2014 Chair, Eric Young, Dan Rossi, Mike Harrington, Bret Hess, Bob Shulstad, Carolyn Brooks, Hunt Shipman, Chris Hamilton (recorder)

Outstanding Action Items (FYI):

1. Eric Young will check with Eddie Gouge on ESCOP meeting room for March 3 and see if 8 am – 12 noon time will work. He will also check on the cost of the room.
2. Vote on spending \$12,500 of Marketing Reserve to fund TAMU Impact database: Eric Young and Chris Hamilton to send an email with the online ballot on 1/17/2014. Voting closes 1/24/2014 at 8 pm EST.
3. Status of Futuring Task Force: Steve Slack has asked Mike Hoffman, with ED support from Dan Rossi, to lead the Phase 1 effort that will establish the charge, goals, etc. for the Committee with the responsibility to report back to the Policy Board at its March 2014 meeting.
4. Facilities Task Force Status: Sonny Ramaswamy asked ESCOP to lead an effort for the system to gather an assessment on status of facilities and to work with Sightlines on a survey and analysis. Steve has asked Mike Hoffman to lead and Dan Rossi to assist.
5. Impact Database Effort: Eric Young sent out the information on the results of the database task force. Eric Young and Chris Hamilton are working on a survey to vote in spending \$12,500 of ESCOP's Marketing reserve held at APLU to fund the initial development of the database at Texas A&M University. We may want to delay vote until we get more information and preliminary look of website input page, etc.
6. Pest Management Coordinating Council: Status of discussion with NIFA on the fate of the consolidated line item going forward at APLU meeting?
7. Invited the Natural Resource Group to APLU PBD meeting to provide a brief overview of their new Roadmap. *Presentation was made at Policy Board at APLU meeting in DC by John Hayes and Wendy Fink.*
8. NRSP allocations for FY13 and sequestration. *Bret Hess and Mike Harrington will update during B&L report.*

Minutes:

1. **Approval of Minutes from December 19 call** – Approved.
2. **Interim Actions of the Chair – Steve Slack**
 - a. Working Group on water moving forward. They had a call today, phase one completed. Mike Harrington and Robin Shepard leading this effort and moving it into phase two.

- b. Policy Board of Directors (PBD) requested a reply to NIFA regarding an interest in an increased uniform management rate from 4 to 5% on AFRI programs, but not capacity programs. Members of the CAC on this call were supportive.
 - c. The National Ag Biotech Consortium meeting is set for the same date as our upcoming 2014 Fall ESS meeting. The Consortium may look for another date to accommodate those would wish to attend both meetings.
3. **PBD Report – Steve Slack (See item b under Interim Actions above)**
4. **Budget/Farm Bill Update – Hunt Shipman**
- a. Farm Bill: We are still waiting on a Farm Bill, down to a just handful of outstanding items left. Congress is going on recess for MLK Jr. Day. House Speaker would like to have the bill on the floor by the end of the month. If it isn't approved, we are not sure where that would leave us, perhaps with a one year extension?
 - b. Appropriations: Passage of omnibus appropriations bill in House, see this week's Cornerstone Report (<http://www.land-grant.org/reports/2014/01-14.htm>). Funded all 12 bills, saw an increase in all 7 BAC priorities above FY12 and FY13. On the Senate floor this week, hopefully vote on it tonight and send to President. No expectations of concern in the Senate.
 - c. Sequestration on discretionary programs will not apply for FY14 or FY15. Still applies to mandatory programs.
5. **Budget and Legislative Committee – Bret Hess and Mike Harrington**
- a. ECOP Letter: Purpose was to encourage NIFA to include ECOP and ESCOP in B&L priorities process. In discussion, several concerns were raised and Steve Slack was requested to respond as follows:

ESCOP had the opportunity to review and discuss the ECOP Funding Priorities letter. It was clear from the discussion that we did not have a clear understanding of the goal(s) of the letter and, generally, were uncomfortable with being a signatory. The primary concern was one of the processes, i.e., that the financial prioritization and communication of those priorities from COPS should be routed through the BAC; this communication could be perceived as by-passing BAC and PBD. The letter also seemed to imply that the signatories desired to be involved with program implementation; the significance of this interpretation was not clear to ESCOP as we were not party to developing the letter. Lastly, there are nuances that we would have phrased differently, e.g., under "Healthy, children, youth and adults", we noted that the joint marketing committee identified nutrition and health as an area to highlight in communications but ESCOP had not designated it as a financial priority through its B&L committee.

6. **NRSP-RC Update – Bret Hess**

- a. New NRSP proposal out for review and initial peer reviews seem positive. More information to come.

- b. An NRSP-RC call will be scheduled soon.
- 7. Impact Database Working Group Update – Eric Young**
- a. Reactions on email relative to the vote on spending \$12,500 of the ESCOP Marketing reserve on the development of the TAMU Impact Database to include Research? CAC Call participants agreed that the email looks fine. Eric and Chris will send email and voting link, probably on 1/17/2014.
 - b. The TAMU Impact Database currently has 6 major Extension headings. We'd like to use the headings on the spreadsheet Eric Young sent out as new headings to link Research and Extension. Will be shortened to about 3-4 words.
 - c. Q: When will impact writing training be added to website? Available by user fee, perhaps by March.
 - d. Programmer needs COO names and correct names of institutions. Eric will send request for this soon.
- 8. Pest Management Coordinating Council Update – Mike Harrington**
- a. Working group is developing feedback to working group paper, should be able to formally develop a committee with rules of operation soon.
- 9. Communications and Marketing Committee – Nancy Cox, Dan Rossi**
- a. Issues to be discussed at upcoming meetings:
 - i. Continuing concerns over handling and access of kglobal reports
 - ii. Committee is moving to quarterly meetings instead of monthly after the March face to face meeting
 - iii. Will discuss potential themes for coming year
- 10. Science and Technology Committee – John Russin and Dan Rossi**
- a. Committee is planning upcoming conference call to bring together new members, where they've been, future activities, etc.
- 11. Planning March 3, 2014 ESCOP meeting during CARET/AHS session in DC**
- a. Start at 8 am, go to 12 noon.
 - b. Eric Young will check with Eddie Gouge and Suzette Robinson at APLU about room and cost.
- 12. Other Business:**
- a. Next CAC Call scheduled for 2/20/2014

New ESCOP Committee Appointments: None this month.

Upcoming National Meetings:

Meeting	Dates	Location	Details/Registration Links
Joint CARET/AHS Meeting	March 2-4, 2014	Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC	Registration now open, meeting website: Click here for more information ESCOP Meeting scheduled for 8am to 12 noon. Room TBD.
2014 Joint COPs Session	July 21-24, 2014	Sheraton Harborside, San Diego, CA	Meeting website: Click here for more information
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April 17, 2014 at 4 pm Eastern Time

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5. Impact Database at TAMU: EDs and ADs are collecting names for inputting access to the database and high-res AES logos to send to the programmer.
6. Chair Steve Slack, on behalf of ESCOP, sent several nominations for the Board for the Foundation for Food and Agricultural Research on April 6, 2014. Nominations were acknowledged as received on April 8, 2014.

Agenda (Committee updates needed only if there is new information to report):

1. **Approval of Minutes from January 16 CAC call:** Approved
2. **Interim Actions of the Chair – Steve Slack**
 - a. NAREEE Board will conduct their meeting in Ohio May 5-7 per invitation of The Ohio State University. Steve Slack will have presentation opportunity on AES and ESCOP with field tours being part of the program.

- b. Water Task Force will meet May 1-2 in Cincinnati, OH to further their charge and activities with Robin Shepard and Mike Harrington supporting. Steve Slack and Jimmy Henning are scheduled to attend.
 - c. Conveyed the interest in 'microbiomes' as a hot topic in the Omaha, NE listening session and around other circles in DC.
 - d. Provided update on discussion regarding POTENTIAL joint ESCOP and ECOP meeting in 2015. Carolyn Brooks and Jane Schuchardt met to discuss needs and approaches to date. ESCOP agreement that IF this was to occur, ARD (Carolyn) would only be responsible for ESCOP registration and room needs with 2 days for ESCOP and possibly 1 day joint meetings. During call it was also agreed that this would be discussed at the upcoming NMCC meeting.
 - e. **PBD Report – Steve Slack:** See updates in Outstanding Action Items.
- 3. National IPM Committee (NIPMC) – Steve Slack, Mike Harrington**
- 4. Budget/Farm Bill Update – Hunt Shipman/Cornerstone**
- a. Cornerstone is following up with Senate and House subcommittees and their markup activities.
 - b. Farm Bill agencies working hard to get out commodity titles with CES also working on funding for producer education programs associated with Bill.
- 5. Budget and Legislative Committee – Bret Hess and Mike Harrington**
- a. Prior to DC meeting B&L was planning to support \$325M in President's budget which ultimately moved to \$360M and advocated by B&L and then BAC.
 - b. Decision made to NOT actively join the advocacy effort for increased funding in the Animal Health and Disease line, but passively support the initiative
 - c. With the consolidation of Crop Protection lines into Integrated Programs and the potential impact to Extension IPM (IDCs), a communication piece is working through ESCOP and ECOP (and B&Ls) with BAC discussion favorable to be sent to Deans and Directors for their use. It would be used with VPRs addressing the need for an institutional waiver on IDCs for this year. MOTION approved for ESCOP to support. Mike Harrington will send out to group.
 - d. General discussion of Water Working Group justification for a BIG ASK to be furthered at Joint COPS. It was further noted that all should be cognizant of funding amount language, e.g. total versus annual versus funding provided in the 5-year Farm Bill.
 - e. Discussion on whole system 'asks' versus individual sections or individual program asks outside of the established networks.
- 6. NRSP-RC Update – Bret Hess:** Agreed to meet face-to-face if new or comprehensive reviews needed. Meeting scheduled for June 17 in Denver.
- 7. Impact Database Working Group Update – Eric Young**
- a. Scott Cummings at TAMU sent out communication to ES Directors and authorized personnel that the prior information submitted needs to be updated with subject area and tags as the new portal is now ready (mostly).
 - b. A communication will come out soon to research directors and authorized inputters. This will come out from EDs, once Eric has reviewed. TAMU will also send out the

necessary steps to log in. This will encourage impact statements to be entered while the portal is being completed. As this unfolds, feedback is welcomed. The public search engine is a work in progress.

- c. The question was asked regarding the existing (~70) impact statements that have been written and how do they get into the impact database? A suggestion was made that each of the Region Association offices could input statements from their region to share the workload. Mike Harrington will discuss with Sara and Sarah.
8. **Pest Management Coordinating Council Update – Mike Harrington**
 - a. Tied to Agenda Item #4 and the Dr. Henning letter to Dr. Slack (4/4/2014). This fully supports the approach of a small working group to initiate the NIPMC as a subcommittee of Science and Technology.
 - b. Mike Harrington desires to continue his involvement and with additional support from the S&T ED (tbd with NMCC meeting).
9. **Communications and Marketing Committee – Nancy Cox, Dan Rossi**
 - a. Meeting held on 3/2/2014 to consider global proposals to scale up their efforts to include AHS with three elements: 1) Being Smarter with messaging (\$80-100,000); 2) Being Broader by adding 10 districts (\$120,000); and 3) Integrated with LGU Communicators (\$75,000). PBD asked ESCOP and ECOP to prioritize. C&M is working on a recommendation for the Joint COPS meeting/decision that currently have four approaches outlined with assumptions of ECOP continuing support and AHS joining the existing support.
 - b. Next call on May 22.
10. **Science and Technology Committee – John Russin and Dan Rossi**
 - a. Multistate Award review with recommendation to Executive Committee based upon May Conference Call.
11. **March 3, 2014 ESCOP meeting follow-up – Steve Slack/Eric Young**
12. **Highlights of Regional Spring Meetings (short reports, 1-2 min each) – All EDs**
 - a. NC – first with new ED, over half the institutions embarking on thematic cluster hires, student enrollments up;
 - b. ARD – ARD has participated in three meetings in 2015 already and they were all joint meetings with CES and AHS;
 - c. NE – best practice session on direct costs on research facilities, regional climate efforts, institutional barriers and summer meeting with NC region in Madison, WI;
 - d. S – best practices on internal grants in college, star-ups and distribution and use of hard funds (capacity and other revenue sources);
 - e. W – joint meeting with CES directors and some AHS with the theme of “Finding Strength in Unity”.
13. **Other Business:** Next CAC Call scheduled for 5/15/2014

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<http://www.aplu.org/NaturalResourcesRoadmap>
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2. **Interim Actions of the Chair – Steve Slack**
 - a. Water task force met in Cincinnati May 1-2, on which Steve Slack (ESCOP) and Jimmy Henning (ECOP) serve as co-chairs; Mike Harrington and Robin Shepard are leading the charge. Good progress made and most major issues were addressed, Robin Shepard is working on the next write-up, with mid-June as target.
 - b. Clarence Watson has agreed to run with Steve Slack for ESCOP on PBD board this fall.
 - c. Discussion ensued on Facilities Task Force
 - d. Pat Jordan and Gale Buchanan, would like some time in Fall ESS program to talk about their new book, *Leadership in Agriculture*. We should have time in the program to add them in for about 30 min; Dan Rossi will look at schedule and get back to Steve Slack with suggested date and time.

- e. Joint ECOP/ESCOP meeting: Steve Slack will speak with Jane Schuchardt and Jimmy Henning about delaying meeting until 2016 from 2015.
- 3. **NMCC Meeting Highlights - All EDs** - Research EDs decided workshops and assignments for Fall ESS Meeting.
- 4. **NIMSS RPF Update – Jeff Jacobsen, Dan Rossi**
 - a. May 15 is deadline for proposals from redesign RFP
 - b. Many conversations with potential applicants have occurred
 - c. Rating matrix created and conference calls have been scheduled to discuss proposals
- 5. **National IPM Committee (NIPMC) – Steve Slack, Mike Harrington**
- 6. **Federal Budget Update – Hunt Shipman/Cornerstone**
 - a. Cornerstone is following up with Senate and House subcommittees and their markup activities. Next week is markup of Ag Appropriations bill
 - b. Allocation for House is more or less flat from last year’s appropriations
 - c. Senate will be in session for two days over Memorial Day week.
- 7. **Budget and Legislative Committee – Bret Hess and Mike Harrington**
- 8. **Impact Database Working Group Update – Eric Young** - Need for research impact statements in TAMU impact database. Request to encourage colleagues to submit station data soon.
- 9. **Pest Management Coordinating Council Update – Mike Harrington**
 - a. Will be a working group under ESCOP Science and Technology Committee
 - b. Jeff Jacobsen, Mike Harrington, and Robin Shepard will be working on membership
- 10. **Communications and Marketing Committee – Nancy Cox, Dan Rossi**
 - a. Exec Committee met this week, full committee call next week to develop PBD recommendations and prioritize expansion
 - b. More info to follow at PBD board meeting
 - c. Add as a discussion item for individual sections at Joint COPs
- 11. **Science and Technology Committee – John Russin and Dan Rossi**
 - a. Jeff Jacobsen will be taking over as Executive Vice-Chair, Dan Rossi will stay with CMC. Change will occur during May 27 call
 - b. Committee will meet by phone on May 27 to make a recommendation for a winner of the National Multistate Research award
 - c. Data and publication access request from NIFA– ESCOP will need to develop a response; Science and Technology will be assigned this role.
- 12. **Other Business:**
 - a. Next CAC Call scheduled for 6/19/2014
 - b. Discussion ensued regarding FY16 special appropriations for Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People and Joint COPs meeting and Big Ask for water and/or the interest in a crop protection/pest management ask
 - c. Discussion regarding Fall ESS regional breakouts and integration of of ARD in regional discussion
Leadership Award: Dan Rossi, Jeff Jacobsen, and Chris Hamilton will work to send out follow-up request and information about this award with deadline.

New ESCOP Committee Appointments:

- David Benfield (OSU) appointed to serve on LEAD21 board as ESCOP's second member. Dan Rossi is our other rep.
- Jeff Jacobsen will take over ESCOP Science and Technology Committee during May 27, 2014 conference call

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4. Pest Management Coordinating Council: *Will be a working group under ESCOP Science and Technology Committee and Jeff Jacobsen, Mike Harrington, and Robin Shepard are working on rules of operation, membership, etc. Names and contact info can be sent to Chris Hamilton, who will add to the ESCOP directory, create the committee, and send Donna Pearce a list to create an email list-serve.*
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Call Minutes:

1. **Approval of Minutes from May 15 CAC call:** (no non-EDs on phone, so it was assumed that EDs can make a motion). Eric Young made a motion to approve, Dan Rossi seconded it, and May 15 minutes approved.
2. **Interim Actions of the Chair – Steve Slack**
 - a. Facilities Task Force update, see above.
 - b. ESS Leadership award recipient list was sent out to Eddie Gouge at APLU today, 6/19/2014

- c. A Water Task Force call occurred with Sonny recently. The primary outline of the proposal was carried forward by Robin Shepard and Mike Harrington. More details on the Water Security FY16 “Big Ask” to come by July Joint COPs session. Discussion then ensued regarding ESCOP’s process timing and coordination with NIFA’s priorities development process.
 - d. Eric Young notified Eddie Gouge re: ESCOP nominees to PBD
 - e. Climate Hub MOU: Jane copied us on correspondence with Randy Johnson on ECOP/USDA MOU, we will be contacted shortly by Randy Johnson on this. Jeff will pick this up as lead ED for ESCOP discussion. Please read over the ECOP MOU and send your comments to Jeff Jacobsen, with Steve Slack copied, by next Thursday, June 26.
 - f. Steve Slack was contacted by the American Phytopathology Society regarding mobile apps for tomato and turf. Are these acceptable to send to the AES directors lists? All agreed they were and Steve will send to Chris Hamilton to forward on to our email lists.
3. **NIMSS and NIMSS RFP Update – Jeff Jacobsen, Dan Rossi**
- a. NIMSS update (current system): Dan Rossi/Rubie Mize are in the process of working with Amazon Web Service (AWS) and now have an estimate to move the cloud-hosted NIMSS account from UMD to Rutgers. This will greatly facilitate access to fix current problems and get us back to where NIMSS was before the UMD security breach. This switch is affordable within the current NIMSS budget, so will probably move forward. We expect to work with AWS for a year, as the new NIMSS is developed. Cost: Base = \$282/month, approx. \$500/month for redundancy level as recommended by AWS. Plan to go with recommended \$500 level.
 - b. NIMSS Redesign RFP: Sole proposal from Clemson Youth Leadership Institute. We have a call on 6/20 with Clemson to address questions and comments provided by AES IT personnel (from Bill Brown and Steve Loring) and NRSP 1 subcommittee members. We will summarize Clemson’s responses, share with NRSP1, and provide recommendation during July 7 NRSP1 call. More information to come after July 7.
4. **National IPM Committee (NIPMC) – Steve Slack, Mike Harrington**
- a. Conference call tomorrow, 6/20, with suggested group of principals to discuss general rules of operation
 - b. More information to come
5. **Federal Budget Update – Hunt Shipman/Cornerstone**
- a. House: Movement on the Ag appropriations bills stalled in House last Tue after Eric Cantor lost his primary bid. Expect to get back on track next week.
 - b. Senate: Ag approp. bill combined with two others, rolled together in a “minibus”, but procedural hoops caused delays. Ag Appropriations process might not get much farther this year.
6. **Budget and Legislative Committee – Bret Hess and Mike Harrington**
- a. Many items already discussed above, i.e. water working group concept paper (Water Security)

- b. Survey is underway to determine implementation of ESCOP Science Roadmap. Survey findings to be presented at ESS meeting and how it cross-talks with Health Food/Healthy People.
- 7. Pest Management Coordinating Council Update – Mike Harrington**
 - a. Memo was sent out in mid-May to Vice Presidents of Research
 - b. Some comments have come back, such as Will this really be a one-time waiver?
 - 8. Communications and Marketing Committee – Nancy Cox, Dan Rossi**
 - a. Working on recommendation to go to PBD re: CMC expansion proposal
 - b. Conducted a preferences survey on the three expansion options
 - c. More information to come and will share once CMC reaches consensus on the report
 - 9. Science and Technology Committee – John Russin and Jeff Jacobsen**
 - a. Excellence in Multistate Research award, W2128 selected as winner for 2014 and will be formally announced at Fall ESS Meeting
 - b. Committee has looked at language and consistency for both award announcements and made edits to go forward for next year. The final documents will be included in the July Joint COPs/ESCOP meeting brief
 - 10. NRSP-RC Update: Bret Hess and Mike Harrington**
 - a. Met face to face on June 17 in Denver
 - b. See [NRSP-RC](#) brief below for full details. These recommendations will be shared during regional summer meetings
 - c. Formal ESS vote on NRSP-RC recommendations will occur during Fall ESS meeting
 - 11. July ESCOP Meeting Agenda: Steve Slack, Jeff Jacobsen**
 - a. NIFA’s strategic plan is not out yet, but Eric has a draft and will ask Eddie/PBD to see if he can share
 - b. Dan Rossi will then work on preparing discussion items for July Joint COPs ESCOP meeting
 - 12. ESS Leadership Award Update: Steve Slack, Jeff Jacobsen** – Discussed above
 - 13. Other Business:** No July call, next call scheduled for August 21 at 4 pm EDT. See you in San Diego!

New ESCOP Committee Appointments:

Deb Hamernik replaces John Baker on the Science and Technology committee as the NC representative.

Dr. James Moyer will take over as NPGCC Chair, effective January 1, 2015

Upcoming National ESCOP/ESS Meetings:

Meeting	Dates	Location	Details/Registration Links
2014 Joint COPs Session	July 21-24, 2014	Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina, San Diego, CA	Registration is OPEN, see: Click here for more information

Meeting	Dates	Location	Details/Registration Links
2014 Fall ESS/AES/ARD Meeting and Workshop	September 30-October 2, 2014	Jekyll Island Club Hotel (http://www.jekyllclub.com/)	Registration opens July 15 at http://www.areg.caes.uga.edu/ Additional details pasted below
2014 Annual APLU Meeting	November 2-4, 2014	Bonnet Creek Resort Orlando, FL	Meeting website: Click here for more information:

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Agenda Item 9.4: NRSP Review Committee Update

Presenter: Bret Hess

Action Requested: For information (Consent)

Background:

The NRSP Review Committee (NRSP-RC) met in Denver, CO on June 17, 2014 for their annual meeting.

The meeting included discussion of two renewing proposals (NRSP_TEMP003 and NRSP_TEMP301), one new project proposal (NRSP_TEMP321), NRSP-1s midterm review and pending updates to the NIMSS, and the NRSP Guidelines.

The following actions were taken by the NRSP-RC:

Motion and second and unanimous approval of the following recommendation for substantive changes to the NRSP Guidelines:

- Section III. A. General: Change bullet four under delegated authority to “delegate authority to the NRSP-RC to invest up to 1% of total Hatch Funding in NRSPs.”
- Section IV. B Management and Business Plan: Add the following “For the multistate program, including NRSPs; leveraging shall mean funding brought to bear on the project objectives regardless of source, not including in-kind support from host institution(s).”

NRSP Project	Title	Request for FY15	NRSP Review Committee Action
NRSP_TEMP003	The National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP)	\$50,000	Approve 5-year budget
NRSP_TEMP301	A National Agricultural Program for Minor Use Animal Drugs	\$325,000	Approve 1-year budget ¹
NRSP_TEMP321	Database Resources for Crop Genomics, Genetics and Breeding Research	\$398,631	Approve 5-year budget ²

¹ NRSP7 must demonstrate that they have secured new (not in-kind) funds that are equal to or more than 2x the off-the-top funding requested prior to submitting another renewal proposal.

² Pending formal response to NRSP-RC questions about database platform selection and communication with the National Animal Genome Research Program (NRSP-8) database manager.

Summary of Key Discussion Points

In 2012, ESCOP capped the total off-the-top budget at \$2M, which represents less than 1% of federal formula funds. If all new and renewing projects are approved for FY15, when combined with existing projects, total off-the-top spending would exceed this cap at \$2,035,868. In addition, it is widely anticipated that the NRSP-1 Management Committee will request a mid-cycle budget increase to facilitate a critically-needed upgrade to the NIMSS. The NRSP-RC felt strongly that the system requires a functional NIMSS database; there was widespread and strong support for completely revamping NIMSS, and even for putting other things on hold to ensure that the NIMSS is functional. For these reasons, the RC recommends extending their flexibility in decision-making by amending the NRSP guidelines to allow the RC to recommend approval of off-the-top budgets up to 1% of Hatch formula funds. Hatch funding for FY15 is currently proposed at \$243.701 million; 1% would equal \$2.43M, which would accommodate all existing, renewing, new, and potential (i.e., NRSP1) off-the-top budgets.

The NRSP-RC discussed the tenuous status of the National Agricultural Program for Minor Use Animal Drugs (NRSP_TEMP301/NRSP7), noting that the group has struggled to leverage both funds and stakeholder support. The current off-the-top budget cannot support the program because it requires at least \$1M to approve a new drug. The RC strongly recommends that, if approved, this group use their FY15 funding to enhance stakeholder engagement and further recommended that NRSP7 demonstrate that they have secured new (not in-kind) funds that are equal to or more than 2x the off-the-top funding requested prior to submitting another renewal proposal to ensure that the project is viable and sustainable in the future.

Based on questions received from new and renewing project committees regarding leveraging, the RC recommends clarifying the definition of leveraging in the guidelines by adding the language to Section IV., B Management and Business Plan, that reads: "For the multistate program, including NRSPs; leveraging shall mean funding brought to bear on the project objectives regardless of source, not including in-kind support from host institution(s)."

A summary of the NRSP portfolio, including NRSP-RC actions, is below.

NRSP 2014-2015

Project	Request FY2012	Authorized FY2012	Request FY2013	Authorized FY2013	Request FY2014	Approved FY2014	†Request FY2015	NRSP Review Committee Recommendation
NRSP1	50,000	50,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000 ¹	
NRSP3	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	<i>see below</i>	
NRSP4	481,182	481,182	481,182	481,182	481,182	481,182	481,182	
NRSP6	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	
NRSP7	325,000	325,000	325,000	325,000	325,000	325,000	<i>see below</i>	
NRSP8	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	
NRSP9	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	
NRSP_TEMP003 (NRSP3)							50,000	Approve 5-year budget
NRSP_TEMP301 (NRSP7)							325,000	Approve 1-year budget ²
NRSP_TEMP321							279,686	Approve 5-year budget ³

Requests for Off-the-Top Funding

†Assuming an acceptable midterm review, all NRSP budgets were approved during 2012 Fall ESS Meeting for the duration of their current, five-year cycles.

¹NRSP-1 is anticipated to request additional funding during the September ESS meeting to facilitate an overhaul of the NIMSS and maintenance of the new system.

²NRSP7 must demonstrate that they have secured new (not in-kind) funds that are equal to or more than 2x the off-the-top funding requested prior to submitting a renewal proposal.

³Pending formal response to NRSP-RC questions about database platform selection and communication with the National Animal Genome Research Program (NRSP8) database manager.

Summary of NRSPs

Project Number	Project Name	Project Period	Midterm Review Year
NRSP-1	National Information Management and Support System (NIMSS)	2011-2016	2014
NRSP-3 (NRSP_TEMP003)	The National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP)	2015-2019	2017
NRSP-4	Enabling Pesticide Registrations for Specialty Crops and Minor Uses	2010-2015	2013
NRSP-6	The US Potato Genebank: Acquisition, Classification, Preservation, Evaluation and Distribution of Potato (Solanum) Germplasm	2010-2015	2013
NRSP-7 (NRSP_TEMP301)	A National Agricultural Program for Minor Use Animal Drugs	2015	-
NRSP-8	National Animal Genome Research Program	2013-2018	2016
NRSP-9	National Animal Nutrition Program	2010-	2013

		2015	
NRSP_temp321	Database Resources for Crop Genomics, Genetics and Breeding Research	2014-2019	2017

ESCOP CAC Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 20, 2014

Participants: Bob Shulstad, Chair, Eric Young, Dan Rossi, Mike Harrington, Jeff Jacobsen, Shirley Hymon-Parker, Gary Thompson, Steve Slack, Clarence Watson, Jim Richards and Donna Pearce , recorder

Action Items:

- Dan Rossi will send out an email to the ESCOP Executive Committee proposing that the total marketing assessment be reduced to \$200,000 for 2015.

Agenda:

1. Communications and Marketing Committee – Nancy Cox, Dan Rossi

- Administrative Heads has agree to be equal partners with extension and research
- ESCOP portion of the cost will be one third of \$400,000 or \$133,333. We have been assessing the directors at the full \$300,000 level.
- We have kept the assessment at \$300,000 level even though we are only spending \$200,00
- We need to decide what level the assessment needs to be and reduce the amount of the assessment given the ECOP and AHS commitment
- Ian has indicated that he needs the ESCOP decision in December so he can prepare next year's assessments letters.
- ESCOP has no other source of funds other than these assessments. These funds have been used to support varies activities like meetings, speaker fees and the Impact Database
- Suggest reducing the assessment level from \$300,000 to \$150,000 -\$200,000. Consider leaving assessment at \$300,000 for 2 more years and reduce the invoices down to a new level this coming year. If needed we can put invoices back up if extension drops out.
- Dan Rossi will send out an email to the ESCOP Executive Committee proposing that the total marketing assessment be reduced to \$200,000 for 2015.

2. PBD report - Steve Slack and Eric Young

- Futuring (\$50,000) and Message Testing (\$55,000) both out of the Policy Board reserves
- Lead 21 - paid off loan over a year early
- Antibiotic Resistance Task Force - initiated from Board of Vet Medicine
- Very satisfied with the work of Cornerstone. They are in the 3rd year of 3 year contract which includes a 2% increase. Approved a new contract be negotiated without a bid process.
- 1890's 125 Anniversary -DC celebration on July 15-16

3. Seeds & Breeds Update – Steve Slack, Jeff Jacobsen

- Waiting on a charge from Sonny, he has ideas different from what the committee has discussed so we thought it would be best to get clarification on those to ensure how we precede is in alignment with his thinking

- Should receive something soon from Sonny and will move ahead with sending out communications on how we might address this

4. Water Initiative Update – Steve Slack, Mike Harrington

- All groups that wanted to see the proposal and respond to it have done so
- Mike Harrington and Robin Shepard have been tasked with developing a one-pager that highlights the priorities to be address so we have a document that highlights the talking points
- Some directors have not seen the proposal, so we need to send it out broadly to all list serves, so everyone is on the same page, however better to wait until one-pager can be sent at same time
- Timeline for one-pager completion is before Christmas
- Mike will draft a letter for Barbara Allen-Diaz to send out to various groups with the proposal

5. NIMSS/NRSP1 Update – Jeff Jacobsen

- Jeff Jacobsen will take over as NRSP1 lead AA and Bill Brown will remain as NRSP1 Chair.
- Future Calls: Quarterly
- Proposal input/review system has been created, along with the approval process to move a project through the system.
- A redesigned team has been put into place – leads are Chris Hamilton and Sarah Lupis
- Timeline to have new system operational is this time next year

6. Federal Budget Update – Hunt Shipman/Cornerstone

- Still hoping to have an omnibus bill to fund FY'15 between now and December 11th

7. Budget and Legislative Committee – Gary Thompson and Mike Harrington

- Focusing on capacity and competitive along with the Water Initiative
- Water Initiative should be pushed in FY'17, NIFA is finalizing FY'16 now
- Need to pay more attention to the 1994's investment
- Completed draft of the Return on Investment white paper and it has been sent out to extension for their input. Hope to have a one page executive summary by the CARET meetings.

8. CLP report - Gary Thompson

- Discussed the implementation of Farm Bill title 7 mandatory spending as well as the \$3 Million for Farm Bill education that will be for extension to develop web based tools to help farmers understand the new Farm Bill provisions
- Discussion on the child nutrition reauthorization. Senate is having hearings and Cornerstone will be monitoring these programs
- Presented the ESCOP proposal to support ratification of the International Treaty on Plant Genetics Resource for Food and Agriculture and they approved Cornerstone working on this.
- Greg Bohach presented this to PBD, who also approved it as a legislative initiative. A letter of support for ratification will be sent from Barbara Allen-Diaz to the new chair and ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee after Jan 1

9. Science and Technology Committee – John Russin and Jeff Jacobsen

- Multistate Research Award and ESS Leadership awards were presented at the APLU meeting
- We have asked APLU to highlight and acknowledge both awards and awardee's in their electronic newsletter
- We have made suggestions on the official program for next year to expand the coverage of both awards

10. Unified Message update – Eric Young and Bob Shulstad

- Sent letter from Bob to Wendy Wintersteen stating that ESCOP endorses the concept of a unified message as outlined in the white paper
- Riley Foundation sent out a press release on November 17 that mentions the purpose of the white paper and the press conference for official release December 5 in Washington, DC

11. NIFA-CES Retreat – Clarence Watson and Jeff Jacobsen

- Purpose of meeting was to try and improve the relationship between ECOP and NIFA
- ECOP and ESCOP don't have a lot of input on budget once it goes behind the curtain
- NIFA wants to become more like NSF which means more basic and more competitive
- They have two missions
 - Provide financial assistance
 - Provide leadership for national programs
- NPL's spend about 90% of their time dealing with competitive grants and little with capacity programs

12. Other Business

- Bob and Mr. Foster will meet with REE & NIFA leadership and Cornerstone & kglobal on December 18 - 19 in Washington, DC

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Thursday, December 18, 2014

Participants: Bob Shulstad, Chair, Eric Young, Mike Harrington, Shirley Hymon-Parker, Gary Thompson, Steve Slack, and Donna Pearce , recorder

Action Items:

- Eric will contact Mary Duryea to see if she is willing to serve as incoming chair in the Communications and Marketing Committee - Done, Mary declined to serve as CMC chair elect and would like to be replaced after 2015
- Put Renew National C-FAR Member-Sponsor Support on the ESCOP March agenda

Agenda:

1. Interim Actions of the Chair – Bob Shulstad
 - Meeting with Cornerstone/kglobal
 - Meeting with Woteki and Ramaswamy Friday
 - Great meeting with Cornerstone/kglobal
 - Talked about message testing. Looking at testing the messages on the platforms audiences relate to and what issues they respond to.
 - Three focus groups already completed, reactions to various questions and what's important to them.
 - Hope to concentrate on food safety and water issues
 - Kglobal will share questions on survey with us soon
 - Should receive the report end of February
2. NIMSS/NRSP1 Update – Jeff Jacobsen
 - No report
3. Federal Budget Update –Cornerstone
 - No report
4. Budget and Legislative Committee – Gary Thompson and Mike Harrington
 - On our November 25 conference call we discussed what happen at the ESCOP meeting
 - Discussion on setting up priorities for 2015-2016
 - Talked about looking at the Science Roadmap and how to start thinking about mechanisms to communicate action priorities that may impact the competitive grant opportunities
 - Discussed more fully NIFA programs for Higher Education, especially the increasing the student pipeline
 - Next meeting in January
5. Communications and Marketing Committee – Nancy Cox, Dan Rossi
 - Appointment needed for chair-elect from ESCOP
 - Eric will contact Mary Duryea to see if she is willing to serve as chair-elect
6. Science and Technology Committee – John Russin and Jeff Jacobsen
 - No report
7. Renew National C-FAR Member-Sponsor Support – Eric Young
 - Will put on March ESCOP agenda

ESCOP CAC Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 15, 2015

Participants: Bob Shulstad, Chair, Eric Young, Mike Harrington, Shirley Hymon-Parker, Gary Thompson, Steve Slack, Clarence Watson, Mike Harrington, Jeff Jacobsen, Hunt Shipman, Jim Richards and Donna Pearce , recorder

Action Items:

Agenda:

1. Interim Actions of the Chair – Bob Shulstad
 - Appointed Dr. Fred Servello as the NERA Representative on the ESCOP NRSP Review Committee
 - Appointed Dr. Adel Shirmohammadi as the NERA Delegate on the ESCOP Science and Technology Committee
 - Appointed Dr. Susan Brown as the NERA Representative on the ESCOP National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee
2. NIMSS/NRSP1 Update – Jeff Jacobsen
 - Clemson ITT is working on the redesign of NIMSS. They are running through internally to make sure they don't have any coding errors
 - Next conference call is February 9 with the redesign team.
 - Hope to have screen shots to look at from all aspects from the drop down menus
 - Contract still resides with the attorney's at Clemson
3. Federal Budget Update –Cornerstone
 - No budget. Will receive first week in February
 - President's budget will seek 7% increase, not across the board, in total funding both discretionary and mandatory side adds up to about 43 Billion dollars
4. Budget and Legislative Committee – Gary Thompson and Mike Harrington
 - First kick off meeting the last week of January
 - Mike Harrington, Jimmy Henning, Steve Slack and Robin Shepard have approved the executive summary of the Water Initiative
 - Mike Harrington and Robin Shepard have exchange emails on the Return of Investment piece. Extension is trying to track down stories that demonstrate impacts of what extension does in terms of dollars and changes in behavior
5. Communications and Marketing Committee – Nancy Cox, Dan Rossi
 - Committee had last conference call last November and approved the new Operating Guidelines
 - Changes to membership committee:
 - Incoming chair, Current Chair and Past Chair
 - They will represent three sections and will rotate through AHS, ESCOP and ECOP
 - Each section will have a representative on the committee
 - Third representative from each section will be the actual current chair of that section
 - Nancy has transition to the AHS and will serve as the past chair
 - Scott will serve one more year as current chair

6. Science and Technology Committee – John Russin and Jeff Jacobsen
 - Defining themes/topics for the committee to engage. First will be the NRC Review
7. Other Business
 - Fall ESS/AES/ARD Meeting and Workshop – Shirley Hyman-Parker
 - ED's will meet to discuss the workshop sessions
 - Monday, September 28
 - Regional Meetings
 - Open reception
 - Tuesday, September 29
 - Welcome
 - Workshop session
 - Tour of the NC Research campus in Kannapolis, NC
 - Dinner on own
 - Wednesday, September 30
 - ESS Business Meeting
 - Workshops
 - Dinner w speaker
 - Thursday, October 1
 - Travel day
 - Suggestion:
 - Add October 1 departure date to the end of agenda
 - Have speaker on Wednesday night that would appeal to everyone in order to get people stay for dinner on Wednesday
 - March 3, 2015 ESCOP Meeting – Eric
 - Remove Executive Committee from agenda title replace with ESCOP Meeting
 - Remove agenda item #11.0 from agenda
 - ED's will send time allotment needed for their topic to Eric