ESCOP Chair's Advisory Committee Teleconference Notes January 20, 1 pm CST

Participants:

Steve Pueppke, Chair
Arlen Leholm, Executive Vice-Chair (NCRA)
Clarence Watson, Vice-Chair
Greg Bohach (Science and Tech Committee)
Nancy Cox (BAA/PBD)
David Boethel (Budget & Legislative Committee)
Dan Rossi (NERA)
Eric Young (SAAESD)
Mike Harrington (WAAESD)
Chris Hamilton (NCRA-Recorder)

Guests:

Sonny Ramaswamy (Purdue) Jozef Kokini (UIUC)

Action Items:

Who	Action	Status
Carolyn Brooks	Suggest representatives from the 1890s for the	
	BioCentury Initiative process group	
Arlen/Steve Pueppke	Send out notice of March 3 ESCOP meeting (8 am to	
	1 pm)	
Arlen/Chris	Organize meeting space at NASULGC for March 3	
	ESCOP Committee meeting (8 am to 1 pm)	
Arlen/other EDs	Work on crafting an ESCOP response to NASULGC	
	January 12 message	
Steve Pueppke	Discuss advancing BioCentury Initiative with Colien	
	Hefferan during February 2 teleconference	
Arlen/EDs	Follow-up on advancing BioCentury Initiative	
	nationally and create process group with reps from	
	each region	
All	Please review and send Mike feedback on the B&L	
	priorities document	
Dan Rossi/B&L	Appoint new B&L chair elect from the NE Region to	
Members	replace David Boethel	
Arlen Leholm	Discuss tying the System Committee to the Policy	Done, Jack
	Board with Jack Payne	willing to take
		forward

Notes:

1. Report from the Chair - Steve Pueppke

A "shovel-ready", short notice opportunity involving the usage of biomass in LGU power plants was forwarded to the Hill. We received a response, but it is not currently clear if such an idea will resonate. Ideally, this program would harness LGU researchers, students, and industry, providing a public relations opportunity as well as create jobs.

- 2. Review of past Action Items from December 15 call (see table above) Steve Pueppke
- 3. FY 09 Budget Update, Farm Bill Update, and Presidential Transition Issues Cornerstone: Cornerstone reps could not make this call and no report was given.
- 4. Advancing "BioCentury Initiative" nationally Jozef Kokini, Sonny Ramaswamy/Arlen Leholm

Jozef Kokini and Sonny Ramaswamy provided a brief review of the previously forwarded BioCentury Initiative document. Discussion ensued regarding how best to advance this initiative nationally. Suggestions included contacting Steven Chu and former IA Governor Vilsack, as well as creating a process group comprised of EDs and two directors from each region. Suggested members are:

- 1. Clarence Watson; Bill Brown South
- 2. Greg Bohach West
- 3. Mike Hoffman, Bruce McPheron Northeast
- 4. Sonny Ramaswamy, Jozef Kokini North Central
- 5. All EDs
- 6. Two representatives from the 1890s
- 5. Budget and Legislative Committee Issues David Boethel
 - a. Still need NE rep Dan Rossi is working on this
 - b. BAC call this week, still working on priorities
- 6. Reporting Requirements for State Plans of Work Bruce McPheron (Bruce could not make the call, no report given)
- 7. System Marketing update Jerry Arkin/Arlen Leholm: Jack Payne has agreed to take forward tying the System Committee to the Policy Board
- 8. Other Issues: ESCOP Committee meeting during CARET meeting has been updated to Tuesday, March 3 at 8-1:00 and will include budget report by our Cornerstone representatives. This meeting will be held at NASULGC, if possible. Chris will organize meeting space.

Chair Pueppke closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their time and participation.

Respectfully submitted by: Christina Hamilton January 21, 2008

ESCOP Chair's Advisory Committee Teleconference Notes February 17, 1 pm CST

Participants:

Steve Pueppke, Chair
Arlen Leholm, Executive Vice-Chair (NCRA)
Clarence Watson, Vice-Chair
Carolyn Brooks (ARD)
Greg Bohach (Science and Tech Committee)
Nancy Cox (BAA/PBD)
David Boethel (Budget & Legislative Committee)
Jim Richards (Cornerstone)
Bruce McPheron (Past-Chair)
Dan Rossi (NERA)
Eric Young (SAAESD)
Mike Harrington (WAAESD)

Chris Hamilton (NCRA-Recorder)

Action Items:

Who	Action	Status
Mike Harrington	Inform Lead 21 board of ED change	
EDs	Discuss best response to REEO questions during regional spring meetings	
Arlen Leholm	Interact with Tim Sanders to discuss how to best proceed with the BioCentury Initiative	
EDs	Develop a strategy to facilitate discussion of state budget shortfalls during March 3 ESCOP Meeting	
Carolyn Brooks	Suggest representatives from the 1890s for the BioCentury Initiative process group	Done
Arlen/Steve Pueppke	Send out notice of March 3 ESCOP meeting (8 am to 1 pm)	Done
Arlen/Chris	Organize meeting space at NASULGC for March 3 ESCOP Committee meeting (8 am to 1 pm)	Done
Arlen/other EDs	Work on crafting an ESCOP response to NASULGC January 12 message	Done
Steve Pueppke	Discuss advancing BioCentury Initiative with Colien Hefferan during February 2 teleconference	Done
Arlen/EDs	Follow-up on advancing BioCentury Initiative nationally and create process group with reps from each region	In Progress
All	Please review and send Mike feedback on the B&L priorities document	Done
Dan Rossi/B&L Members	Appoint new B&L chair elect from the NE Region to replace David Boethel	Done
Arlen Leholm	Discuss tying the System Committee to the Policy Board with Jack Payne	Done, Jack willing to take

	forward

Notes:

- 1. Report from the Chair Steve Pueppke
- 2. Review of past Action Items from January 20 call (see table above) Steve Pueppke

The March 3 ESCOP meeting agenda was reviewed and approved. The EDs met by phone immediately after the CAC call to develop a strategy to facilitate discussions of state budget shortfall. EDs will lead this discussion at the ESCOP meeting on March 3.

Arlen will meet with Tim Sanders to discuss how best to proceed with the BioCentury Initiative.

3. BAC Update - David Boethel/ Mike Harrington

Please review the BAC meeting notes document.

4. REEO stakeholder input discussion - Mike Harrington

EDs should plan on 30 minutes at their regional spring meetings to discuss the best response to the six REEO stakeholder questions.

5. Other business

Mike Harrington's term on Lead 21 had ended. Arlen Leholm has agreed to take over this role from Mike. Mike will inform the board of the change.

Chair Pueppke closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their time and participation.

Respectfully submitted by: Christina Hamilton February 22, 2008

ESCOP Chair's Advisory Committee Teleconference Notes Monday, April 20, 2009 – 4 pm EDT

Participants:

Steve Pueppke – ESCOP Chair
Carolyn Brooks - ARD
David Boethel (Chair-Budget and Legislative Committee)
Greg Bohach (Chair-Science & Tech. Committee)
Eric Young - SAAESD
Dan Rossi – NERA
Arlen Leholm – ESCOP Executive Vice-Chair, NCRA
Chris Hamilton – NCRA, Recorder

Who	Action	Status
Dan Rossi	Prepare informational material for ESCOP Committee	
	to vote on S&T Roadmap budget	
Arlen Leholm	Compile and send REEO responses	
Mike Harrington	Inform Lead 21 board of ED change	
EDs	Discuss best response to REEO questions during	Done
	regional spring meetings	
Arlen Leholm	Interact with Tim Sanders to discuss how to best	Done
	proceed with the BioCentury Initiative	
EDs	Develop a strategy to facilitate discussion of state	Done
	budget shortfalls during March 3 ESCOP Meeting	
Carolyn Brooks	Suggest representatives from the 1890s for the	Done
	BioCentury Initiative process group	
Arlen/EDs	Follow-up on advancing BioCentury Initiative	In Progress
	nationally and create process group with reps from	
	each region	

- 1. Report from the Chair Steve Pueppke
- 2. Review of past Action Items from February 17 call (see table above) Steve Pueppke
- 3. Budget Update Cornerstone

Unable to attend.

4. Budget and Legislative Committee Issues - David Boethel

Although we are happy to be receiving annual Hatch increases, we need to work to reduce the number of line items. Also need to work to push AFRI up to authorized levels.

5. System Marketing Update and Assessments – Jerry Arkin/Arlen Leholm

Arlen Leholm is working with Ian Maw (APLU) to send out marketing assessment next week. Please refer to Steve Pueppke's letter from a few weeks ago regarding the evaluation of Podesta's marketing effort.

6. REEO Stakeholder Q&A – EDs

Arlen agreed to compile responses from all regions and forward them on to the REEO directors and other appropriate recipients.

7. Other business

- a. Proposed topic for Fall ESS meeting: Restrictions to research by big biotech Steve Pueppke Agreements between researchers and biotech companies are causing severe limitations on the use of seed for research. Steve suggests scheduling a session/discussion during the fall ESS meeting that would include representatives from both research and industry. Program will be discussed by EDs this week.
- b. Science and Technology Committee Greg Bohach Moved forward with the Roadmap process and produced a detailed, aggressive timeline. On May 1 (target date), the prestudy will be sent out, followed by five Delphi rounds through July 13.

Action Needed: Approval of ESCOP Executive Committee to spend up to \$5000 to hire a student to work on the survey.

Action Taken: No action could be taken at this time due to lack of quorum. Dan Rossi agreed to prepare materials during the EDs' meetings this week to take forward to the Executive Committee.

Action Needed: Approval from Steve Pueppke to sign off on two letters: (1) letter to research directors to solicit names for individuals willing to work on the survey, (2) letter to participants.

Action Taken: Steve Pueppke agreed to sign off on both letters

Chair Pueppke closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their time and participation.

Respectfully submitted by: Christina Hamilton April 24, 2009

ESCOP Chair's Advisory Committee Teleconference Notes Monday, May 18, 2009 – 4 pm EDT

Participants:

Steve Pueppke – ESCOP Chair

Dan Rossi - NERA

David Boethel - Budget and Legislative Committee Chair

Mike Harrington - WAAESD

Eric Young - SAAESD

Bruce McPheron – Past Chair

Jerry Arkin - Communication and Marketing Committee Chair

Arlen Leholm – ESCOP Executive Vice-Chair, NCRA

Chris Hamilton – NCRA, Recorder

Who	Action	Status
Dan Rossi	Discuss \$350 registration fee for 1.5 day APLU	
	meeting with Ian Maw	
Dan Rossi/Greg	Obtain ESCOP approval of OTT \$15,000 multi-state	
Bohach	award	
Arlen Leholm	Add approval of OTT \$15,000 multi-state award to	
	ESS agenda at July APLU meeting in Minneapolis	
Dan Rossi/Greg	Obtain ESCOP approval to spend \$5000 to hire	Done/Approved
Bohach	student to work on Roadmap	
Jerry Arkin/Arlen	Send out marketing assessment through APLU/Ian	Done
Leholm	Maw	
Mike Harrington	Inform Lead 21 board of ED change	Done
EDs	Finalize REEO Q&A responses and send to REEO	Done
	Directors	
Arlen Leholm	Interact with Tim Sanders to discuss how to best	Done
	proceed with the BioCentury Initiative	
Arlen/EDs	Follow-up on advancing BioCentury Initiative	In Progress
	nationally and create process group with reps from	
	each region	

1. Budget and Legislative Committee Issues - David Boethel

The last B&L call was held on 4/28/2009. The committee is currently working with Administrative Heads to obtain signature support for AFRI - have about 35 out the 80 signatures needed.

Mike Harrington mentioned that there has not been a formula fund reduction and that the suggested Hatch budget was based on last year's allocation. He also requested a call to action for writing "Dear Colleague" letters in support of budget priorities. During the OK City meeting, Wednesday afternoon from 1-3 pm has been set aside to discuss priorities. We need to work to get agriculture on the President's radar and become better acquainted with Dr. Shah.

2. Science and Technology Committee Report – Dan Rossi for Greg Bohach

S1039 was chosen as the 2009 winner of the multi-state research award. The S&T committee discussed reaching out to project committee members with the hope of increasing the number of nominations for this award in the future. There seems to be a reluctance/lack of time available for AAs to fill out the required forms, but perhaps committee chairs will be more enthusiastic.

Eric Young discussed CSREES' proposed \$15,000 award for the multi-state research award (please refer to Eric's 5/14/2009 ESCOP-CAC email). Because this is OTT MRF Hatch money, it must be approved by ESCOP and then taken to the ESS meeting in Oklahoma City for approval by the section.

Roadmap budget was approved. Should Extension be included?

3. 2009 ESS/SAES/ARD Meeting and Workshop Schedule – Eric Young/other EDs

The Wednesday 3:30 to 5 pm session (Research Constraints related to Intellectual Property and Genetic Modification) will include three speakers not from industry. It was decided to keep the discussion internal for now. Peter Sherman from Texas A&M will be included as a speaker.

Arlen and Steve will prepare an invitation to Dr. Shah inviting him to the meeting.

Chair Pueppke closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their time and participation.

Respectfully submitted by: Christina Hamilton May 27, 2009

ESCOP Chair's Advisory Committee Teleconference Notes Monday, June 15, 2009 – 4 pm EDT

Participants:

Steve Pueppke – ESCOP Chair

Dan Rossi - NERA

David Boethel - Budget and Legislative Committee Chair

Mike Harrington - WAAESD

Eric Young – SAAESD

Greg Bohach – Science and Technology Chair

Clarence Watson – Chair-Elect

Jerry Arkin - Communication and Marketing Committee Chair

Carolyn Brooks - ARD

Arlen Leholm – ESCOP Executive Vice-Chair, NCRA

Chris Hamilton – NCRA, Recorder

Action Items:

Who	Action	Status
Arlen Leholm	Draft letter to Rajiv Shah inviting him to the	
	Oklahoma City ESS Workshop	
All	Review Smith memo and send any changes to Mike	
	Harrington by COB on 6/18.	
Arlen Leholm	Send Smith letter to BAA on Steve's behalf	
EDs	Discuss approval of OTT \$15,000 multi-state award	
	at regional summer meetings	
Eric Young	Prepare an agenda brief for the OTT \$15,000 multi-	
	state award discussion	
Dan Rossi	Discuss \$350 registration fee for 1.5 day APLU	Done
	meeting with Ian Maw	
Arlen Leholm	Add approval of OTT \$15,000 multi-state award to	Done
	ESS agenda at July APLU meeting in Minneapolis	
Arlen/EDs	Follow-up on advancing BioCentury Initiative	In Progress
	nationally and create process group with reps from	_
	each region	

1. Report from the Chair – Steve Pueppke

We are pleased that President Obama's May 5 announcement of a new biofuels program totaling \$786.5 million will achieve much of what we wanted in the BioCentury Initiative. We decided to ask Clarence Watson, Ralph Cavalieri, Mike Hoffman, Steve Pueppke, and Carolyn Brooks, who had provided edits to the BioCentury Initiative, to be available for a potential meeting with Rajiv Shah, Tom Vilsack and Steven Chu as soon as possible to express our interest in this DOE funding line. A three person working committee chaired by Vilsack will oversee the new biofuels program.

An AHS meeting with Rajiv Shah involving Steve Pueppke, ESCOP Chair, Paul Coreil, ECOP Chair, and a number of Deans has been set up for July 2 which will start the communication process.

Arlen Leholm reminded the group to have their regions submit nominations of scientists for the five summit tracks for the Biofuels Aviation Summit to be held in Washington, DC on 9/1 and 9/2. (Context: by 2012, the Air Force plans on obtaining 50% of its jet fuel from biofuel)

2. Action Items from May 18 – Steve Pueppke and others

Dan Rossi contacted Ian Maw regarding the APLU meeting registration fee. At this time, nothing can be done, but our concerns with cost have been communicated.

Eric Young is still waiting to hear back on having the \$15,000 sent to NCSU for distribution to the annual multi-state research award winners. In addition, it was decided that each ED will take the OTT funding issue regarding this award to their regional directors' meetings for a discussion and vote. The final decision will be brought to the ESCOP meeting in Minneapolis in July. Arlen and Chris will add this item to the agenda and Eric Young will provide the agenda brief.

3. Budget Update – NA

4. Budget and Legislative Committee Issues - David Boethel

Mike drafted the Smith letter for Steve to send on to the BAA. Please review this letter (see email) and let him know of any changes by COB this Thursday, 6/18. Arlen will then send this letter on Steve's behalf.

5. Science and Technology Committee Report – Greg Bohach

The Roadmap Delphi process has started and round one is almost complete. There has been good participation (about 300).

6. Other business

- a. Call for volunteers to work with Steve Pueppke and Colien Hefferan to plan NIFA launch symposium *For information only at this time:* We'll need a small group (1-2 per region) of our best scientists ready to participate in a potential NIFA launch symposium. Steve will mention this during the July 2 AHS meeting as well.
- b. June 11 Energy Funding Call Follow-up Arlen Leholm/Steve Pueppke
- c. ESCOP meeting agenda items Arlen Leholm
 - i. No ECOP joint session this year; the time will be used to meet with Dr. Shah, pending his availability and schedule
 - ii. Current budget issue discussion?
 - iii. Scheduling of Winter ESCOP meeting so it does not conflict with Hill visits (Eric will take this on)
 - iv. Short report of July 2 meeting with Dr. Shah (Steve Pueppke)

Chair Pueppke closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their time and participation.

Respectfully submitted by: Christina Hamilton June 16, 2009

ESCOP Chair's Advisory Committee Teleconference Notes Monday, October 19, 2009 – 4:00 pm EDT

Participants:

Clarence Watson- ESCOP Chair
Orlando McMeans – Chair-Elect
Eric Young – ESCOP Executive Vice-Chair, SAAESD
Mike Harrington – WAAESD
Bill Ravlin – Science and Technology Chair
Carolyn Brooks – ARD
Arlen Leholm – NCRA
Dan Rossi – NERA
Hunt Shipman – Cornerstone
Jim Richards – Cornerstone
Donna Pearce – SAAESD, Recorder

Action Items:

Who	Action	Status
	Contact Colin Kaltenbach to see if he is willing to	
Mike Harrington	accept the appointment to serve on the APLU Research	Done
	Issues Committee	
All ED's	Will send the names of other directors to Eric for	Done
	consideration to serve on the APLU Research Issues	Done
	Committee	
Eric Young	Draft a memo from Clarence to Wendy and copy Ian	
	Maw regarding the proposed changes in the BAA Policy	Done
	Board of Directors membership.	
Eric Young	Prepare an agenda for the upcoming ESCOP Executive	
	Committee meeting in November	Done

- 1. Report from the Chair Clarence Watson:
 - Appointed Steve Pueppke to represent the Experiment Station Section on the Farm Bill Committee
 - Sent invitation letters to Roger Beachy and Jim Turner (APLU Energy Initiative) to attend the ESCOP Executive Committee meeting on Nov 16
- 2. Review of Action Items from June 15 CAC call Clarence Watson:
 - All action items have been completed.
- 3. Budget and Legislative Committee Update –Mike Harrington:

2011 & 2012 Federal Budget Priorities:

• Some of the things are now mute points, for example, concerns that multi cultural programs not get lost in new organizational structure for NIFA, but the

- administration of these programs appears to stay in place from the CSREES structure.
- Priorities survey done. The survey has gone out to the committee for any last comments. No comments so far, so it will go out to the section soon

Reinvesting in the Land Grant System White Paper:

- Clarence has provided feedback his comments as well as others have been incorporated into the newer version 5.2
- Both ESCOP & ECOP Budget and Legislative Committees have gone through the white paper
- In conversations with other committees they seem to be generally supportive of the proposal.
- New Undersecretary and Beachy have made it clear what their five themes are and it would be better to justify the proposal using those themes and put that at beginning of document
- Cornerstone is concerned because this wouldn't align directly with new administration's push for competitive funds only.

4. ESS Member on APLU Research Issues Committee

- Clarence and the ED's received an email from Ian Maw asking the Experiment
 Station Section to appoint someone to serve as our representative on the new
 APLU Research Issues Committee. The committee will be composed of 16
 presidents, chancellors and system heads. This will be a two year term. They will
 meet twice a year with one of them in conjunction with the President's Council
 meeting in November.
- Suggestions.... Colin Kaltenbach and Mark McLellan
- Mike agreed to contact Colin Kaltenbach to see if he is willing to accept this appointment.
- In the meantime the ED's will send the names of other directors to Eric for consideration to serve on the APLU Research Issues Committee.

5. AHS New Proposal for PBD Membership Change – Clarence Watson:

- The ED's received a memo from Ian Maw Wendy Wintersteen concerning the Administrative Head's proposal to add the Chairs of the Farm Bill Committee and Budget and Advocacy Committee as voting members of the Policy Board of Director's.
- Proposal has to be sent out to BAA for a vote of approval, but the Administrative Head's want feedback from the sections so they can make a final decision on the proposal at the APLU meeting.
- Clarence is okay with the proposal. Concern was expressed about the change in balance of representation on the PBD by adding two more AHS members.
- Eric will draft a memo from Clarence to Wendy and copy Ian Maw supporting the proposal but emphasizing that the two chairs are to represent the committees they chair and not their specific section.

- 6. Agenda Items for ESCOP Executive Committee Meeting in Washington, DC Eric Young/Clarence Watson:
 - Roger Beachy, NIFA Director (invited)
 - Jim Turner, APLU Energy Initiative (confirmed)
 - Cornerstone, Advocacy Update
 - Budget & Legislative Committee
 - Science & Technology Committee
 - John Scofield, Marketing Update (confirmed)

Eric will put together a draft agenda for the upcoming ESCOP Executive Committee meeting in November and send it out to the committee. If anyone has additional items email them to Eric.

- 7. 2010 ESS/SAES/ARD Workshop Orlando McMeans:
 Next year's meeting will take place in Nashville, TN. The ARD Executive Committee is scouting hotels and other venues they would like to use for the meeting next year.
- 8. Other business N/A

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Pearce October 22, 2009

ESCOP Chair's Advisory Committee Teleconference Notes Monday, December 14, 2009 – 4:00 pm EDT

Participants:

Clarence Watson- ESCOP Chair
Orlando McMeans – Chair-Elect
Eric Young – ESCOP Executive Vice-Chair, SAAESD
Mike Harrington – WAAESD
Carolyn Brooks – ARD
Arlen Leholm – NCRA
Dan Rossi – NERA
Michael Vayda – Budget & Legislative Committee
Nancy Cox – BAA/PBD
Hunt Shipman – Cornerstone
Jim Richards – Cornerstone
Donna Pearce – SAAESD, Recorder

Action Items:

Who	Action	Status
	Send out a cover memo on behalf of Clarence and the	
Eric Young	revision of Federal Funding Priorities White Paper to	Done
	the ED's for distribution to their COOs for review	
Hunt Shipman	Will send the Roundup Ready Soybean one-pager to the	Doma
_	CAC members	Done

- 1. Report from the Chair Clarence Watson:
 - Request for Multistate award nominations was sent out this past week
 - Marketing Committee had a conference call last week to discuss the future of marketing efforts
- 2. Review of Action Items from June 15 CAC call Clarence Watson:
 - All action items have been completed.
- 3. Budget and Legislative Committee Update –Mike Vayda:

Reinvesting in the Land Grant System White Paper:

- The latest version of Federal Funding Priorities White Paper looks good
- The paper addresses the concerns of the group to strike some type of balance between advocacy for competitive and formula funds and still try to take advantage of the opportunity to significantly increase competitive funding.
- Eric will send a cover memo on behalf of Clarence and the latest revision of Federal Funding Priorities White Paper to the ED's for distribution to their COOs for review. The memo will explain that the small group that was appointed has done its revisions and we're asking for their input before sending it on to the ECOP Chair.

4. 2010 ESS/SAES/ARD Workshop – Nothing new to report

5. Other business –

Roundup Ready Soybeans – Hunt Shipman

- Monsanto announced their plans for release of Roundup Ready Soybean Patent in 2014
- Part of their plans is to identify a university or group of universities to take over the regulatory imperative of Roundup Ready
- One-pager is circulating
- The university(s) will provide the regulatory service for at least 3 years after the Patent expires.
- 2017 would be the soonest they could consider not doing it
- In the United States Roundup has deregulated.
- In other countries they get a time specific registration that has to be renewed.
- There is need for data set maintenance as long as Roundup Ready was in trade chain for some of the 48 countries that have biotech.
- Hunt will send the Roundup Ready Soybean one-pager to the CAC members

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Pearce December 15, 2009