

2016 ESS Business Meeting

Jackson Lake Lodge (Osprey/Grizzly), Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming
September 21, 2016 (8:30 AM – 12:00 PM)

MINUTES

Time	Agenda Item	Topic and Presenter(s)	Notes and Decisions
8:30 AM	1.0	<p>Call to Order - Shirley Hymon-Parker, Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Approval of Agenda 1.2 Approval of September 30, 2015 Notes from ESS Meeting in Charlotte, NC 1.3 Approval of Interim Actions 1.4 Experiment Station Section Awards for Excellence in Leadership 	<p>The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.</p> <p>The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.</p> <p>There were no interim actions</p> <p>ESS Leadership Award Winners were announced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walter Hill, Tuskegee University Steve Slack, The Ohio State University (retired) Daniel Rossi, Northeast Region AES (retired) William (Bill) Brown, University of Tennessee Barbara Allen Diaz, University of California (retired)
8:40 AM	2.0	NIFA Report - Parag Chitnis and Bill Hoffman	
9:00 AM	3.0	<p>Proposed Changes to the ESS Rules of Operation - Bob Shulstad and Jeff Jacobsen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Rules of Operations changes Current Rules of Operations, 2012 ESS Budget Presentation 	Changes to the Rules of Operation were unanimously approved.
9:15 AM	4.0	Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Initiative – Ian Maw	
9:20 AM	5.0	Budget & Legislative Committee - Gary Thompson and Mike Harrington	
9:30 AM	6.0	<p>NRSP Discussion and Vote – Clarence Watson and Eric Young</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRSP Review Committee Agenda Brief NRSP Review Committee 	

		<p><u>Presentation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>NRSP TEMP11, National Agricultural Research Data Network for Harmonized Data proposal</u> • <u>NRSP TEMP11 Writing Committee response to review and recommendations</u> • <u>NRSP 2017 Budget Summary</u> • <u>NRSP1 Preview</u> – Bill Brown and Jeff Jacobsen 	
9:50 AM	7.0	ESS Budget Discussion - Bret Hess and Mike Harrington	<p>APLU Awards Booklet/Program - \$5,000 Diversity Task Force ESCOP Training - \$5,000 ESS 2017 MTG - \$10,000 APLU/AAVMC Antibiotic Resistance Task Force Manager - \$7,000 ESCOP Website - \$10,000 Impact Database - \$10,000 Impact Communications - \$5,000 <i>(Nat'l Impact Database)</i></p> <p><i>The proposed ESCOP budget was unanimously approved.</i></p>
10:00 AM		BREAK	
10:30 AM	8.0	NRSP Voting Results – Shirley Hyman-Parker	With 35 stations reporting, the NRSP RC recommendation passed unanimously.
10:45 AM	9.0	BAA - Policy Board of Directors - Clarence Watson and Eric Young	
11:00 AM	10.0	Communications and Marketing Committee - Rick Rhodes	
11:10 AM	11.0	Science and Technology Committee - Marikis Alvarez and Jeff Jacobsen	
11:20 AM	12.0	NIMSS Update – Jeff Jacobsen and Chris Hamilton	<p>NIMSS Update Note for Fall ESS 2016</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initial release in December <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Many fundamental database management practices in the old NIMSS were overlooked or violated and resulted in the need for the developers to manually correct issues in order to provide a consistent experience to NIMSS users. b. Most have been corrected, but a few come up time to time and

are corrected immediately.

- c. Current system follows relational DBA normalization and logic rules, so we won't experience these data issues going forward.
2. Sarah Lupis and Chris Hamilton held several NIMSS training webinars. NIMSS administration has now returned to the regional offices. Sarah and Chris continue to monitor issues and work with users and Clemson to make improvements, as needed and whenever possible to the benefit of the majority of users.
3. NIMSS manual is online and link can be found in NIMSS, under the Directory tab.
4. We communicate with our Clemson developers on average once a week, usually just for minor formatting fixes or efficiency improvements identified by us or users in your stations. Current NIMSS management and development follows an agile management format. Agile software management is an iterative approach to planning and guiding project processes. Updates to the system are completed in small, iterative sections, which means we'll don't have to wait for different versions. Fixes are completely very quickly, sometimes within minutes of our reporting them to Clemson. We are very pleased with this system, a vast improvement over the previous system .
5. Overall:
 - a. the new NIMSS has greatly improved security, which protects Clemson and other user institutions,
 - b. increased data integrity, for a better picture of multistate participation nationally and at individual institutions,
 - c. improved the ability to communicate the impact of multistate programs to decision makers and stakeholders by

			<p>validating and improving the reporting process</p> <p>d. Increased the efficiency of Hatch allocations for stations by automating NIFA participant approved and adding new participant search capabilities</p> <p>6. Going forward, we will continue to support and help users with questions and further automate the system as much as we can. We're looking forward to the renewal of the NIMSS portion of NRSP1, which will include not only continued security and efficiency improvements, but also work towards more mobile capabilities, allowing for NIMSS access on smaller devices such as tablets and smart phones.</p>
11:25 AM	13.0	<u>Update on Deferred Maintenance Committee Report</u> - Clarence Watson, Mike Harrington and Eric Young	
11:30 AM	14.0	Update on Prior Approval for Equipment Requirement Implementation – Alton Thompson	Initially, NIFA/OMB required prior approval for equipment purchases of \$5,000 or more. Regional associations and sections responded to this requirement with written letters expressing concern about the practical implementation of this. NIFA/OMB position is that internal controls at our institutions is insufficient. NIFA is investigating “special purpose equipment” exemptions (similar to NIH, NSF) and blanket approvals (all equipment approved in one request). At the Joint COPS meeting in July, concern was expressed about NIFAs ability to respond to requests within 30 days. Because this is an OMB mandate, ESCOP has requested that the BAA pursue a legislative fix to this issue. During the August 25 th webinar, we learned that for general use equipment the \$5,000 limit would apply. For “general” use equipment, the new limit is \$150,000. This will begin with FY17 dollars.
11:35 AM	15.0	Updates on the “Big Initiatives”: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Security - Mike Harrington • Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People - Clarence Watson, Shirley 	NIFA has formed a coordinating committee to look into the Water Initiative. Mike Harrington and Robin Shepard will be involved in this

		Hymon-Parker, Eric Young	committee.
11:50 AM	16.0	Election of Chair-Elect – Shirley Hymon-Parker	Dr. Gary Thompson from Penn State University was unanimously elected Chair-Elect of ESS.
11:55 AM	17.0	<u>Resolutions Committee Report</u> – Shirley Hymon-Parker	
12:10 PM	18.0	Changing of the Guard – Shirley Hymon-Parker Final Remarks and Adjourn – Brett Hess	
		Agenda Briefs Only	
	19.0	<u>ECOP Liaison Report to ESCOP</u> – Bev Durgan <u>Diversity Report</u> – Jeff Jacobsen	
		Joint Sessions	
		Joint Session I – National Updates	<p>USDA – REE & NIFA Update <i>Parag Chitnis, Deputy Director, Institute of Food Production and Sustainability, USDA-NIFA</i></p> <p><u>Federal Budget and the New Administration/Congress</u> <i>Jim Richards, Hunt Shipman & Vernie Hubert, Cornerstone Government Affairs</i></p> <p><u>Communication & Marketing Report</u> <i>Jenny Nuber, Partner, kglobal & Hunt Shipman, Cornerstone Government Affairs</i></p> <p>APLU/BAA National Initiatives Updates <i>Ian Maw, Vice President of Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources, APLU</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Antibiotic Resistance in Production Agriculture</u> • <u>Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People Funding Strategies</u> • <u>The Challenge of Change: Engaging Public Universities to Feed the World</u> <p>Written-only Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Impact Database Update and Factsheet</u> • <u>BAA Policy Board of Directors Report</u> • <u>Deferred Maintenance Strategy Proposal</u> • <u>ECOP-ESCOP Health Implementation Team Report</u>
		Joint Session II – Lessons Learned from Successful Regional AES/CES Partnerships	<p><u>Integrated Approach to Sustainable Control of Internal Parasites in Small Ruminants</u> <i>Thomas H. Terrill, Associate Professor, Fort Valley State University</i></p> <p><u>EFNEP Related Research, Program Evaluation and</u></p>

			<p>Outreach (NC 2172) <i>Deb Hamernik, Associate Dean of Agricultural Research & Associate Director of the Agricultural Research Division, University of Nebraska- Lincoln</i></p> <p>Value of Northeast Extension Directors-Northeast Regional Association Planning Grants in Leveraging Substantial External Funds <i>Dan Lerner, Associate Dean & Director for Faculty and Programs, University of Vermont</i></p> <p>Framework for Nutrient Reduction Strategy Collaboration: The Role for Land-grant Universities (SERA 46) <i>Loren W. (Wes) Burger, Associate Director, Mississippi Agricultural & Forestry Experiment Station & Forest and Wildlife Research Center of Mississippi State</i></p> <p>The Western Perspective & Western Agenda <i>Bret Hess, University of Wyoming, & Fred Schlutt, Vice Provost, Extension & Outreach, Director of the Cooperative Extension Service, University of Alaska</i></p>
		Joint Session III--	<p>New Ideas and Key Changes for Federal Authorization: Farm Bill Work Session</p>
		Joint Session IV	<p>Many Voices, One Message</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Stulberg, Agricultural Science Fellow, Office of the Chief Scientist, U.S. Department of Agriculture • <i>Ian Maw, APLU</i> • <i>Greg Bohoch, Mississippi State University</i> • <i>Gary Thompson, Pennsylvania State University</i> • <i>Richard Klemme, University of Wisconsin Extension</i> • <i>Ami Smith, Acting Associate Vice President for Research and Associate Research Director, Associate Vice President for Public Service, and Director of Extension, West Virginia State University</i>
		Joint Session V	<p>Simmer it Down: Strategic Issues Management for Land-grant Universities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Faith Peppers, Director of Public Affairs, University of Georgia</i> • <i>Chris Sigurdson, Vice President for Communications, Office of University Relations, University of Arizona</i>
		Joint Session VI	<p>Recap/Next Steps/Follow-up <i>Bret Hess, University of Wyoming & Fred Schlutt, University of Alaska</i></p>