

ESS CAC Call Notes

October 19 at 4:00 PM (EDT)

Web/Mobile: <https://zoom.us/j/5717743008> Phone: (646) 558-8656 (access code 571 774 3008)

- **Welcome – Gary Thompson**
- **Roll Call – Rick Rhodes**
 - In attendance: Gary Thompson, Deb Hamernik, Laura Lavine, Bill Brown, Jeff Jacobsen, Alton Thompson, Rick Rhodes, David Leibovitz, Chris Hamilton
- **Approval of minutes/call notes from September 14, 2017**
 - Gary welcomed participants, reviewed business meeting draft, briefly talked about NRSP RC and branding.
 - Motion to approve by Alton Thompson, seconded by Rick Rhodes, unanimously approved.
- **Chair Interim actions**
 - SoAR - Retaking the Field – Gary Thompson
 - Gary reached out to Andrea Putman, engaged in discussion about ESCOP participating in Retaking the Field, Vol. 4.
 - Worth continuing in collaboration with SoAR
 - Letter from SoAR supporting Ag resource/teaching
 - 12 institutions have signed onto the SoAR letter
 - Colorado State, Iowa State, Kansas Stat, Oregon State, NC State, Ohio State, Oregon State, University of Arizona, University of California School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Illinois, University of Minnesota, University of Nebraska
 - ESS asked for feedback from each section, was compiled and analyzed
 - BAA won't co-sign the SoAR letter, but BAA will provide its own letter of support for agricultural research.
 - BAA letter hasn't been released, but was supposed to directly follow the SoAR letter.
- **Committees and Updates**
 - Cornerstone Update – Hunt Shipman
 - Cornerstone not present
 - S&T – Laura Lavine, Jeff Jacobsen
 - (Laura Lavine) – revising the role and scope of the S&T, draft released for discussion on next call.
 - Thinking of drafting a new Roadmap for the future
 - B&L – Bill Brown, Mike Harrington
 - Monthly calls scheduled

- Cornerstone reported on the House moving forward with markup, Senate trailing on that
 - Impact Database –Bill Brown, Mike Harrington, Rick Rhodes, Jeff Jacobsen
 - Monthly calls being held
 - Membership is evolving somewhat to include Debby Lewis, new 1890 rep Johnnie Westbrook (KY State)
 - Appreciate contributions from the regional EDs
 - Scott Cummings (TAMU) is the technical lead for the website
 - Will have a design mockup for the next committee meeting
 - Analytics regarding usage are going to be available for the website
 - Faith Peppers (Georgia) and Sarah Lupis (WAAESD) providing strong input on design issues
 - Site was “upside down” – relevant content was buried at the bottom of the page
 - Next frontier is talking about the quality of submissions and content in the Impact Database
 - ESCOP and ECOP have committed a combined \$10k for the writing team to examine the quality of submissions and to harvest specific reports for more formal impact pieces.
 - Multi-State Impacts Database (West) and National Impacts Database – how can these two work together? Templates with a similar look/feel?
 - Inclusion of graphics is being considered.
 - DCC – Karen Plaut, Jeff Jacobsen
 - ESS Meeting
 - Presentation with Latoya Hicks and Bobbi Moore (NIFA)
 - Pamala Morris (Purdue) and Patreese Ingram (PSU)
 - Emails from Norm Pruitt (UMD, former NIFA) and Bob Holland (NIFA)
 - Feedback was strong from Latoya and Bobbi
 - Strong feedback and support for the DCC’s efforts
 - Philadelphia Meeting – did we send thank-yous to folks who participated in workshops?
 - No formalized process for thank yous. Would be worthwhile for the people who contacted the speakers to thank them.
 - A sub-group of the DCC has developed and executed activities that support the mission of the DCC, Those will be discussed during the ESCOP Exec Comm Meeting at APLU
 - DCC Full group call on 10/30
 - “Continuity Resources for Civil Rights and Limited English Proficiency” (NIFA)
 - Identify 1+ individuals at your institution
 - Liaison and resource for compliance and training
 - Keep conversations going with Latoya and Bobbi, keep the partnership strong with NIFA
 - Pursue future training opportunities for ESCOP
 - Explore regional trainings or cross-regional trainings

- Continue to share and synergize with our groups and provide NEW training opportunities
 - NERA will create an inventory of what its institutions are doing in terms of Diversity & Inclusion Strategic Planning, for sharing with Jeff and the DCC
 - CMC – Bev Durgan, Rick Rhodes
 - CMC Q3 call 10/17
 - Positioning paper – ideas for repositioning the CMC which might enable greater activation of our communities
 - The CMP has moved phases from GROWTH to ACTIVATION
 - Many lessons learned from the low response to the Call To Action from the summer
 - Repositioning work group proposes:
 - CMC be appointed immediately as an ad-hoc committee of the BAC.
 - Goal of the CMC being an approved standing committee of the BAA.
 - BAA would provide a funding mechanism for the CMC. (Currently funded evenly by AHS/ESCOPE/ECOP)
 - Advertising – advertise AgIsAmerica rather than ESCOP or ESS
 - **Presentation on the CMC positioning planned for APLU**
 - ESCOP website – David Leibovitz, Jeff Jacobsen
 - Closing out old site – currently picking through documents, will close old site within the next month or two
 - Listservs – listserv function is live, verifying committee membership and will roll this out to committees within the month
 - Analytics – David Leibovitz has his Google account assigned to ESCOP.info analytics and will have a report on usage next month
 - Others?
 - (Alton) ARD Update – these updates will continue monthly, try to stay relevant.
- **Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. ESS assistance the stations in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands? – Gary Thompson, Rick Rhodes**
 - Bob Godfrey (UVI) – expressed the damages from hurricanes prior to the ESS meeting.
 - Over 80% of Puerto Rico is without power
 - What efforts are being made across the system for providing aid to the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico?
 - ESCOP / ECOP can't help establish infrastructure. Perhaps we can help in 6 months or so when research is back up and running.
 - Perhaps helping bring students to our institutions to finish their research
 - **NERA will poll the NE on what's been deployed by NE institutions and what could be deployed; especially in the context of assisting the resilience of the experiment stations.**
- **ESCOPE Chair Strategic Directions – One Organization, One Voice – Gary Thompson**

- **ESCOP Executive Committee Business Meeting Agenda at APLU – Gary Thompson**
 - Historically 1:45pm – 5:00pm
 - Currently scheduled 3:45pm – 5:00pm
 - Gary proposes sticking with the shorter timeslot, and using 1:45pm-3:30pm time to interact with APS
 - One CAC Chair’s goal: Improve interaction with other COPs, sections
 - SAAESD has been meeting in recent years for 1-day with Southern APS group
 - Perhaps a best management practices session which is of interest to ESCOP and also ECOP/ACOP/ICOP, hold session and discuss around the topic
 - Perhaps bring in Tracey Hoover (PSU) – ACOP Chair
 - Discussion would conclude with ESCOP strategic direction.

- **Any other business**
 - PSU has been in talks with Maggie Ewell (NIFA), received a fact sheet on Time and Effort Reporting (not the final version)
 - Email comments to Gary Thompson

ACTION ITEMS

- **Those who contacted speakers for the ESS/SAES/ARD meeting: reach out to those speakers to express gratitude**
- **NERA will create an inventory of what its institutions are doing in terms of Diversity & Inclusion Strategic Planning, for sharing with Jeff and the DCC**
- **CMC Positioning Task Group will prepare a presentation for APLU**
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- **NERA will poll the NE on what’s been deployed by NE institutions and what could be deployed; especially in the context of assisting the resilience of the experiment stations.**
- **ARD updates to be released monthly and circulated to the other regions**
- **Email comments on the Time and Effort Reporting fact sheet to Gary Thompson (gat10@psu.edu) Gary will write a letter to Sonny regarding the DCC and how the work of the DCC will relate to Sonny’s recent communication about opportunities for shared training in civil rights, equality and inclusion**
- **Reach out to Bob Godrey (UVI) and Wilfredo Robles (UPRM) and seek needs.....**
- **Rick to Communicate with Wendy about a best practices session for APLU ESCOP/APS meeting**
- **Invite Tracy Hoover and (ICOP) chairs to our exec meeting at APLU.**