

ESCOP Budget and Legislative Committee
Monthly Conference Call
March 27, 2018

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- **Approval of February 27, March 5 Call Notes:** Notes were unanimously approved.

- **DC update, Budget and Farm Bill:**
 - FY 18 Budget: approved
 - FY 19 Budget: House expects to mark up in mid-July, Senate is behind
 - Farm Bill: House hopes to mark up before Easter recess, Senate is behind. Apparent impasse over SNAP benefits

- **Time and Effort:** The process for this guidance started nearly 2 years ago. Reporting frequency is NOT prescribed. Instead, institutions must have processes in place that would be supported in an audit according to the Uniform Guidance. A webinar (recorded) will be held in the next few weeks and a session will be held at NERAOC.

- **Strategic Realignment Effort:** Jim Richards provided an explanation of the initial strawman draft Cornerstone provided – based on statutory language and appropriations history.
 - Are there other possible alignments?
 - Combine all 1994 lines?
 - Ed, AES programs, Extension programs?
 - Other?
 - Pest management has enjoyed a \$2.5 m increase since realignment
 - George H advocates for realignment, need to be sensitive and proactive
 - Is consensus needed to move forward?

Next Meeting: Monday, April 24, 4:00 pm EDT