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Call Notes: 1/28/2019

4 pm ET, via Zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/577962114> or phone 1 408 638 0968 or +1 646 876 9923; Meeting ID: 577 962 114)

**Committee Members:**

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| <p><b>Chair:</b> Laura Lavine (WAAESD)<br/><b>Past Chair:</b> Marikis Alvarez (ARD)</p> <p><b>Delegates:</b><br/>Gene Kelly (WAAESD)<br/>Chris Davies (WAAESD)<br/>Joe Colletti (NCRA)<br/>Deb Hamernik (NCRA)<br/>John Kirby (NERA)<br/>Adel Shirmohammadi (NERA)<br/>Nathan McKinney (SAAESD)<br/>Susan Duncan (SAAESD)<br/>John Yang (ARD)<br/>Alton Thompson (ARD)</p> <p><b>Executive Vice-Chair</b><br/>Jeff Jacobsen (NCRA ED)<br/>Chris Hamilton (NCRA AD; Recorder)</p> | <p><b>Liaisons:</b><br/>Terry Nelsen (ERS)<br/>TBD (OSTP)<br/>Robert Matteri (ARS)<br/>Ann Hazelrigg (NIPMCC)<br/>Edwin Price (ICOP)<br/>Kristina Hains (SSSC)<br/>Parag Chitnis (NIFA)</p> |
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**Participants:** Laura Lavine, Chris Davies, Deb Hamernik, Adel Shirmohammadi, Susan Duncan, John Yang, Kristina Hains, Ann Hazelrigg, Nathan McKinney, Marikis Alvarez, Jeff Jacobsen, Chris Hamilton (recorder)

**Call Agenda/Notes:**

1. Welcome and roll call – See participants list above.
2. Approval of meeting notes from 6/25 – Approved.
3. Jeff and Laura welcomed Ann Hazelrigg, current NIPMCC chair, and new NIPMCC liaison to S&T.
4. Overall Feedback on New Roadmap Product and Processes:
  - a. 2010 Roadmap Contents Update (Cover, Preamble, Foreword) – Current S&T members are listed in the Foreword.
  - b. Current Distribution – Hard copies were sent to S&T members, regional research EDs, APLU, and various chairs of ESCOP committees.
  - c. Future Marketing and Distribution (Electronic, Paper) – What other ways can we share the material? We were early and under budget, so we have resources to print more hard copies, as needed. Please ask Jeff if you need any.
    - i. Jeff and Deb will distribute hard copies to all agencies and groups they meet with (along with ECOP Chair) during DC visits in February-April. This will also

- include all levels of NIFA, from NPLs to Director Scott Angle. They will include the new ESCOP Chair handout, as well.
    - ii. Copies could also be shared during CARET/AHS meeting in March, again along with the new ESCOP handout.
    - iii. States could also directly or indirectly use the Grand Challenges as they work on their 2020 POW.
    - iv. Contact Sara Delheimer and Sunday to share via MRF Impacts social media outlets.
    - v. Perhaps share with your state legislators, at local directors' preference.
    - vi. Take to professional society meetings and display on a table or create a full poster of front/back to display. Again, if you need more hardcopies, just contact Jeff.
    - vii. Press release, via APLU or other entity?
  - d. Website (ESCOP, Regional Associations):
    - i. Display on webpages (see example slideshow image with link at <https://www.ncra-saes.org/>)
    - ii. S&T regional reps should share a few hardcopies and the weblink (<http://escop.info/roadmap/>) at your spring meetings.
  - e. Overall feedback on the process for Sara Delheimer:
    - i. Process worked very well, professional, on-time, good way to share comments, allowed for great team effort
    - ii. The templates were very useful for commenting and making specific comments helped keep everyone focused
    - iii. Setting hard deadlines worked well
    - iv. We all looked at all of them, regardless of expertise, so we could comment on things that might have needed to be more clear to those not familiar with a given Challenge area
- 5. S&T Regular Business
  - a. Reports, Recommendations, Planning Documents –
    - i. Public-Private Partnerships (e.g. White Paper)
      1. Advantages/Disadvantages
      2. Showcase examples; Workforce Development
      3. Future Challenges and Benefits
      4. Gale Buchanan books – how to support ag research without compromising integrity
    - ii. TEconomy Report supporting a 100% Capacity model: <https://nifa.usda.gov/resource/nifa-capacity-funding-review-teconomy-final-report>
    - iii. Best practices on incentives/seed funding within a state and regional
    - iv. Fourth National Climate Assessment: <https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/>
    - v. National Academy Sciences Science Breakthroughs 2030: A Strategy for Food and Agricultural Research  
<http://nas-sites.org/dels/studies/agricultural-science-breakthroughs/>
  - b. NIPMCC and SSSC - We'll collect ideas and asks as generated at their recent meetings
- 6. Incoming S&T Chair (NE Region) – NE is up for next S&T chair; NERA will need to think about who should advance to this role, effective 10/1/2019.
- 7. Other business, as needed –

- a. The Committee discussed the effects of shutdown on research institutions, especially smaller ones. Much is still uncertain until capacity and competitive funds are released.
- b. Details of the NIFA relocation effort are also unknown and likely delayed. Also, a recent bill was introduced into the House to block the relocation of NIFA and ERS:  
<https://www.feedstuffs.com/news/house-funding-bill-halts-usdas-proposed-ers-nifa-move>

Call adjourned at 4:53 pm ET