

## ESCOP CAC Teleconference – Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 4 pm ET

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**Participants:** Steve Loring, Deb Hamernik, Rick Rhodes, Eric Young, Mike Harrington, Laura Lavine, Bret Hess, David Leibovitz, Gary Thompson, Hunt Shipman, Maggie Earle, Vernie Hubert, George Hopper, Chris Hamilton (recorder)

### Minutes:

1. Welcome and roll call – Deb/Chris: See participants list above.
2. Approval of today's agenda – Deb: Approved.
3. ECOP/ESCOP DC Visits – Deb/Jeff,
  - a. Deb, Jeff, Ed Jones, and Rick Klemme conducted more visits in DC last week. Met with Charles Santerre the Ag Science Policy Advisor of OSTP (White House Office of Science and Technology Policy) last Monday afternoon. OSTP's priorities are focused around the Rural Development Task Force Report from 2017, as well as Artificial Intelligence. Charles also indicated that they have an interest in putting together a media event on precision ag. Parag Chitnis at NIFA supports this as well as ARS, so Deb asked the CAC members to please let her know if others would like to participate in such an event. UT State, Purdue, and UNL all have precision ag efforts. Mike will send Deb a name from UT State.
  - b. Met also with the new PARS and NIFA communications directors, as well as Erin Riley who heads up the Tribal College grants and efforts for NIFA.
  - c. The next round of DC visits will likely take place in August and include the incoming leadership teams for ESCOP and ECOP.
4. Cornerstone Update – Hunt/Vernie
  - a. Appropriations Efforts (Hunt)
    - i. The House ag appropriations sub-committee mark-up will likely begin next week, with full committee mark-up happening in early June, after Memorial Day.
    - ii. The Senate mark-up subcommittee may be pushed back later due to the Disaster Supplemental Bill.
    - iii. House allocation will be higher than the FY19 bill. Will have \$23.4B, \$1.3B more than FY19 enacted level. Some will probably be spent on FDA, child nutrition programs, rural development efforts.
  - b. Matching Requirement Update (Vernie)
    - i. A group from CGA is very actively involved in this effort and were able to get an amendment adopted in the House emergency supplemental bill, but it does not currently fix the issue for FY19. This effort resulted in possible language that would be in the base text of the ag appropriations bill on the House side for

FY20. Emergency supplemental bill has gone over to the Senate, they should vote next week.

- ii. **Action Requested:** If anyone has influence on Chairman Robert's staff on House ag committee and Senate ag committee, Vernie strongly encourages everyone to reach out to make sure they know how important these efforts are to put something in the emergency supplemental bill. We must deliver the message that we need a solution for FY19 now, in case there is a CR again.
  - iii. Rick requested Vernie circulate language that we could share for guidance on contacting our Congressional delegates. Vernie indicated that there is a letter going around to universities about this right now.
5. CMC Update – Steve
- a. The Committee has received input from most stakeholders. The sub-committee has put together options and will have their comments back to Steve by the end of today.
  - b. Steve will then send out the options out to full CMC, for discussion during next call sometime in June.
6. Joint COPs ESCOP Meeting Solicitation of Agenda Items
- a. Early stages of the ESCOP budget development
  - b. Review and discussion of updates to the ESS/ARD Rules of Operation
  - c. ESCOP proxy vote addition discussion
  - d. CMC efforts and update
  - e. Matching Discussion
  - f. Strategic realignment recommendations to PBD; they hope to have final recommendations by then.
7. Fall ESS 2019 Joint Workshop Update – George, Eric
- a. Great program all planned with speakers and social functions lined up. Workshop topics include a partnership building panel with NIFA, a design-thinking program which will be led by a professional consultant, a personnel management session, and value proposition efforts for AES and Extension.
  - b. Registration and workshop schedule will go out soon, end of May
  - c. Rick – Is there room for a DCC award luncheon like we had last year? Either day is open and George will add this to the next planning call.
8. Other ESCOP Committee Reports (new information since last call only, please)
- a. B&L Ernie, Mike:
    - i. The recent PBD meeting discussed the 3-bucket proposal model that ECOP had issues with. They decided to have no lines less than \$10M, resulting in 13-14 lines total. The Strategic Realignment committee discussed these and have a few options
      - 1. Special research grants would move under AFRI.
      - 2. Sustainable ag program would move into regional centers of excellence. They will follow up with SARE to make sure they are OK with that move.
      - 3. Extension 3-D programs could go under 1890s Extension or Smith Lever. Extension would need to be on board and discuss this option.

4. The 1890s Capacity grant program and facilities program total \$38M. These could be combined into something called “Capacities and Facilities.” This will be discussed more by both groups, too.
        - ii. Concerns exist on how to maintain function integrity for programs moving under AFRI. If this happens, stakeholders would need to be sure to actively advocate.
        - iii. Mike/Ernie will further discuss what charges to give to the various sections before Joint COPs.
        - iv. We need to be sure to have a good amount of time to discuss again in Utah.
    - b. S&T (Laura, Jeff) - Talked about Capacity funding on our last call and will meet by phone on June 6 to discuss the multistate award and select the 2019 winner.
    - c. DCC (Ali, Rick) – They have decided on DCC award recipient, who will be announced after the nominator has had a chance to reach out to the winner.
    - d. NRSP RC (Fred, Rick) – The NRSP-RC meets May 29 in Warwick, RI. Three topics will be addressed: the renewal of NRSP3, renewal of NRSP10, revision of NRSP-RC Guidelines.
    - e. NIDB (Steve/Eric) – Committee met yesterday, 5/15, and is working on new review process. They are waiting on CMC to see how the two will work together before proceeding.
  9. Regional Items of Significance (ARD, NC, NE, S, W; as needed)
    - a. ARD – None, not on call
    - b. NC – Preparing for their July Mini LGU meeting in Manhattan, KS. In attendance will be a NIFA-supported 1994s rep and also Erin Riley, head of the NIFA 1994s program. Efforts to further build relationships with Tribal colleges continue.
    - c. NE – Preparing for their joint LGU meeting, to include NE EXT, AHS, CARET, and Academic heads. The theme will be Urban Agriculture and Rick extended an invitation to all on the CAC.
    - d. S – They met earlier in spring, reported on this during the April CAC call. They are getting ready for a meeting with AES and the S Academic section heads in early September in Atlanta.
    - e. W – Their Joint LGU meeting will be in Albuquerque, NM, July 6-11. The theme is the Future of Western Ag. They are revisiting the Western Agenda document as well and have already solicited the top three issues from member states and territories to add to this discussion.
  10. NMCC Meeting Report – EDs
    - a. EDs worked on cleaning up ESCOP rules of operation.
    - b. Mike mentioned adding a proxy vote option in writing to the ESCOP Rules for when members cannot attend meetings in person. This is another topic to add to July ESCOP meeting.
    - c. George suggested that an ED help lead the Rules discussion in Utah. Bret added that Jeff prepared a document that includes items of special importance.
    - d. Bret mentioned that Extension is planning training for new employees (staff, faculty, and administrators), to help them better understand what LGUs are and how they function. Laura also discussed the WSU full-day symposium she attended that included the new LGU book by Stephen Gavazzi and Gordon Gee as a good resource:

[https://www.amazon.com/Land-Grant-Universities-Future-Higher-Education/dp/1421426854/ref=tmm\\_hrd\\_swatch\\_0?\\_encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=](https://www.amazon.com/Land-Grant-Universities-Future-Higher-Education/dp/1421426854/ref=tmm_hrd_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=)

11. Other, as needed – none.

Call adjourned at 4:50 pm ET.

**Recent ESCOP Appointments:**

- None since last CAC call.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- ESCOP Committee Meeting, Tuesday, July 23, 1-5 pm MT. Westgate Park City Resort & Spa. Park City, Utah.
- Fall ESS/AES/ARD Meeting and Workshop, joint with Extension, September 23-26, 2019, **Marriott at Vanderbilt, Nashville, TN.**