

ESCOP Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

1-5 pm MDT

Westgate Park City Resort & Spa, Park City, Utah

Bison Room #4

Final AGENDA (7/12/2019)

Agenda Item #	Time	Description	Presenter(s)
	1:00 – 5:00 pm	ESCOP Business Meeting	
1.0	1:00 – 1:15 pm	Call to Order 1.1 Welcome and Introductions 1.2 Approve Agenda 1.3 Approve Minutes - March 4, 2019 1.4 Interim Actions	Deb Hamernik, Chair
2.0	1:15 – 2:30 pm	ESCOP Decisions and Input Discussions 2.1 Strategic Realignment 2.2 Communications and Marketing 2.3 System Priorities and Advocacy	Ernie Minton/Jeff Jacobsen Steve Loring/Rick Rhodes Deb Hamernik/Jeff Jacobsen
3.0	2:30 – 2:45 pm	Cornerstone Report	Hunt Shipman
4.0	2:45 – 2:55 pm	ESS Rules of Operations Changes	Jeff Jacobsen
5.0	2:55 – 3:05 pm	ESCOP Budget at APLU Update	Jeff Jacobsen
	3:05 – 3:20 pm	<i>Break</i>	
6.0	3:20 – 3:40 pm	NIFA Update	Scott Angle, NIFA Director
7.0	3:40 – 4:00 pm	Climate Programs and Hub MOU – Feedback/Discussion	Deb Hamernik
8.0	4:00 – 4:30 pm	Brief Committee Reports (5 min each) 8.1 Diversity Catalyst Committee 8.2 National Impact Database Committee (Info Only) 8.3 NRSP Review Committee (Info Only) 8.4 Science and Technology Committee 8.5 ESS/CES-NEDA Joint Meeting 2019 (Info Only) 8.6 Budget and Legislative Committee (Info Only)	Ali Fares, Rick Rhodes Steve Loring/Eric Young Fred Servello/Rick Rhodes Laura Lavine/Bret Hess George Hopper/Eric Young Ernie Minton/Jeff Jacobsen
9.0	4:30 – 4:50 pm	APLU Update	Doug Steele
10.0	4:50 – 5:00 pm	Other Business, as needed • Chair-Elect Nomination from ARD	Alton Thompson

Item 2.1: Strategic Realignment Committee

Presenter: Ernie Minton

For information only

Committee Members Ernie Minton (Chair), Chuck Hibberd, Marcos Fernandez, Gary Thompson, Glenda Humiston, Alan Grant, Jack Payne, Jim Richards, Jon Boren, Mark Latimore, Doug Steele, Tracy Hoover, Rick Klemme, Wendy Fink, Jeff Jacobsen

The Committee has discussed the realignment of the small lines concept on numerous occasions and has been in favor of moving this effort forward. A revised proposal that came forward from the March Policy Board of Directors meeting is illustrated below. That proposal was modified further following additional input: the 1890 Grants programs are maintained as separate lines; the SARE program wishes to remain separate from Regional Centers of Excellence. The several special research grants were removed from the competitive programs to avoid “earmarking” AFRI. There is some concern from smaller institutions that funds could be lost by them from the Smith-Lever 3(d) programs.

CURRENT REALIGNMENT PROPOSAL

National Institute of Food and Agriculture		
FY XXXX		
(All \$Millions)		
Realigned/Combined Lines	FY 2019 Enacted	New PBR Lines
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	415.000	
1862 Research Capacity (Hatch)	259.000	
1862 Extension Capacity (Smith Lever 3 (b) and (c))	315.000	
1862 Extension Capacity (Combined 3(d) Programs)	102.654	
1890 Research (Evans-Allen Program)	58.000	
1890 Education Grants	19.336	
1890 Extension	48.620	
1890 Facilities	19.730	
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act	36.000	
1994 Research, Education and Extension	13.686	
Agricultural Education and Workforce Development Programs	41.265	
Crop Protection/Tactical Science	50.413	
Regional Centers of Excellence	14.000	
SARE	37.000	
Special Research Grants	14.155	
Competitive Facility Modernization and Fixed Equipment at LGUs		50.000
Total	1443.859	

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Item 4.0: Updates to ESS Rules of Operation

Presenter: Jeff Jacobsen

Action Requested: Discussion and formal recommendation to approve changes to forward to full ESS vote at the ESS fall business meeting in Nashville, TN.

Summary of Proposed Changes/Updates to the ESS Rules of Operation

General

- Last Amended on September 21, 2016
- A comparison of the 9/21/2016 approved document and the proposed version will be provided using the 'Compare' function in Microsoft Word with summaries (*page numbers, formatting TBD*)
- NRSP changes will be reflected in the NRSP Guidelines that are under review by the NRSP Review Committee and will be considered by ESS (*likely substantive*)
- Ensured language represents both ESS and ARD

Housekeeping

- General updates on: formatting, typos, names/titles, membership terms, erroneous information, abbreviations, moved subsections, wording consistency, alpha-order (as applicable), committees, identified websites, finalized Table of Contents
- Eliminated redundancies throughout, out-of-date items and calendar of events for annual reporting
- If stated practices were not the best practice or the current functional practice, then the section was eliminated or updated (e.g. Chair-Elect creating committee lists, Chair-Elect responsible for obtaining annual reports as these are current throughout the year with Agenda Briefs)
- Added Board on Natural Resources in sections where the Board of Human Sciences, Board on Veterinary Medicine and similar groups were present
- Updated meeting frequency and timing
- Changed ESCOP Core Committees to ESCOP Standing Committees
- When all of these changes are approved, the ESCOP website will be updated

Substantive

- ① Defined and identified functional membership of ex-officio, liaison, and with voting privileges or not (*not identified consistently throughout document*)
- ② Deleted the Nominating Committee and the Resolutions Committee (*do not exist and described current practices*)

- **3** Added the Diversity Catalyst Committee, National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee and Chair memberships to appropriate ESCOP Committees (*new committee and recognition of key standing committees*)
- **4** Added a mechanism for electronic voting processes and added proxy voting processes and criteria (*reflecting existing practices, technology and needed practice*)
- **5** Deleted CMC presence throughout the Rules of Operation (*CMC is undergoing change and is TBD, yet appears to no longer be an ESCOP Standing Committee*)
- **6** Updated the additional responsibilities of the BLC Chair with BAC and CLP, and the national award responsibilities to DCC and STC (*to improve continuity and impact*)

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Agenda Item 5.0: ESCOP Budget at APLU

Presenter: Jeff Jacobsen

Action: Information and Discussion

Historically, annual assessments approved by ESS/ARD per our Rules of Operation support national activities and specific programmatic purposes. The ESCOP annual assessment is based upon a formula with 60% based on total capacity funds (Hatch, Evans-Allen) from a rolling three-year period and 40% based on all grant funds averaged from a rolling three-year period applied to the Section-approved amount. This formula has been in use since 2001. For a number of years, there were two ESCOP accounts at APLU which were recently combined into one account as integrated with the new accounting system (2018). This ESCOP account comprises all calendar year transactions.

Going forward, quarterly ESCOP account reports will be provided by the APLU CFO to the APLU VP FANR and the Executive Vice-Chair of BLC (as a single point of contact for APLU). The Executive Vice-Chair of BLC will monitor all transactions associated with the account and serve as an approver of non-contracted expenditures consistent with the annually approved budget and any mid-year ESCOP approved expenditures submitted for reimbursement. Periodically, the account status will be reported to ESCOP.

For the many years, the single assessment for the ESCOP Communications and Marketing Committee (CMC), voted on at the ESS/ARD annual fall meeting, has had ECOP as a long-standing collaborator. Recently, AHS also began contributing to CMC assessment. The ESCOP annual assessment (\$200,000) has remained the same for CMC, and the addition of the funds from AHS has resulted in a net positive cash balance, since each are responsible for equal contributions (\$133,333). Historically, transactions in the ESCOP APLU account include: assessment invoices and deposits, CMC (kglobal and Cornerstone), National Impact Database, annual writing team effort, memberships (NCFAR, Breakthroughs 2030, AMR Institute), NRSP Review Committee travel, ESCOP website, Diversity Catalyst Committee trainings, Science Roadmap Briefs, meetings, and bad debt. The assessment and budget cycles are on a calendar year basis. At the end of 2018, the ESS account balance was \$585,560. With the midyear termination of the CMC contract with kglobal, the FY2019 balance will increase.

In 2016 a formal mechanism was installed to annually create and submit a budget to ESS for review, discussion and finalized by ESS vote at the annual meeting. During this period, the approved budgets have been roughly \$60-70,000 per year, with actuals being less than the budgeted amounts. Based upon our past activities, potential items for consideration for building the FY2020 budget are being collected from all standing committees and leadership.

Discussion Items

- 1) BHS has invested a designated portion of their APLU account into a low risk, modest return investment. Should this be investigated as an option for the ESCOP account?
- 2) The CMC effort (or something new) is under self-review, hence the information to build an assessment ask is currently pending. Given the timing and ESCOP account balance, should a one-year suspension on the assessment be under consideration?
- 3) As the FY2020 budget begins to be considered, information from prior budgets and new initiatives will inform this budget build, along with new items. The current FY2019 budget follows for reference.

Item	Proposed Budget (FY 19: 10/1/18 – 9/30/19)
Discretionary Funds Available	\$99,570
Proposed Expenses	
ESCOP Promotion (e.g., Retaking the Field, Ag on the Hill, Chair travel)	\$10,000
Diversity Catalyst Committee	\$5,000
ESCOP Training	\$5,000
Meeting Support (2018 ESS, 2019 Joint COPs)	\$10,000
ESCOP Website	\$2,000
National Impact Database	\$12,500
National Impact Database Writing Committee	\$5,000
NC-FAR Membership	\$1,000
Printing (APLU Award Program & Grand Challenge One-Pagers)	\$15,000
Total Proposed Expenditures	\$65,500
Carry-over	\$34,070

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Item 7.0: Climate Programs and Hub MOU – Feedback/Discussion

Presenter: Deb Hamernik

Action: For Discussion

Original MOU images begin on the next page.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
The United States Department of Agriculture
Research, Education and Economics and Natural Resources and Environment
Mission Areas
And
Cooperative Extension Section (CES) and Experiment Station Section (ESS) of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) Board on Agricultural Assembly as represented by the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP) and the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy (ESCOP)
Coordination between the USDA Regional Climate Hubs for Risk Adaptation and Mitigation to Climate Change and the Cooperative Extension Section and Experiment Station Section

I. PARTICIPANTS

The Participants of the Memorandum of Understanding (the MOU) are the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Regional Climate Hubs (Hubs) and the Cooperative Extension Section and Experiment Station Section of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) Board on Agricultural Assembly as represented by the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (CES/ECOP) and Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy (ESS/ESCOP), hereafter referred to as "the Participants".

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to develop and maintain an active partnership between the Hubs and the US Cooperative Extension System (CES) and the US Agricultural Experiment Station System (ESS) to work jointly, as resources allow, to develop and deliver science-based, region-specific information and technologies to agricultural and natural resource managers, communities, families, and individuals, and to motivate climate-smart decision-making.

The CES is composed of organizations within the Land Grant Universities (LGUs) established by the first Morrill Act of 1862, second Morrill Act of 1890, Smith-Lever Act of 1914 and the Equity in Educational Land-grant Status Act of 1994. As a public-funded, non-formal collaborative national educational network, CES provides research-based information, non-formal educational programs and technical advice directly to individuals, families and communities, enabling them to be self-reliant and improve lives. The CES of each state also strives to interpret and extend relevant research-based knowledge in an understandable and usable form; and to encourage the application of this knowledge to solve the problems and meet the challenges, including climate change and variability, that face the agricultural and natural resources sectors.

The ESS is also composed of organizations predominantly within the LGUs, as referenced above. The mission of the LGUs was further expanded by the Hatch Act of 1887, which provided Federal funds to States to establish a series of agricultural experiment stations under the direction of each State's land-grant college, as well as pass along new research-based information. The ESS specifically represents the Agricultural Experiment Station directors at the 1862 and the 1890 LGUs in their collective dealings,

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research and outreach, with other units of APLU, agencies of the Federal government, farm organizations, commodity and agricultural business groups, and the public.

Climate change and variability present threats to domestic agricultural production, forest and coastal resources and rangeland, and rural and personal economies. These threats have significant implications not just for farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners, but also for all Americans. An important part of USDA's mission is to help farmers, ranchers, and forest owners manage risks and ensure access to food, fiber, and a range of ecosystem services across generations. As such, USDA has an obligation to address the risks associated with climate change. To meet this challenge, USDA established ten Hubs for risk adaptation and mitigation from climate change. These Hubs are service centers for science-based risk management. These Hubs will enhance coordination of the science assets of USDA and its partners to accelerate the development and delivery of science, promote best practices for risk management, facilitate the creation of new knowledge, help integrate climate risk into overall risk management processes, and provide risk-management training.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

United States Department of Agriculture-Regional Climate Hubs Agree To:

Administer a cohesive and collaborative network within the USDA and with external partners such as Federal science agencies, universities, Tribal nations, State and local governments, the private sector and the non-profit sector with and through CES and ESS at LGUs to advance the delivery of science-based information and tools, stakeholder workshops, education, research and evaluation, learning, policies and procedures.

Working with and through CES and ESS Directors and Administrators (or their designees) at the LGUs (1862, 1890, and 1994) to:

- Understand the most pressing needs of agricultural producers, forest and rangeland owners, urban and rural communities in the face of climate change that are addressed by USDA Hubs, CES, and ESS.
- Collaboratively develop and deliver science-based information and decision-making tools with and to agricultural producers and land managers, communities, families, and individuals.
- Promote climate literacy among CES professionals through professional education.
- Create new opportunities and initiatives that engage and integrate researchers, educators, and Extension professionals in capacity building to address climate-related issues.
- Plan and facilitate a collaborative working relationship with LGU faculty, subject matter experts, and CES staff, including electronic communications and meetings with progress reports.
- Provide leadership to engage with other departments and agencies within the Federal government and other Federal climate centers to identify, seek, and leverage resources to support the climate change CES and ESS programs.
- Collaborate with other Federal climate centers to identify and engage stakeholders through mechanisms such as joint listening sessions and workshops.
- Enhance and leverage climate-related research collaborations and partnerships across Federal and State science agencies.

Cooperative Extension System (as represented by the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy) and the Experiment Station System (as represented by the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy) Agree To:

Foster collaboration among state-level CES and ESS Directors and Administrators (or their designees) and USDA Hubs to:

- Develop and deliver relevant educational programs for agricultural and natural resource managers, communities, families, and individuals.
- Conduct research to advance the discoveries and practices leading to science-based, region-specific information and technologies to adapt to and mitigate the impacts from climate change on agricultural and natural resource systems and other facets of communities.
- Engage targeted audiences to identify problems related to climate change and then seek resources to conduct research and deliver educational programs, including on-site demonstrations to alleviate problems.
- Encourage continuing education of CES professionals on the topic of climate change as it relates to natural resources and agriculture, communities, families, and individuals.
- Build adaptation and mitigation information into www.extension.org.

Work with State CES and ESS Directors and Administrators (or their designees) to identify points of contact to facilitate the cooperation with the Hubs.

The success of this MOU lies in maintaining proactive communication among the leadership of the Participants. It is incumbent upon the representatives of each participant to this MOU to communicate within their respective organizations about this MOU and develop a culture of regular, clear, and collaborative communication for the benefit of agricultural producers, land managers, and others.

IV. GENERAL TERMS

- A. This MOU does not establish any agency relationship among the Participants. No Participant is authorized to sign contracts, correspondence, or other documents in the name of the other Participant.
- B. Nothing in the MOU shall obligate the USDA Hubs, CES, or ESS to obligate or transfer any funds or staff time. Specific work projects or activities that involve the transfer of funds, services, or property among the various agencies, institutions, subsidiaries, and offices of the Participants will require the execution of separate agreements and be contingent upon the availability of funds and staff time. Such activities will be independently authorized by appropriate statute. This MOU does not provide such authority. Negotiation, execution, and administration of each such agreement must comply with all applicable statutes and regulations.
- C. Participants and their respective agencies and offices will handle their own activities and utilize their own resources, including the expenditure of their own funds, in pursuing these objectives. Each Participant will carry out its separate activities in a coordinated and mutually beneficial manner.

V. DURATION AND TERMINATION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This MOU shall remain in effect for five years from the date of the last signature to this MOU, unless terminated earlier by the Participants. This MOU may be terminated by mutual agreement of the

Participants or by either Participant providing 30 days written notice to the other. This MOU is subject to renewal at any time.

VI. MODIFICATION PROVISION

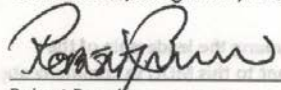
This MOU can be modified by mutual written agreement of the Participants.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

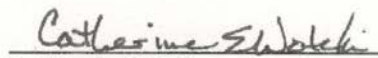
This MOU does not preclude any of the Participants from participating in any activity with other public or private agencies, organizations, or individuals.

This MOU is strictly for internal management purposes for each of the Participants. It is not legally enforceable and shall not be construed to create any legal obligation on the part of either Participant. This MOU shall not be construed to provide a private right or cause of action for or by any person or entity.

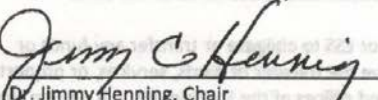
This MOU is not intended to, and does not create, any right, benefit, or trust relationship or responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity, by a Participant against the United States, its agencies, its officers, or any person.




Date: 10/20/14
Robert Bonnye
Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, USDA



Date: 10/24/14
Dr. Catherine Woteki,
Chief Scientist / Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, USDA



Date: 11-3-14
Dr. Jimmy Henning, Chair
Extension Committee on Organization and Policy
Cooperative Extension Section of the APLU Board on Agriculture Assembly



Date: 11-3-14
Dr. Steven Slack, Chair
Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy
Experiment Station Section of the APLU Board on Agriculture Assembly

Item 8.2: National Impact Database Written Update**Prepared by: Steve Loring, NIDB Chair****Action Requested: None, for information only**

The National Impacts Database (NIDB) Committee has instituted a new review process for submitted Impact Statements. Initial analysis indicated that some reviewers were prompt in their reviews, while others did not respond to submitted Impact Statements. The NIDB Committee solicited feedback from the pool of reviewers regarding real or perceived obstacles to the review process; minor tweaks to the NIDB have resulted). In addition, the NIDB Committee has asked for 10 committed reviewers serving staggered five-year terms. We have received nine positive responses and look to streamline the submission and review process.

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Agenda Item 8.3

Agenda Brief: NRSP Review Committee (NRSP RC)

Date: July 23, 2019

Presenter: Fred Servello (Chair)

1. **Committee Membership (as of July 9, 2019):** See [ESCOP NRSP Review Committee \(NRSP RC\)](#)

2. **Meetings:**

- The NRSP RC met face-to-face on May 29, 2019, in Warwick, RI.

3. **Accomplishments/Upcoming Plans:**

- Two NRSPs, NRSP3 *National Atmospheric Deposition Program* and NRSP10 *Database Resources for Crop Genomics, Genetics and Breeding Research*, have been peer-reviewed and technical teams have responded to the peer reviews. The proposals, reviews, and responses to the reviews were also evaluated by the regional associations. Finally, the proposals and all associated materials were reviewed by the NRSP RC and discussed extensively at the face-to-face meeting in Warwick, RI. The NRSP RC expects to make a recommendation to ESS to renew NRSP3. The NRSP RC has sought revisions of the NRSP10 proposal; those revisions are due back to the NRSP RC on July 15, 2019.
- After a series of conversations (written and phone) with the project leaders of NRSP6, the NRSP RC expects to make a recommendation to ESS to reduce the annual budget of NRSP6 (year 5) by 10% (from \$150,000 to \$135,000.)
- The NRSP RC is developing a consensus revision of the NRSP Guidelines. The revisions fall into three general categories including: superficial editorial changes, alternations in process, and clarification of intent. The NRSP RC hopes to forward recommendations to ESCOP in anticipation of approval of the recommendations and subsequent consideration at the annual business meeting of ESS in Nashville on September 25, 2019.

4. **Action Requested:** For information only.

5. **Attachments:**

- a. None

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Agenda Item 8.4 Science and Technology Committee (STC)

Presenters: Laura Lavine and Bret Hess

Action Requested: For Information

Committee Members:

Laura Lavine (WAAESD; Chair)
Gene Kelly (WAAESD)
Chris Davies (WAAESD)
Joe Colletti (NCRA)
Deb Hamernik (NCRA)
John Kirby (NERA)
Adel Shirmohammadi (NERA)
Nathan McKinney (SAAESD)
Susan Duncan (SAAESD)
John Yang (ARD)
Alton Thompson (ARD)

Liaisons:

Terry Nelsen (ERS)
Bob Matteri (ARS)
Kristina Hains (SSSC; Social Sci Subc)
Ann Hazelrigg (NIPMCC; Pest Mgmt Subc)
Parag Chitnis (NIFA)
Edwin Price (ICOP)

Bret Hess (Incoming Exec Vice-Chair)
Jeff Jacobsen (Exec Vice-Chair, NCRA ED)
Chris Hamilton (recorder, NCRA AD)

ESCOPE Web: <http://escop.info/committee/scitech/>

<http://escop.info/committee/national-integrated-pest-management-coordinating-committee-nipmcc/>

<http://escop.info/committee/social-sciences-subcommittee-sssc/>

S&T Committee (STC)

The STC recommended and the ESCOP Executive Committee confirmed ***S1056 Enhancing Microbial Food Safety by Risk Analysis*** as the winner of the 2019 Excellence in Multistate Research Award. S1056 will be honored at the 2019 “A Community of Scholars Honoring Excellence” session at the APLU annual meeting in San Diego, CA. All regional project award winners submitted quality applications to the national competition and should be complimented on their work. In addition to their overall achievements, S1056 was distinguished by the high quality and numerous impacts articulated across the project period. Given the importance of the multistate portfolio, a potential future activity for STC could revolve around enhancement and collaborative efforts to collectively improve impact statements associated with multistate projects. STC individual written comments, review scores, and STC call comments were summarized and provided to the ESCOP EC and all regional associations for their use. The 2020 call for nominations for the Excellence in Multistate Research Award was reviewed and modest enhancements were suggested. These will be finalized in the future and released by the 2020 ESCOP Chair in the fall.

Regular STC business encompasses reviews, reactions, and feedback to relevant national-level reports and findings. Most recently, we reviewed the TEconomy Report on capacity funds (<https://nifa.usda.gov/resource/nifa-capacity-funding-review-teconomy-final-report>). Our reflections: many meaningful nuggets presented; some questions on the details of methodology and metrics; capacity funding is a key foundation for competitive funding (both federally and at the state level);

report could be used in our collective efforts to advocate for funding lines (as existing or likely more with the strategic realignment effort); overall support for the “both and” capacity and competitive advocacy approach; and the report is underutilized by the LGU system. General STC consensus was that the TEconomy Report has not been utilized to its fullest extent and should be used as a tool in support of research and Extension programs and activities with capacity funds. These uses should be for growth in capacity as well as competitive funds, identification of what could be accomplished with more capacity funds if new monies were available, and to assist in partnerships/collaborations where research gaps were identified. Future discussions will focus on the National Academy of Sciences Science Breakthroughs 2030: A Strategy for Food and Agricultural Research report.

The incoming STC Chair, effective 10/1/2018, will be Jody Jellison (Dean/Director, UMASS), serving for NERA. Additionally, Indrajeet Chaubey (Dean/Director, UCONN) will serve as the second NERA rep when Adel Shirmohammadi steps down. Beginning July 1, 2019, Bret Hess, Interim WAAESD Executive Director, will be the STC Executive Vice-Chair along with any WAAESD support. With these various transitions, it is likely that STC will convene a face-to-face meeting at the annual ESS/ARD meeting in Nashville, TN or at some future date. Jeff Jacobsen and Chris Hamilton will begin supporting the Budget and Legislative Committee (BLC) on July 1, 2019.

National Integrated Pest Management Coordinating Committee (NIPMCC)

The National Integrated Pest Management Coordinating Committee Executive Committee has been meeting quarterly by Zoom. Last year’s meeting, current IPM issues, and planning for the 2019 meeting capture the main theme of these calls. Certain aspects of the annual meeting serve as a baseline of topics with the remainder being topical to the calendar as well as build upon a survey to participants that was recently administered. A portion also feed into the required annual State of IPM Report which addresses horizon issues that individual states and/or the LGU system may wish to integrate into priorities and national activities and advocacy efforts.

The 2019 meeting dates are October 22, 2019 (8 am – 5 pm) and October 23, 2019 (8 am – 12 noon). As a point of information, the regional IPM Centers meet October 23, 2019 (1 pm – 5 pm) and October 24, 2019 (8 am – 12 noon). All meetings are held at APLU headquarters in Washington, DC.

Social Sciences Subcommittee (SSSC)

The traditional February ESCOP SSSC meeting was postponed due to the government shutdown, so it was held May 15-16, 2019. This impacted attendance, yet the meeting presentations greatly stimulated work sessions at the meeting as well as possible future ones to take place over the summer/early fall. Organizations speaking to SSSC included: APLU, Rural Policy Research Institute, The Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE), NIFA, Farm Foundation and the Consortium of Social Science Associations. Attendees reviewed membership and discipline team status with assignments made for recruitment and appointment. When these are complete, they will be sent to the STC Executive Vice-Chair for formal ESCOP appointment to SSSC.

SSSC meeting attendees conducted a working session that considered products from this effort and with associated timelines for completion. The strategic goal of this effort will be to inform ESCOP on key areas regarding the importance of social and behavioral sciences (SBS), with impacts across agriculture, food and natural resources research. The committee’s current approach is to create similar

products as developed with the Roadmap Briefs, with a target completion date for the end of 2019. The committee will likely submit a budget request to aid in product completion. Overall, SSSC committee members will address: 1) cross-cutting contributions to research proposals with SBS involvement, 2) case studies of what effective integration of SBS into proposals looks like (interesting literature examples), 3) provide NIFA language that would more directly describe SBS expectations in successful proposals. 4) criteria/guidelines/guiding questions to evaluate SBS contributions to proposals, and 5) encourage SBS hires at NIFA. General discussion revolved around distribution processes, recipients, and timelines. Finally, as with other ESCOP committees, SSSC needs to develop some committee specific Rules of Operation.

The 2020 meeting dates are February 19, 2020 (8 am – 5 pm) and February 20, 2020 (8 am – 12 noon) at APLU.

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Item 8.5: ESS/CES-NEDA Joint Meeting Agenda Brief
Presenters: George Hopper and Eric Young

For Information Only

The Land-grant University Experiment Station (ESS) and Cooperative Extension Sections (CES-NEDA) and their mutual partners will meet in Nashville, Tennessee, September 23-26, 2019 at the Nashville Marriott at Vanderbilt University, for shared learning experiences and to explore *LEADING THE FUTURE: CHANGES, OPPORTUNITIES, AND RELATIONSHIPS*.

On Monday, September 23 following the ECOP Meeting, WAASED Executive Board Meeting, and a 90-minute orientation for new colleagues, the joint meeting begins with an evening welcome reception hosted by Tennessee State University and University of Tennessee.

A full day of Joint Sessions will occur on Tuesday, September 24 including a workshop on Design Thinking by Dr. Kathryn Segovia, Head of Learning Experience Design, Executive Education, Stanford University. Mid-afternoon, members will explore growth-oriented collaborative opportunities with NIFA Director Dr. Scott Angle and his colleagues.

On Wednesday morning, September 25, the Experiment Station Regions will have individual breakfast meetings followed by their annual Section business meeting. Concurrently, Cooperative Extension Section breakfast and business meeting will occur. On the afternoon of the same day, Joint Sessions will continue on personnel management practices and framing a Land-grant value proposition. That evening, the Joint meeting ends with a visit to the famous Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum to enjoy the exhibits, a reception and dinner. Guest registration is available for Monday and Wednesday evening social activities.

Registration and hotel reservation information are at <http://www.cvent.com/d/66qy1n>. The early registration fee is \$650 with a deadline of September 3. Hotel block rooms are \$225 per night plus taxes & fees with a reservation deadline of September 2.

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Item 8.6 ESCOP Budget and Legislative Committee (BLC)

Presenters: Ernie Minton and Jeff Jacobsen

For information only

The committee holds regular conference calls on the last Tuesday of each month. Calls have been well attended. The current BLC membership is below.

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Recent discussions focused the proposed move of NIFA/ERS, the 2020 House budget mark and new matching fund requirements. The change in the matching requirements provided in the 2018 Farm Bill caught many by surprise. The EDs collected impacts resulting from this change. There were a number of proposals that were either withdrawn or not submitted due to lack of matching dollars. Still other proposals were reduced in scope due to limited matching funds. Apparently, NIFA has selected awards to allocate all of the SCRI funds. However, it is very likely that there were highly fundable proposals that were not submitted.

Strategic Realignment of small lines: The Committee has discussed the realignment of the small lines concept on numerous occasions and has been in favor of moving this effort forward. The revised proposal that came from the March Policy Board of Directors meeting. Based upon discussions at APLU, the SARE program wishes to remain separate from Regional Centers of Excellence. Those several special research grants were removed from the competitive programs due to not wanting to “earmark” AFRI.

CURRENT REALIGNMENT PROPOSAL

National Institute of Food and Agriculture		
FY XXXX		
(All \$Millions)		
Realigned/Combined Lines	FY 2019	New PBR
	Enacted	Lines
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)	415.000	
1862 Research Capacity (Hatch)	259.000	
1862 Extension Capacity (Smith Lever 3(b) and (c))	315.000	
1862 Extension Capacity (Combined 3(d) Programs)	102.654	
1890 Research (Evans-Allen Program)	58.000	
1890 Education Grants	19.336	
1890 Extension	48.620	
1890 Facilities	19.730	
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act	36.000	
1994 Research, Education and Extension	13.686	
Agricultural Education and Workforce Development Programs	41.265	
Crop Protection/Tactical Science	50.413	
Regional Centers of Excellence	14.000	
SARE	37.000	
Special Research Grants	14.155	
Competitive Facility Modernization and Fixed Equipment at LGUs		50.000
Total	1443.859	

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