

AGENDA
Experiment Station Section Meeting
New Orleans, LA
Tuesday, September 26, 2000
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

8:00	1.	Call to order - Richard Jones
8:05	2.	Approval of Agenda and <u>1999 ESS Meeting Minutes</u> - Richard Jones
8:10	3.	Approval of <u>Rules of Operation</u> - Richard Lower
8:20	4.	NRSP Options - Richard Lower
8:45	5.	Approval of Multistate Research Guidelines - T.J. Helms
9:20	~	Core Committee Annual Reports:
	6.	Budget and Legislative - Tom Payne
	7.	Advocacy and Marketing - Colin Kaltenbach
	8.	Science and Technology - George Ham
	9.	Partnerships - D. C. Coston
	10.	Planning - Eric Young
10:00	~	<i>Break</i>
10:20	11.	Impact 2000 Report - Ron Pardini
10:25	12.	Environmental Initiative Task Force Report - Eldon Ortman
10:35	13.	Update and Status of Pest Management Centers - Eldon Ortman
10:40	14.	Value-Added Task Force Report - Charles Scifres
10:50	15.	AHS Restructure Task Force Report - Darrell Nelson
11:00	16.	Space Grant/Land Grant Geospatial Technology - Colin Kaltenbach
11:10	17.	Bioterrorism on Campuses - Ian Gray
11:25	<u>18.</u>	Nomination Committee Report - Darrell Nelson
11:30	<u>19.</u>	Resolutions Committee Report - Jim Jacobs
11:40	<u>20.</u>	Passing the Gavel - Richard Jones
11:50	<u>21.</u>	Final remarks/announcements - McArthur Floyd
12:00	~	<i>Lunch</i>

Agenda Item 2.

Approval of Agenda and 1999 ESS Meeting Minutes

Presenter: Richard Jones

Background: Minutes from the 1999 ESS Meeting are available on the web at <http://www.escop.msstate.edu/minutes/ESS999.htm>.

Action Requested: Approval.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Rules of Operation

Presenter: Richard Lower

Background: Suggested changes in the ESCOP Rules of Operation were endorsed at the August ESCOP meeting and were made available for general review by ESS members via an August 17 e-mail. The document with suggested changes highlighted, bolded, etc. may be seen at <http://www.wisc.edu/ncra/rulesoperation.htm>.

Action Requested: For approval.

Agenda Item 4. NRSP Options

Presenter: Richard Lower

Background: Discussions in regional associations' reviews of the draft Guidelines for Multistate Research and subsequent discussions at the August ESCOP meeting have resulted in development of the following two procedural options for NRSPs to replace existing text in the draft Guidelines.

- **Option 1:**

National Research Support Projects (NRSP): NRSPs are made up of four AAs (one appointed from each SAES regional association), a CSREES representative, and scientists from SAES and elsewhere, as appropriate. This type of activity focuses on the development of enabling technologies, support activities (such as to collect, assemble, store, and distribute materials, resources and information), or the sharing of facilities needed to accomplish high priority research, but which is not of itself primarily research. NRSPs are eligible for off-the-top funding. The format for requesting establishment of an NRSP appears in Appendix B.

NRSP AAs will present new (or revised) projects and their budgets to the regional associations at their spring meetings. Normally, NRSPs will be five year projects. Projects and their projected budgets for all five years will be reviewed and approved at the spring meetings of the regional associations. The votes (electronic or otherwise) from each region will be tallied by the respective ED no later than June 1. The EDs will then pool the votes and forward a single recommendation to CSREES for funding in the next fiscal year. Significant decreases in the annual formula fund allocation may require a re-examination of the NRSP budgets. Nonetheless, the approval of a five-year budget signals a commitment for support of a NRSP by the SAES Directors.

Requests from a NRSP for budget changes that are necessitated by extraordinary situations should be brought to the attention of the regional associations for consideration at their spring meetings.

NRSPs will be reviewed in their fourth year (i.e., one year prior to the scheduled termination date) and the results of this review will be available prior to the spring meetings of the regional associations. Projects may

be reviewed at other times during the course of the project if a review is deemed necessary based on consultation with the project AA's.

Bullet for section on "General Policies and Procedures":

- The AAs for a new (or revised) NRSP will present the project and its five year budget to the regional associations at their spring meetings. The NRSP and its budget will be approved for five years.

• **Option 2:**

National Research Support Projects (NRSP): NRSPs are made up of four AAs (one appointed from each SAES regional association), a CSREES representative, and scientists from SAES and elsewhere, as appropriate. This type of activity focuses on the development of enabling technologies, support activities (such as to collect, assemble, store, and distribute materials, resources and information), or the sharing of facilities needed to accomplish high priority research, but which is not of itself primarily research. NRSPs are eligible for off-the-top funding. The format for requesting establishment of an NRSP appears in Appendix B.

NRSP AAs will present budgets to their regional associations at their spring meetings. SAESs will vote on the NRSP budgets and the votes (electronic or otherwise) from each region will be tallied by the respective ED no later than June 1. The EDs will then pool the votes and forward a single recommendation to CSREES for funding in the next fiscal year.

Requests from a NRSP for budget changes that are necessitated by extraordinary situations should be brought to the attention of the regional associations for consideration at their spring meetings.

NRSPs will be reviewed in their fourth year (i.e., one year prior to the scheduled termination date) and the results of this review will be available prior to the spring meetings of the regional associations. Projects may be reviewed at other times during the course of the project if a review is deemed necessary based on consultation with the project AA's.

Bullets for section on "General Policies and Procedures":

- Decisions regarding annual allocations to NRSPs are made at the spring meetings of the regional associations. All other decisions on national off-the-top funding are made at the annual meeting of the Experiment Station Section (ESS) by a simple majority of all eligible SAES directors present at the meeting. Eligibility for voting is defined as one vote per member station.
- The AAs for a new (or revised) NRSP will present the project and its five year budget to the regional associations at their spring meetings. The NRSP will be approved for five years. However, its budget will be voted on annually.

Action Requested: Approval of one of the above options for inclusion in the "Guidelines for Multistate Research".

Agenda Item 5. Approval of Multistate Research Guidelines

Presenter: T. J. Helms

Background: The current draft (Version 11) of the "Guidelines for Multistate Research Activities" as presented for review by the regional associations during their summer meetings is linked from the ESCOP homepage or is available directly at: <http://www.escop.msstate.edu/guidelines.pdf>. Suggested amendments to the Guidelines have also been posted in the ESCOP Workroom section of the homepage (<http://www.escop.msstate.edu/guideadd.pdf>) and will be reviewed prior to the call for approval by the Section.

Action Requested: Approval of Guidelines.

Agenda Item 6. Budget and Legislative Committee Annual Report

Presenter: Tom Payne

1. Activities During the Year:

- Regular meetings and conference calls were held to discuss budget specifics and develop strategies for advancing the collective interest.
- The committee responded positively to the procedure developed by the Planning Committee for identifying research priorities and advancing initiatives. The procedure used at the SAES Workshop in 1999 was adjusted slightly for use at the 2000 Workshop.
- The committee chair has maintained contact with the Advocacy and Marketing Committee to coordinate joint activities such as C-FAR. The chair and/or vice chair has been in weekly contact with AESOP regarding timely budget issues.
- The committee chair and vice chair have participated in several joint teleconferences with ECOP and also with the BOA Budget Committee. They have also been in contact with the CSREES administration to offer assistance in the development of processes to implement Section 401 and 406. Attempts to meet with ARS have not been successful.
- Following the BOA meeting (February 15, 2000) and the ESCOP meeting (February 15-16, 2000), teleconferences were held with ESCOP, ECOP, BOA and AESOP to finalize the 01 BOA budget and to prepare appropriate documents for CARET and subsequent meetings.
- The role of CFERR in the BOA budget activities is unclear and needs to be addressed. A procedure to develop multi-agency requests is currently under review.
- The budget process would gain significantly by limiting the number of lines, i.e., special grant activities.
- Gale Buchanan, Fred Cholick, Bob Moser, John Nye and Tom Payne make up an ad hoc committee to develop recommendations for a structure including AESOP, CARET, the BOA budget committee, etc., to better serve the budget effort. The recommendation is being developed.
- The chair participated in the Washington, D.C. fly-in on July 20, 2000. With others, he met with Senator Cochran who expressed strong support for the IFAFS, NRI and FRA. He also met with Senator Bond and Congresswoman Emerson urging their support.

2. Plans for the Coming Year:

Formula funds will continue to be a high priority. Because there is considerable support for limiting new initiatives to those that have a strong legislative champion to make it happen, discussions will be held to focus the budget request. The chair is aware that the schedule for FY 02 budget activities is tight and has much earlier deadlines than normal. The penultimate budget will be due by December 1, 2000.

3. Requests for Special Activities:

None.

4. Committee Membership Changes:

- Membership of the ESCOP Budget and Legislative Committee is being updated (originally the membership was for two years.)
- Gale Buchanan is the chair of the Board on Agriculture Budget FY 02 Committee and will continue through the FY 03 budget; John Nye is vice chair and will become chair for FY 04 and 05. Bob Moser will remain Chair until the close of the FY 01 budget.

Action Requested: For information.

Agenda Item 7. Advocacy and Marketing Annual Report

Annual Report

Presenter: Colin Kaltenbach

Background: As reported at the Denver meeting the Advocacy and Marketing Committee favored adding members nominated by ECOP to have better representation of extension on the Committee. This phase has now been completed and the expanded membership can be viewed at:

<http://www.escop.msstate.edu/committee/admar00.htm>.

The Committee has scheduled a conference call for Wednesday, September 19, 2000 to plan activities, set out a timeframe, and assign tasks to Committee members. A report of those decisions will be made available at the New Orleans meeting.

Action Requested: For information.

Agenda Item 8. Science and Technology Committee Annual Report

Presenter: George Ham

Background: Committee membership, charge, subcommittees, target areas from the ESCOP strategic plan and minutes can be found at <http://www.escop.msstate.edu/committee/scitec00.htm>. For each of the Subcommittees and Task Forces, their purpose, leadership, participating members, and working documents are available at <http://www.escop.msstate.edu/committee/subcom00.htm>.

1. Activities During the Year:

- On September 27, 1999, the ESCOP Science and Technology Committee met in Memphis immediately ahead of the Director's Workshop. Minutes from this meeting are available at <http://www.escop.msstate.edu/committee/stmin999.htm>.
- *The ECOP-ESCOP Agricultural Biotechnology (GMO) Task Force* completed a report "Agricultural Biotechnology: Critical issues and recommended Responses from the land-Grant University - A Report to ESCOP and ECOP -January 21, 2000. A full report, an executive summary, and suggested action steps for ESCOP are available on the ESCOP Workroom at <http://www.escop.msstate.edu/draftdoc.htm>.
- *ECOP-ESCOP Food Safety Subcommittee:* The ESCOP/ECOP Food Safety Subcommittee completed its two-charge assignment in June 2000: (1) prepare comments on the Preliminary Food Safety Strategic Plan of January 2000, and (2) report on the Land Grant University activities that could be undertaken to implement that strategic plan. Charge 1 was completed last February and Charge 2 was completed in June. The report is available on the ESCOP home page at <http://www.escop.msstate.edu/committee/foodrpt.pdf>. The leadership of ESCOP asked the committee to prioritize the actions identified in their report. These priorities are available at <http://www.escop.msstate.edu/minutes/min8-00.htm#6>.
- *ESCOP Genetic Resources Subcommittee:* The Genetic Resources Subcommittee was split into two separate subcommittees, Genomics and Genetic Resources. Randy Woodson chairs the Genomics Subcommittee and Richard Lower chairs the Genetic Resources Subcommittee. A summary of their charge can be found at <http://www.escop.msstate.edu/minutes/exec4-00.htm#4.1>. The Genomics Subcommittee is focusing on defining the scope of genomics, research contributions of the public and private sectors, and priorities and goals of the principal agencies. The Genetics Resources Subcommittee is working on germplasm diversity, minor crop protection and gene enhancement/enrichment.
- *ESCOP Genome Initiative Steering Committee:* An initial meeting of the ESCOP Genomics Initiative Steering Committee was held in Memphis on April 26, 2000. This committee is focusing on functional genomics or genomics and proteomics "genomics" per se. Their white paper entitled

"Functional Foods--The application of agricultural, medical and behavioral sciences for improving human health" can be found at <http://www.escop.msstate.edu/committee/funcfood.pdf>.

- *The ECOP-ESCOP National IPM Subcommittee*: This subcommittee acts as a liaison from the SAES system to our CSREES partners and back to our regional IPM coordinating committees. An IPA was added to provide leadership for the new Invasive Species Initiative. The CSREES pest management team prepared a document that describes pest management programs. Stakeholder program involvement came through participation as relevancy reviews and panels as part of the grants process. The Subcommittee met on September 14-15, 1999 and plans to meet on October 18-19, 2000.
- *ECOP-ESCOP Rural Communities and Farm Crisis Task Force (TF)*: The TF will recommend specific action items to help the land-grant system address high priority research and education issues related to rural communities and the farm crisis. The TF plans to develop a document that identifies high priority research and education action items leading to specific outcomes which will be attractive to funding agencies. The TF has been charged to analyze the situation very carefully and come up with something new and different that will improve the quality of life on farms and in rural communities in a significant, measurable way. Additional information is available at <http://www.escop.msstate.edu/minutes/min8-00.htm#27a>.
- *ECOP-ESCOP Social Sciences Subcommittee*: The ESCOP Social Sciences Subcommittee was officially formed in July. The Subcommittee will meet in Washington, D.C. on September 14-15, 2000. The Subcommittee is working on several initiatives. These include issues involved in genetically modified organisms, application of risk management to public policies such as crop insurance, revenue insurance, consumer safety and preventive disaster programs and economic and social development issues affecting communities at risk, families at risk, and people at risk. Additional information is available at <http://www.escop.msstate.edu/minutes/min8-00.htm#27a>.

2. Plans for the Coming Year:

- The ESCOP Science Road Map Task Force is under construction. Colin Kaltenbach and Randy Woodson will co-chair the task force and Dave McKenzie will serve as Vice Chair. A call has gone out to directors seeking nominations of highly respected and active research scientists in the biological, socioeconomic, human and environmental sciences to serve on the Task Force.
- The ECOP-ESCOP Ag Biotechnology Implementation Task Force has been formed with Tom Hoban from North Carolina State University as the new chair. This task force will focus on implementing the recommendations of the Ag Biotech Task Force. Johnny Wynne from the North Carolina AES will serve as administrative advisor.
- The Food Safety Subcommittee will be updated with Steve Taylor from the University of Nebraska the new chair. They will need to act on some of their own recommendations to convert them to action items. Darrell Nelson from the Nebraska AES will serve as the administrative advisor.
- On September 25, 2000, the ESCOP Science and Technology Committee will meet in New Orleans immediately ahead of the Director's Workshop.

3. Requests for Special Activities:

None.

4. Committee Membership Changes:

New members for the ESCOP S & T Committee as well as several of the subcommittees and task forces are being worked through the SAES.

Action Requested: For information.

Agenda Item 9. Partnerships Committee Annual Report

Presenter: D. C. Coston

1. **Activities During the Year:** During the last year, the ESCOP Partnerships Committee has focused on two major areas, which are outlined below.
 1. Improving partnerships with CSREES: During early deliberations, the Committee identified that improvement of the relationships with CSREES is an extremely high priority issue. The Partnerships Committee began to deliberate on this idea. It became quickly apparent that this thrust should be broadened to include the Extension community as well. Thus, in early 2000, a set of meetings among ESCOP and CSREES began. This has developed into a task force jointly named among the three organizations for the purpose of improving partnerships and relationships. A number of activities will be underway. A major focal point will be a conference to which all Experiment Station and Extension directors will be invited. This conference is tentatively being planned for February 2001 in Baltimore.
 2. Relationship of the environment with agriculture and natural resources: The Experiment Station has sponsored the SUNEI initiative for several years. This initiative has helped spur additional activity with several federal agencies. Concurrently, the Extension service has explored relationships with agencies beyond USDA. Often, as the engagements have occurred, those representing research have heard from agencies that it would be nice to include outreach. Quite often those representing Extension have heard that it would be nice to include Research. Therefore, as the Partnerships Committee considered and deliberated about the future of the SUNEI initiative, we approached ESCOP about developing a joint set of initiatives. A task force was jointly appointed among ESCOP, ESCOP, and CSREES for exploring how to proceed together, with a major thrust being to represent the Land Grant System effectively to other agencies and to seek partnership opportunities.
2. **Plans for the Coming Year:**
(See item #1 above)
3. **Requests for Special Activities:**
None.
4. **Committee Membership Changes:**
D.C. Coston and Lee Sommers will remain in their present roles as Chair and Chair-Elect for an additional year. Committee is currently reevaluating its role and mission and no additional membership changes will be made at the present time.

Action Requested: For information.

Agenda Item 10. Planning Committee Annual Report

Presenter: Eric Young

1. **Activities During the Year:**
The minutes of all Committee meetings and various working documents referenced below, are available on the Committee web site accessible from the ESCOP homepage or using the direct URL of <http://www.escop.msstate.edu/committee/plan00.htm#Action>.

The Planning Committee began implementation of one of our primary goals, to establish a procedure for better integration of planning and budget development, at the SAES Directors Workshop in late September, 1999, in Memphis. Our committee, along with the Budget & Legislative Committee and Terry Nipp (AESOP Enterprises, Inc.), facilitated a process to identify research budget priorities for the 2001 and 2002 ESCOP budget. This list of national initiative priorities is available from the ESCOP Workroom at <http://www.escop.msstate.edu/draftdoc.htm>. The Budget & Legislative Committee is using these priorities in their budget development process and AESOP is using them to help guide their lobbying efforts.

The Committee has reviewed the process used and considered possible improvements and modifications. At the upcoming SAES Directors Workshop, September, 2000, in New Orleans, the session will concentrate on projected research priorities for 2005-2010. Mark Drabentstott, Center for the Study of Rural America, and a colleague will begin the session with presentations on future economic, social and technological changes impacting agriculture. Directors will then develop a list of projected research priorities for 2005-2010, using a facilitated small group format, that will be used by the ESCOP Budget & Legislative Committee in formulating future budget requests.

The Planning Committee's other primary goal, to facilitate and participate in a joint planning effort with ECOP through collaboration with the ECOP Strategic Planning Committee, has also been implemented during FY 2000. The first ECOP/ESCOP Joint Planning Committee (JPC) meeting was held on September 30 & October 1, immediately following the SAES Directors Workshop in Memphis. At this first joint meeting, we reached a consensus that the joint committee will explore areas or issues of common interest and examine implications for future research and extension programs and operations. Also, we agreed that periodic reports would be issued to inform the system of our deliberations and, hopefully, engage the system in further discussion and action.

The JPC also decided that our initial joint planning efforts should focus on a topic that has broad programmatic and operational implications, which would then lead into more specific topics for future meetings. Therefore, the joint committee reviewed and discussed the implications of some recent studies on the future of the Land-Grant University System; such as Kellogg's "Engaged Institution", the National Research Council's recent studies on agricultural colleges, and reports written by Chancellor Emeritus James H. Meyer.

The JPC met in Las Vegas on February 2-4, 2000 and, with the assistance of a facilitator, integrated the content of these various reports, examined questions raised, identified key issues, and discussed operationalizing the recommendations. The JPC met again on May 17-19 in Baltimore to further consider these reports and finalize its recommendations to ECOP and ESCOP. The Committee agreed to develop a joint ECOP/ESCOP response to these studies and reports that could be communicated to stakeholders and throughout the system. The working title of this response is "Strategies for Enhanced Engagement" and includes the intent of the document, a statement of research and extension philosophy on engagement, a summary of salient points from the documents reviewed, examples of current successes at engagement within the land grant system, and objectives and recommendations for future action. A draft document was presented at the joint meeting of ECOP and ESCOP Executive Committees in August in Denver. The current draft is available at <http://www.escop.msstate.edu/committee/plan00.htm#Action> and has been sent to all ECOP and ESCOP members for review and comment.

The JPC has also begun developing a process flow for bringing forth joint ECOP/ESCOP national initiatives. This process would allow input of a possible new joint initiative from any source and, if approved, would result in a joint implementation team and potentially a joint budget request.

2. Plans for the Coming Year:

The Planning Committee will continue to work with the Budget & Legislative Committee and AESOP Enterprises to refine the selection of research budget initiative priorities and how those can best be used in the budget development process and lobbying efforts. Also, the Planning Committee will be facilitating an evaluation of the new ESCOP committee structure and make recommendations to the ESCOP Executive Committee for an necessary improvements.

The ECOP/ESCOP Joint Planning Committee will finalize the document responding to the Land- Grant University System studies reviewed and facilitate the communication of that response from ECOP and ESCOP. Also, the JPC will complete the joint initiative process flow and present this to ECOP and ESCOP for review, revision and adoption.

The next meetings of the Planning Committee and the JPC will be on Oct 4-6 in Mystic, CT. At this meeting the JPC will discuss the future of genetically enhanced plants and animals in agriculture. The

Committee will formulate recommendations for action by the research and extension communities to facilitate their use in production and improve consumer acceptance. To assist in our deliberations, speakers will present opportunities and concerns from the science, industry and consumer points of view.

3. Requests for Special Activities:

None.

4. Committee Membership Changes:

The following new Northeast Region representatives were assigned to the Planning Committee:

- Dr. Kirklyn Kerr, University of Connecticut
- Dr. William Trumble, University of New Hampshire

Dr. Henry Bahn, CSREES, resigned due to reassignment within USDA.

Action Requested: For information.

Agenda Item 11. Impact 2000 Report

Presenter: Ron Pardini

Background: On February 31 – March 3, the Impact 2000 writing team met in Reno and prepared the 2000 Impact Fact Sheets. There were 3207 total submissions from the Land Grant System of which 2617 were new submissions. 182 were identified as priority projects/impacts by the Land Grant System.

There are 26 Impact Fact Sheets for 2000. All States that submitted impacts were mentioned in Impact 2000. Ten States/Universities did not submit impacts. The following sheets were prepared and were categorized along the CSREES National Goals.

An Agricultural System that is Highly Competitive in the Global Economy

- Where Do We Go From Here, Genome Studies Map Future Research
- New Uses for Corn – Bringing New Dollars, Solving Old Problems
- Money Matters – Improving Cash Flow on the Farm
- Beef Boosters – Research and Extension Tackle Beef Industry Issues
- Swine Support – Promoting Production through Science and Education
- Until the Cows Come Home. Improving Dairy Herds & Products
- Go Fish – Growing Fish & Shrimp in the Backyard
- Better Management Yields Results - Timely Educating Reaps Producers Profits
- High Tech Agriculture – The Future of Farming
- Putting Profits First – Improved Tools and Techniques Helps Keep Farmers Out Of the Red.
- Keeping the Profits in Soybeans – Resisting Disease and Pests Makes All the Difference

An Agricultural System that Protects Natural Resources and the Natural Environment

- Its Only Natural – Conserving, Protecting and Enhancing Natural Resources
- No More Wasted Opportunities – Reducing, Recycling and Reusing Waste and By-products Pays Off.
- Integrated Pest Management - Reduced Chemical Use Protocols Yields & the Environment

Enhanced Economic Opportunity and Quality of Life for Americans

- Saving More & Spending Less – Changing the Way We Manage Our Money
- Youth at Risk – Curbing the Violence Through Education and Research
- What To Do When the Doctor is Miles and Miles Away. Land Grant Universities Help Develop Solutions

- In the Business of Business – Land Grant Universities Lend a Hand on Mainstreet
- Motivating People From Welfare To Work
- Giving Kids a Booster Shot – Improving Food and Family Life Starts Youth Out Right

Healthy Well Nourished Population

- Fed Up With Diseases – Small Things Come First In Tackling Big Diet-related Diseases
- An Apple a Day – Teaching People To Eat Better and Exercise More Helps Prevent Costly Diseases

Safe Secure Food and Fiber System

- Cleaning Up Our Act – Food Safety Is Everybody's Business
- Beating Back Bacteria - Food Technology Slows the Seven Deadly Pathogens

Society Ready Graduates

- Academic Advances – Life Long Learning At the Land Grant
- Real World Educators – Learning Inside and Outside the Classroom

A new approach to prepare commodity impact sheets was undertaken and 4 commodity sheets were prepared on beef, pork, dairy and soybeans.

The Impact 2000 sheets have been distributed.

Action Requested: For information.

Agenda Item 12. Environmental Initiative Task Force

Presenter: Eldon Ortman

Background: Formation of a Joint ESCOP-ECOP-CSREES Environmental Initiative Task Force was endorsed in August, 2000, resulting from discussions at the ESCOP-ECOP meetings in Denver. The charge to the Task Force, if formerly approved by ESS, would be to create an environmental "think tank" to define how such an effort might be organized for the Land-Grant System. With approval of ESS, funds remaining in the SUNEI account, and those funds already committed to SUNEI, would be made available for use by the new activity. Acting upon the assumption of approval, potential members were asked to prepare a report for presentation.

Action Requested: Approval of Task Force and use of remaining funds.

Agenda Item 13. Update and Status of Pest Management Centers

Presenter: Eldon Ortman

Background: Dr. Ortman will provide information concerning the Pest Management Centers.

Action Requested: For information.

Agenda Item 14. Value-Added Task Force

Presenter: Charles Scifres

Background: Chairman Jones appointed an ad hoc Task Force consisting of C. J. Scifres (chair), John Nye, Eldon Ortman, Richard Heimsch, and Sunil Pancholy to analyze the effectiveness of the regional and national associations and to make recommendations to the Section as points of departure for discussion during the Section meeting. The Task Force, staffed by the regional Executive Directors, began their work during the summer ESCOP meeting in Denver. A white paper entitled "Analysis of and Recommendations for Enhanced Operation of the Regional and National Associations of Agricultural Experiment Stations" was developed as background and is posted in the [ESCOP Workroom](#). Using this background paper, the Task Force developed a series of questions related to the role and effectiveness, current and future, of the regional and national associations. The Task Force Response to its charge has also been posted on the ESCOP web site. The document describes the background and process for developing and addressing eight critical questions for each level of the associations. These will be presented to the Section by the Task Force, working as a panel, for discussion, modification and ratification by the membership. The expectation is that a series of follow-up activities will be generated by these discussions to assure the appropriate evolution of the regional and national associations.

Action Requested: For information.

Agenda Item 15. AHS Restructure Task Force Report

Presenter: Darrell Nelson

Background: Following presentations to regional associations and to ESCOP regarding proposed reorganization of the BOA, the following was submitted to Dr. Reg Gomes:

TO: Reg Gomes

CC: Ed Hiler

FROM: Darrell Nelson, ESCOP Representative to AHS Restructure Task Force

During the past several weeks, I have received considerable feedback on the draft AHS Task Force Report. Listed below is my attempt to summarize the feedback.

- Having the 1890s appoint a rep to the Policy Board and having them as equal partners in ESCOP and ECOP is double representation.
- The proposed voting rights structure reduces the voice of the COPs in the Board on Agriculture. A better rationale is required before this proposals is accepted.
- The costs of the proposed plan is not presented but need to be considered. When will a budget for the proposal be presented?
- Better define the responsibilities and duties of the executive staff person working for the Policy Board. How will this person relate to the regional Executive Directors?
- One of the statements in the report is "clarify policy development so that we have a clear system to resolve conflict and differences". This this refer to BOA policy or also policy at levels of the sections and COPs.
- Another statement is "develop a clear concept of what we expect from our people, including benchmarks". Are "our people" the NASULGC staffers paid from assesments?
- There is a need to better define the phrase "reporting relationships - - - within NASULGC structure.
- The reports suggests that the BOA entities should work to support funding beyond the USDA formula funds. Everyone agrees with this and ESCOP and ECOP having been working with a number of agencies other than USDA on funding initiatives. The ESCOP/CSREES funded SUNEI program is a good example of this.
- The NASULG staffing associated with the proposal should be described in more detail.
- There needs to be an explicit statement regarding assessments for the advocacy organizations. Which entity or entities will pay the assessments?
- How will the current role of the COPs be affected by the proposed plan? Will the Policy Board be

responsible for leadership training programs, workshops, outreach to partners, national issue task forces, etc?

- Election of members to the Policy Board should be explained.
- The task force proposal should be integrated with the Tom Payne plan.

Hopefully, these issues will be of some help as you revise the proposal. It is clear that many ESCOP members have concerns about the lack of details in the plan and are unsure of the meaning of some phrases used in the report. I encourage you to present a plan to the Board on Agriculture that is as specific as possible. There will be a tendency for many BOA members to vote against the proposal unless important structural and policy issues are well defined. My feedback indicates that most AES Directors feel that the Experiment Station Section, ESCOP and the Regional Associations are well organized, effectively administered and have produced positive impacts. There is no doubt that significant costs are involved in the Section activities but most AES Directors seem to believe that the benefits outweigh the costs.

Action Requested: For information.

Agenda Item 16. Space Grant/Land Grant Geospatial Technology Program

Presenter: Colin Kaltenbach

Background: During the last several years, NASA's Office of Earth Science, NASA's Office of Human Resource and Education which includes the Space Grant Program, USDA/CSREES, SUNEI, and LGU representatives have discussed ways to bridge the gap between the earth science geospatial research community and decision-makers at the local, regional, and state levels. These efforts have converged into defining a program to establish new permanent extension-research faculty positions at LGUs. These individuals will be expected to initiate appropriate projects, conduct training courses, and develop curriculum materials that will lead to a general familiarity with remote sensing and geospatial technology and foster its operational use. Currently positions have been established at Utah State University, Mississippi State University, and the University of Arizona. These pilot programs include precision agriculture and range resource management applications. NASA plans to expand this program through a competitive process by adding 6 new positions in FY2001, and positions in all states by FY2005. Additional geospatial technology applications will be sought, including land use mapping and management, and forestry and fisheries management, etc. NASA will provide funding for the first three years. Successful proposals will have to demonstrate close cooperation among institutional space grant, cooperative extension, and agricultural research programs.

Action Requested: For information.

Agenda Item 17. Bioterrorism on Campuses

Presenter: Ian Gray

Background: Michigan State University research farms, laboratories and offices have been subjected to two attacks by bioterrorists in the past eight years. Nationally at least 30 incidents of anti-biotechnology sabotage have occurred over the last twelve months and that number is likely to increase before the summer growing season ends. The New Year's Eve arson at Michigan State University has resulted in increased security at greenhouses, field stations, and laboratories and the identification of a police detective responsible for bioterrorism prevention and investigation. Public education about GMO crops has increased through extension bulletins, producer meetings, web pages for the media, public seminars and issue discussions. Other actions include the development of an on-campus coordinating committee to identify prevention activities and the coordination of MSU's efforts with those of other universities (through campus police departments).

Action Requested: For information.

Agenda Item 18. Nomination Committee Report

Presenter: Darrell Nelson

Background: The following slate of nominees was accepted by ESCOP for presentation to ESS:

- Chair-Elect, ESCOP: Richard Heimsch, ID
- Chair-Elect, Budget and Legislative Committee: Fred Cholick, SD
- Chair-Elect, Science and Technology Committee: Nancy Cox, MS

The nominating committee is currently seeking a nominee to serve as Chair-Elect, Advocacy and Marketing Committee

Action Requested: Approval.

Agenda Item 19. Resolutions Committee Report

Presenter: Jim Jacobs

Background:

Resolution of Appreciation to State Agricultural Experiment Station Administrators Who Left Their Responsibilities in the Year 2000

Whereas, the following (see list below) have served as Administrators of their respective State Agricultural Experiment Station, and

Whereas, they have actively participated and served in various capacities at the state, regional and national level on behalf of the Agricultural Experiment Station system,

Now, therefore be it resolved that the State Experiment Station Directors at their annual meeting on September 26, 2000 recognize the contributions and service toward strengthening the State Agricultural Experiment Station System, and wish them success and happiness in all their future endeavors.

North Central Region:

Dave Topel (Iowa State University)
Colin Scanes (Iowa State University)
Carol Meeks (Iowa State University)
Prem Paul (Iowa State University)
L. R. "Skip" Nault (Ohio State University)

Northeast Region:

Robert Helgesen (Massachusetts)

Western Region:

James Carlson (Washington State University)
Don Robertson (University of Idaho)
Grant Vest (Utah State University)

Southern Region:

Bob Blackmon (University of Arkansas)
John Beverly (Texas A.&M. University)
Larry Crowder (Oklahoma State University)
Tom Scott (Clemson University)
Michael Salassi (Louisiana State University)
Helen Shaw (University of North Carolina)
Antonio Sotomayor (University of Puerto Rico)
David Teem (Auburn University)

1890 Research Directors:

Dan Godfrey (North Carolina A&T State University)
Leroy Davis (Alcorn State University)

Resolution for Dr. Richard Jones

Whereas, Dr. Richard Jones, Chairman of the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy and Experiment Station Section, has provided selfless and committed leadership and keen oversight to enhance the system, and

Whereas, under Dr. Jones' leadership and support, the activities of ESCOP committees have been greatly enhanced and have achieved significant accomplishments, and

Whereas, Dr. Jones has provided outstanding leadership in building interrelationships with ECOP, NASULGC, and CSREES/USDA, and

Whereas, Dr. Jones has been efficient and timely in the conduct of ESCOP business, therefore

Let it Be Known, that the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy and the Experiment Station Section recognize Dr. Jones' invaluable contribution and service to the national agricultural research system, and

Therefore, on this day of September 26, 2000, the Experiment Station Section and the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy resolves to extend their sincere gratitude for his commitment, service, and leadership for help in making the system more effective in addressing current and future needs, challenges and opportunities in agricultural research.

Resolution for Dr. Richard Lower

Whereas, Dr. Richard Lower has provided outstanding contributions and service to the Experiment Station Committee on Policy and the Experiment Station Section over the past 5 years in his role as Executive Director of the North Central Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors, and

Whereas, Dr. Lower has provided significant and timely leadership for numerous activities that are important to the State Agricultural Experiment Station System, and

Whereas, Dr. Lower has represented the System in a very effective manner on issues and initiatives that require interaction with a number of federal agencies, and

Whereas, Dr. Lower's keen insights into issues and his tireless efforts to ensure that the System is aware and responds to these issues, and

Whereas, Dr. Lower has been a key contributor to the collaborative efforts of the Executive Directors of the Regional Associations, and

Whereas, Dr. Lower is leaving his assignment as Executive Director of the North Central Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors in December, 2000, therefore

Let it Be Known, that the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy and the Experiment Station Section recognize Dr. Lower's significant and invaluable contribution and service to the State Agricultural Research System, and

Therefore, on this day of September 26, 2000, the Experiment Station Section and the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy resolves to extend their sincere appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Lower for his commitment, service, and leadership in making significant contributions to strengthening the agricultural research system for meeting challenges and opportunities now and in the future, and extend sincere and best wishes

for the future.

Action Requested: Approval.

Agenda Item 20. Passing the Gavel

Presenter: Richard Jones

Background: Dr. Jones' term as Chair ends with the close of the Section Business meeting, thus the gavel will be officially turned over to incoming Chair, McArthur Floyd.

Action Requested: For information.

Agenda Item 21. Final Remarks and Announcements

Presenter: McArthur Floyd

Background: Remarks from new Chair McArthur Floyd and any additional announcements will precede adjournment.

Future meetings are:

- NASULGC - November 12-15, 2000 - San Antonio, TX
- ESCOP Executive Committee at NASULGC - November 14, 2000 (8:30 - 11:30) - San Antonio, TX
- ESCOP-ECOP-CSREES Partnership Workshop (for all AES and CES Directors) - February 12 (evening reception) - February 14 (noon), 2001 - Baltimore, MD (Marriott Inner Harbor)
- ESCOP Winter Meeting - February 14 (noon) - February 15 (5pm), 2001 - Baltimore, MD (Marriott Inner Harbor)

Action Requested: For information.
