



2019 ESS Fall Business Meeting

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Wednesday, September 25, 2019

9 am to 12 noon CDT

Parthenon AB, Marriott at Vanderbilt, Nashville, TN

Minutes

Item #	Topic	Notes and Action(s) Taken
1.0	Call to Order – Deb Hamernik 1.1 Approval of the agenda 1.2 Approval of the 10/3/2018 ESS Meeting minutes 1.3 Interim Actions of the Chair	Actions: Agenda approved, Chris Davies / Shirley Hyman-Parker Fall 2018 ESS minutes from Lincoln, Nebraska approved, Steve Loring / Chris Mattis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed chair’s initiatives • Five visits with leaders in DC • A number of letters sent to support various policies and legislation
2.0	NIFA Update – Scott Angle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIFA will be hiring faculty in various ways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Retirees as temp employees ○ Interagency Personnel Agreements (IPA) where NIFA pays all cost for 2 to 3 years similar to NSF rotators • SCRI matching info will come out asap • Interagency Personnel Agreement opportunities will continue beyond this year’s hiring phase • National Science Liaisons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 9 people total, 6 discipline experts, will be stationed in DC ○ Purpose is to build partnerships and relationships with other agencies and public / private entities ○ Each will have certain agencies they’re assigned to for focus • Delay in drawdowns for capacity funds will be longer than normal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If it causes a crisis, let Scott know • Need a senior LGU business officer to work in high level position at NIFA in Kansas City • Hatch project approvals will be delayed, but hopefully not enough to cause problems • Hard to determine what impact the move will have on appropriations

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIFA’s realignment plan is similar to Land-grant Universities grouping of lines, except it’s true consolidation
3.0	<p>ESS Action Items</p> <p>3.1 ESS 2018-2019 Financials – Deb Hamernik and Jeff Jacobsen</p> <p>3.2 ESS 2019-2020 Proposed Budget – George Hopper and Deb Hamernik</p> <p>3.3 Updated ESS Rules of Operation – Deb Hamernik and Jeff Jacobsen</p> <p>3.4 NRSP-RC Recommendations NRSP-RC Ballot on NRSP6 budget and NRSP3 and NRSP10 Renewals – Fred Servello and Jeff Jacobsen</p>	<p>3.1- Financials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$585,560 in reserves at APLU Assessment is \$200,000 per year Expenditures for 2019 will be < \$100,000 Proposed 2020 budget similar to 2019, except Communication and Marketing Committee budget, which is to be determined What is purpose of the National Impact Database funds? Maintain database at TAMU, future will be decided as part of the marketing strategic plan Motion to approve budget – Gary Thompson / Saied Mostaghimi - approved <p>3.3 – Substantive Rules changes outlined in PowerPoint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve changes – Approved Gary Thompson/ Milan Shipka <p>3.4 – All three NRSP – RC recommendations were approved by electronic vote</p>
4.0	<p>Cornerstone Advocacy Update – Hunt Shipman (by Zoom)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senate Appropriations markup last week Senate numbers are closer to amount of funds actually available for appropriations Funds available next fiscal year will be less APLU AFRI request was increased to highest bill language, \$460 Million in House budget Hopefully conference allocation will be higher than Senate was, so final numbers will be closer to House Full Senate committee votes on budget tomorrow, then Congress goes on October 1 break House finished CR last week and sent to Senate, goes until November 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes waiver for matching requirement for SCRI Senate also put matching fix into appropriations bill, so hopefully it will be resolved in conference

5.0	ARS Update – Chavonda Jacobs-Young (by Zoom)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nine construction projects under way for about \$600 Million total • What is ARS doing in Hemp? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funding germplasm collection for hemp varieties ○ Working with legal department on boundaries of research allowable for ARS • Any new funding being directed to Climate Hubs? No extra support has become available
6.0	APLU Report – Doug Steele	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Angle has been a great partner, but he’s under a lot of pressure with the relocation and all its consequences • Working with NIFA and Cornerstone to fund areas of bipartisan support in Congress • Like to work more with ARS to be sure we’re not seen as grant competitors, but partners • Working with a few outside groups to propose increase in NIFA budget by \$1 Billion in next 5 years, an aspirational goal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increase AFRI by \$250 Million ○ Increase capacity by \$400 Million ○ Increase deferred maintenance funds by \$350 Million ○ Hope to work on this starting in 2021 • Climate Hubs could partner with Land-grant Universities to work on climate change and request appropriations for it • Soil health is another area that could receive additional funding • Need to concentrate on telling Congress why we need more funding, not just what we’d do with it

7.0	Communications and Marketing Update – Steve Loring and Rick Rhodes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern that kglobal was not providing service needed led to termination of their contract in July • New proposal is to use remaining FY19 CMC funds to hire a consultant to develop a strategic marketing plan within a year • Could the college communication directors help? Yes, consultant can work with them, in addition to other LGU groups • NCRA discussed the idea of putting whole effort on pause and work internally to develop the plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This would risk losing any momentum and is unlikely to move us forward, since that’s what we’ve been doing for the past year • Straw vote on moving ahead with proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moving forward - 11 ○ Pausing effort – 8 • ESS will move forward with revising plan with CES and AHS and putting it out for vote with budget • Straw vote to pause assessments for one year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In favor – 9 ○ Not in favor – 13 • In both votes, a majority were silent, although number of Abstain was not counted
8.0	Policy Board of Directors Update – Gary Thompson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BAA letter sign-on policy mechanism being discussed (see PowerPoint) • Considering having a regular Zoom meeting in fall to get ahead of the budget request • Strategic Realignment Committee has been thanked and disbanded • Respond to survey with ideas about a rapid mechanism for letter sign-on decisions, at surveymonkey.com/r/LR3CJZH
9.0	Resolutions – Deb Hamernik and George Hopper	
9.0	Chair’s Remarks – Deb Hamernik	
10.0	Nominations and Election of Chair-Elect – Deb Hamernik and Alton Thompson	Moses Kairo from University of Eastern Shore was nominated by ARD, nominations were closed and Moses was elected by acclamation
12.0	Changing of the Guard – Deb Hamernik and George Hopper	

ESCOP Standing Committees: Written Reports Only

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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 with minutes posted on the ESCOP website. The current BLC membership is below.

<p>Chair: Ernie Minton (NCRA)</p> <p>Delegates: Dyremple Marsh (ARD) Alton Thompson (ARD) Shawn Donkin (NCRA) Dave Benfield (NCRA) Sabine O'Hara (NERA) Jon Wraith (NERA) George Hopper (SAAESD) Saied Mostaghimi (SAAESD) Chris Pritsos (WAAESD) Glenda Humiston (WAAESD)</p> <p>Executive Vice- Chair: Jeff Jacobsen (NCRA ED) Chris Hamilton (NCRA AD, Recorder)</p>	<p>Liaisons: Jon Boren (ECOP) Bob Holland (NIFA) Paula Geiger (NIFA) Josh Stull (NIFA) Glen Hoffsis (APLU Vet Med) Eddie Gouge (APLU) Doug Steele (APLU) Becky Walth (CARET) Vacant (APLU BHS) Jim Richards (Cornerstone) Hunt Shipman (Cornerstone) Vernie Hubert (Cornerstone) Maggie Earle (Cornerstone)</p>
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ESCOP website: <http://escop.info/committee/blc/>

Discussions focused the proposed move of NIFA and ERS, the 2020 House budget mark and new matching fund requirements (e.g. SCRI). The change in the matching requirements in the 2018 Farm Bill caught most by surprise. The EDs collected impacts resulting from this change for use by Cornerstone. A number of proposals were either withdrawn or not submitted due to lack of matching dollars. Other proposals submitted were reduced in scope due to limited matching funds. Apparently, NIFA has made awards that allocate all of the SCRI funds. However, it is very likely that there were highly fundable proposals not submitted. Numerous efforts to 'fix' the match were explored, yet none succeeded.

The BLC has discussed the realignment of the small lines concept on numerous occasions and has been in favor of moving this effort forward. Based upon discussions held at APLU, SARE wished to remain separate from Regional Centers of Excellence. Special Research Grants were removed from the competitive programs to not " earmark" AFRI. At Joint COPs, two examples were presented to the attendees and ultimately the PBD. The summary of the DRAFT end products are referred to as the 17 line model (Table 1) and the 6 line model (Table 2). The 17 line model has been thoroughly vetted and provides two-thirds fewer lines to potentially advocate for (Table 1). The 6 line model has not been vetted, yet provides an illustration of an alternative approach with fewer lines (Table 2 without Facility Modernization and Research Equipment Grants). Expandable version of these two models can be found at: <http://escop.info/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Draft-2019->

[Jt-COPS-Strategic-Realignment.xlsx](#). The PBD reviewed and accepted these as final products. The PBD also thanked and disbanded the Strategic Realignment Committee. Doug Steele, APLU VP FANR, and Orlando McMeans, PBD Chair, were to present these to Scott Angle, NIFA Director, and possibly compare with the Congressional mandate to consider line consolidation (report due end of September).

Table 1. Strategic Realignment – 17 Line Model

Realignment Title	FY 2018 Enacted Funding Level	FY 2019 Enacted Funding Level	FY2020 PBR	FY2020 House
Agricultural Education and Workforce Development Programs	40.765	41.265	19.147	54.552
1994 Research, Extension, and Education	13.686	13.686	9.621	15.801
1890s Extension	45.620	48.620	47.310	57.000
1890s Facilities	19.730	19.730	0.000	23.529
1890s Research	54.185	58.000	53.517	69.000
1890s Education	19.336	19.336	18.710	33.009
1862 Extension Smith-Lever	300.000	315.000	299.430	325.000
1862 Extension Smith-Lever 3d	100.588	102.654	64.118	107.315
1862 Research	243.701	259.000	243.238	265.000
McIntire-Stennis Forestry	33.961	36.000	28.867	38.000
AFRI	400.000	415.000	500.000	460.000
Special Research Grants	12.330	14.155	0.000	16.655
Crop Protection/Tactical Science	49.413	50.413	0.000	52.500
Regional Centers of Excellence	12.000	14.000	1.697	22.250
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education	35.000	37.000	19.009	45.000
Facility Modernization	0.000	0.000	50.000	0.000
Research Equipment Grants	0.000	0.000	0.000	5.000
Grand Total	1380.315	1443.859	1354.664	1589.611

Table 2. Strategic Realignment – 6 Line Model

Realignment Title	FY 2018 Enacted Funding Level	FY 2019 Enacted Funding Level	FY2020 PBR	FY2020 House
Agricultural Education and Workforce Development Programs Total		41.265	19.147	54.552
1994 Research, Extension, and Education		13.686	9.621	15.801
1890 Research, Extension, and Education		145.686	119.537	182.538
1862 Research and Extension		712.654	635.653	735.315
AFRI		415.000	500.000	460.000
Other Competitive		115.568	20.706	136.405

Grand Total

1443.859

1304.664

1584.611

Agenda Brief: 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)

ESCOP 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 3.3: Substantive Changes to the ESS Rules of Operation
Presenter: Deb Hamernik and Jeff Jacobsen
Action: ESS Vote for Approval

General and Housekeeping changes were reviewed and approved by ESCOP at the Joint COPs meeting in Park City, UT on July 23, 2019. See details in the meeting minutes at: <http://escop.info/committee/the-escop-committee/>. Per our current ESS Rules of Operation, substantive changes must be provided electronically or in hard copy form, 30 days in advance of the annual meeting and the question is passed by a two-thirds majority of the voting members present at the meeting (ARTICLE XI). The Rules of Operation that have been distributed reflect the acceptance of General and Housekeeping changes and have proposed Substantive Changes that are highlighted and numbered in the attached brief. The Substantive changes are numbered and highlighted (in yellow) and are listed below and in the DRAFT ESS Rules of Operation.

Itemized Substantive Changes (*rationale*)

- 1** Defined and identified functional membership of ex-officio, liaison, and with voting privileges or not and throughout with standing committees (*not identified consistently throughout document*)
- 2** Deleted the Nominating Committee and the Resolutions Committee (*do not exist and outlined 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 desired practice*)
- 5** 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; added current practices*)
- 6** Deleted CMC presence throughout the Rules of Operation (*CMC is undergoing change and is TBD, yet is no longer be an ESCOP Standing Committee*)

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RULES OF OPERATION

Experiment Station Section Board on Agriculture Assembly Association of Public and Land-grant Universities

Adopted November 1998*
Amended September 28, 1999
Amended September 26, 2000
Amended September 25, 2001
Amended September 22, 2003
Amended September 27, 2004
Amended October 18, 2005
Amended September 22, 2008
Amended September 25, 2012
Amended September 21, 2016
Amended September 25, 2019

*Developed from a merger of the "By Laws of Experiment Station Section, Division of Agriculture" and the Purposes, Organization and Procedures" of the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy (ESCOP).

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ARTICLE I -- NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Experiment Station Section (ESS) (hereafter called the Section), an entity of the Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU). The Section is established in accordance with the constitution and rules of operation of APLU.

ARTICLE II -- PURPOSE

The Section shall represent the directors of Agricultural Experiment Stations (AES) associated with the 1862 Land-grant Universities, including the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station at New Haven, and the directors of the Agricultural Research Programs at the 1890 Land-grant Universities, including Tuskegee University, in their collective dealings with other units of APLU, coalitions, agencies of the federal government, farm organizations, commodity and agricultural business groups, professional societies, and the public. For purposes of these Rules of Operation, the title "Director" refers to the Chief Operating Officer of agricultural research programs and his/her associate or assistant directors. The will of the Section's majority for issues that are ratified by, reported to, or recommended to APLU, shall be conveyed through the representative to the BAA Policy Board of Directors (PBD) to other officers or committees of APLU. The Section shall conduct its affairs in accordance with the Rules of Operation with one vote for each member.

ARTICLE III -- ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION

The individual members of the Section comprise the legislative body of the Section. An annual Section business meeting shall be held in the fall, usually in the month of September/October. Interim business is handled by the five regional associations and by the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy (ESCOP, see Article VII). State Agricultural Experiment Station (SAES) directors are organized into four geographically based associations (Northeast Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors – NERA, North Central Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors – NCRA, Southern Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors – SAAESD, and the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors – WAAESD). A fifth region is the Association of 1890 Research Directors, Inc. (ARD) which is comprised of the agricultural research directors of the 1890 Land-grant Universities.

These five regional associations arrange for and conduct their business independently, including the collection and disbursement of funds for purposes agreed to among the members of each association. Such funds are used for relevant association purposes, such as the employment of an Executive Director (ED) and an allied professional, for authorized travel of members on regional association business, and for other special purposes. These associations are autonomous, and their funds are not the responsibility of the Section, the BAA, or APLU, either as to program content or accountability. The five associations elect members to ESCOP, make recommendations to ESCOP and to the Section, and respond to proposals from ESCOP and the Section.

ARTICLE IV -- MEMBERSHIP

The voting membership of the Section shall consist of one representative from each of the 1862 and 1890 Land-grant Universities of the dues-paying member institutions of APLU. The Director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) (or his/her designee), the five EDs, and the Vice President, Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources for APLU shall be ex-officio, non-voting members of the Section.

ARTICLE V -- OFFICERS

Section Officers

The officers of the Section are: a Chair, who also serves as ESCOP Chair, and a Chair-Elect, each serving one-year terms; and a representative from the Section to the APLU BAA PBD elected for a two-year term (as per the Rules of Operation of BAA). The one-year terms of the Chair and the Chair-Elect shall expire at the close of the Section's annual business meeting. The BAA PBD representative serves for two years with his/her term expiring at the close of the annual meeting of APLU in the last year of his/her term.

Elections

Each year at the annual business meeting of the Section, a Chair-Elect shall be elected.

Nominations

The nominations for Chair-Elect shall be made by the respective regional association according to the rotation schedule below. The nomination shall be presented to the ESCOP Executive Committee (EC) prior to the Joint COPs meeting each summer. After approval by the EC, the ESCOP Chair announces the nominee at the Joint COPs meeting. The nominee is presented by the Chair as a seconded motion from the EC at the annual ESS meeting. Nominations of other candidates from the Section's membership may be made by Section members-at-large from the floor. The ESCOP Chair rotates among the five regions in the following order: ARD, WAAESD, NERA, NCRA, and SAAESD.

BAA Policy Board of Directors' Representative

According to the rules of the BAA PBD, the ESCOP representative serves a two-year term and may be elected to serve an additional two-year term. The election shall be conducted by electronic or mail ballot by the members of the BAA.

In addition, the 1890 institutions have a designated seat on the PBD. Both the ARD and 1890 Extension (one each) submit nominees for the ballot and the 1890 representative is elected subsequently through the results of the balloting by the BAA. The nominee with the highest number of votes serves as the 1890 representative and the other nominee serves as the alternate.

Nominees to the BAA PBD from the ESS shall be currently serving as the Chief Operating Officer of an 1862 AES and, preferably, shall have served in an ESCOP leadership role. Two nominees are needed for each election cycle. These nominations for the PBD representative

shall be solicited from the four regional associations (NCRA, NERA, SAAESD, and WAAESD) at the spring meetings and submitted to the ESCOP EC which will select the two nominees. If the incumbent ESS representative is eligible and willing to serve for an additional term, he/she will automatically be a nominee. The nominee receiving the most votes is elected, and the other nominee serves as the alternate. The duties of the representative to the BAA PBD are prescribed in the BAA Rules of Operation (Article III, Section 4).

Duties

All Section officers and committee chairs are responsible for providing the ESCOP webmaster with electronic copies of all meeting minutes and other documents of a continuing and directing nature for archival on the ESCOP webpage.

Executive Committee

The ESCOP serves as the executive committee of the Section (see Article VII).

ARTICLE VI -- AFFILIATED GROUPS

The Section provides for interaction with other groups involved in research that is similar or complementary to the research done within SAESs (1862) and the Agricultural Research Programs (1890) through their affiliation with the Section. Presently established affiliated groups are the Board on Human Sciences (BHS), Board on Natural Resources (BNR), the National Association of University Forest Resources Programs (NAUFRP), and the Board on Veterinary Medicine (BVM). The NAUFRP, which includes institutions that are not members of APLU, is presently affiliated with the Section. Other groups may become affiliated with the Section upon mutual agreement among the group(s) and the Section.

ARTICLE VII -- THE EXPERIMENT STATION COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND POLICY

The ESCOP is the executive committee of the Section empowered to formulate policy and to act on behalf of the Section, subject to the will of the Section as expressed at business meetings of the Section, or through referenda conducted during the interim between business meetings. The ESCOP handles continuing business and attends to organization and policy matters, often through relationships within APLU; with coalitions; with agencies of the federal government; and with farm organizations, commodity, agribusiness groups and professional societies referred to it by the Section or by regional associations. The ESCOP shall handle continuing business, and organization and policy issues generated within ESCOP, or referred to ESCOP by the Section, BAA, APLU, or the regional associations.

The voting members of ESCOP shall include the ESCOP Chair (who also serves as the Chair of the Section); the Chair-Elect of ESCOP (who also serves as the Chair-Elect of the Section); the Section representative to the BAA PBD; the immediate Past-Chair of ESCOP; three members elected from each of the five regional associations (i.e., 15 representatives), each serving a three-year term on a staggered term basis; and the Chairs of the ESCOP standing committees. In

addition, non-voting liaisons (one each) shall come from the APLU BHS, BNR and BVM and one representative shall come from NAUFRP. Each of these latter representatives shall serve at the pleasure of their respective associations. As an inclusive organization, ESCOP encourages allied participation as ex-officio (membership due to a particular position or office held (only)) and liaison (membership appointed by a particular group to represent that group on a committee) members. ❶

Non-voting ex-officio members and non-voting liaison representatives are:

- Director, NIFA (ex-officio)
- Executive Directors (EDs) of the five regions (ex-officio)
- Vice President of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources for APLU (ex-officio)
- Liaison Representatives (one representative from each):
 - Academic Programs Committee on Organization and Policy (ACOP)
 - Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching (CARET)
 - Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP)
 - International Committee on Organization and Policy (ICOP)

ESCOP Representation to Other Groups

The ESCOP provides liaison representatives to a variety of other committees, agencies, associations, and organizations. These representatives are appointed by the ESCOP Chair after consultation with the Executive Committee. Within APLU, these appointments include: ACOP, CARET, ECOP, and ICOP.

The Officers of ESCOP shall be the Chair, the immediate Past-Chair, the Executive Vice-Chair, the Chair-Elect, and the Section's representative to the BAA PBD. The ED representing the region of the ESCOP Chair serves as Executive Vice-Chair, with the prior approval and agreement of that regional association. The persons holding positions of Section Chair, Section Chair-Elect, and Section representative to the BAA PBD shall hold the same positions, respectively, in ESCOP.

Duties of ESCOP Officers

Chair. The Chair provides leadership, direction, and counsel for all activities of ESCOP in its collective relationships with other units of APLU, organizations contracted to act in behalf of ESCOP, the regional associations, agencies of the federal government, coalitions, farm organizations, commodity and agricultural business groups, professional societies, and the public. The Chair initiates action on issues of importance referred to ESCOP by the regional associations and he/she chairs meetings of ESCOP, the ESCOP EC, and the ESCOP Chair's Advisory Committee (CAC). The Chair approves agendas for these meetings, assigns duties, and coordinates the activities of all standing and technical committees and appoints *ad hoc* committees. The Chair also is responsible for maintaining communications through the representative to the BAA PBD to the APLU BAA, and between ESCOP and other units of APLU.

Executive Vice-Chair. The Executive Vice-Chair performs those responsibilities delegated by the

Chair. Those duties have customarily included staff support such as: development of agendas and minutes of meetings (and posting), policy option statements, and drafts of testimony; follow-up on ESCOP committee activities and initiatives; identification of possible nominees for various ESCOP committees; and continuing liaison with agencies of the federal government, coalitions, farm organizations, commodity and agricultural business groups, professional societies, and the public.

The Executive Vice-Chair provides direct and continual support to the Chair, monitors day-to-day activities affecting ESCOP, notifies the Chair when ESCOP attention or action is appropriate, coordinates facility arrangements for meetings of ESCOP, and assures that the documents and materials required to conduct the business of ESCOP are available to the Chair and others as appropriate. The Executive Vice-Chair prepares and provides any proposed resolutions to the Chair. ②

Chair-Elect. The ESCOP Chair-Elect shall serve as Chair in the absence of the Chair and becomes the Chair for the remainder of the term, should the Chair resign or otherwise be unable to serve. The Chair-Elect shall undertake other duties as the Section Chair may direct, assist the Chair in preparation of meeting agendas and undertake such other duties as the Chair shall direct. The Chair-Elect is responsible for developing the program of the annual Section meeting.

Representative to the BAA PBD and ED Staff Support. The representative to the BAA PBD represents the interests of the Section and ESCOP to the BAA PBD. The representative shall prepare an annual report on Board activities for presentation during the Section meeting (usually in September; see also BAA Rules of Operation, Article III, Section 4). The ED who supports the Policy Board representative shall be appointed for a two-year term and may be appointed to additional terms by the ESCOP Chair, there is no term limit.

ESCOP Meeting Times

The ESCOP shall meet at least once during each calendar year. The mandatory meeting shall be at the Joint COPs meeting for as long as the Joint COPs meeting is held. An annual business meeting of ESS is held in September/October.

The ESCOP Chair has the authority to cancel meetings, based on his/her best judgment. The ESCOP Chair is empowered to call special meetings to consider emergency or extraordinary issues. However, issues requiring action between regular meetings of ESCOP are typically handled by the EC. The EC meets twice each year, usually in February/March and in conjunction with APLU in November.

ESCOP Meeting Agenda

In advance of each meeting, the ESCOP Chair shall request members to submit items for the agenda, including any actions from the regional associations that are referred to ESCOP. The Chair shall distribute the agenda to all members at least one (1) week prior to the ESCOP meeting. This may be accomplished electronically.

The Chair shall actively encourage new directors to attend the September/October Section Business meeting.

Procedures Relative to Actions of ESCOP

By mutual consent of its members, certain selected actions of ESCOP are handled by seeking formal approval of the APLU organization. Other actions are taken directly. Points of departure or issues of difference with APLU shall be resolved by referring to the APLU Rules of Operation.

ESCOP Actions Requiring APLU Approval

The development of the formal BAA budget request for the Section and other nonfederal affiliated research units and entitling legislation relative to that budget are matters requiring formal action of APLU because these recommendations will later be considered for formal support by APLU. Other issues requiring formal APLU approval may arise from time to time. Procedures for seeking APLU approval are:

- Proposals or statements of issues are prepared by ESCOP indicating the support of the majority of the voting members of ESCOP.
- The ESCOP Chair shall present proposals to the Section for discussion and approval or disapproval.
- When approved by the Section, proposals are submitted by the ESCOP Chair through the representative to the BAA PBD to the BAA for approval.

ESCOP Committees

The ESCOP's functions are accomplished principally through the work of its standing committees, subcommittees, and task forces. Standing committees are permanent committees essential to the function of ESCOP; they are described below in detail. Subcommittees are appointed by the ESCOP Chair and they function indefinitely, subject to satisfactory annual reports and periodic review. Task forces are temporary and function for defined periods of time, work with specific charges, and report to the sponsoring standing committee.

To provide continuity to the standing committees, a Chair and a Vice-Chair are appointed by the ESCOP Chair, each for two-year terms. Furthermore, to provide staff support to standing committees, each standing committee is assigned an ED from one of the five regional associations to serve as that standing committee's Executive Vice-Chair.

Each standing committee is authorized to form subcommittees. In order to allow an orderly rotation of committee membership, regional representatives to the Budget and Legislative, Diversity Catalyst Committee, National Research Support Project, National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee, and Science and Technology Committees are nominated by the respective regional associations for two-, three-, or four-year terms, depending on the committee and are appointed by the ESCOP Chair. Individuals may be reappointed to consecutive terms by the regional associations. Where possible,

appointments from a region should be staggered to provide continuity. **3**

ESCOP Standing Committees **1**

Executive Committee. The ESCOP Executive Committee (EC) is charged with assisting the Chair on actions needed between regular meetings of ESCOP. This includes, but is not limited to, handling the continuing business of ESCOP and ESS/ARD; attending to all organization and policy matters with APLU, agencies of the federal government, farm (commodity and agribusiness) organizations and groups; assessing the goals and purposes of the organization on a continuing basis; recommending changes in the structure and organization of ESCOP to meet changing societal needs and the needs of the Section; assuring that appropriate lines of communication are identified and effectively implemented and maintained; serving as the nominations committee for the ESS/ARD and identifying expertise among stakeholders and within the Section for possible service in various roles (e.g., advisory groups). **In the event that the Past-Chair from a region is not available for a vote, then a different ESCOP representative from that region may cast their one vote.** **4**

The membership of the Executive Committee is as follows (members are voting unless indicated):

- Chair
- Chair-Elect
- Executive Vice-Chair (ED within the Chair's region, non-voting, ex-officio)
- Past-Chair
- Past-Chair from each region (5)
- Representative to APLU BAA Policy Board of Directors
- Regional EDs (5) (Note that one serves as Executive Vice-Chair, all non-voting, ex-officio)
- Chair, Budget and Legislative Committee (ex-officio)
- Chair, Diversity Catalyst Committee (ex-officio)
- Chair, National Research Support Project Review Committee (ex-officio)
- Chair, National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee (ex-officio) **3**
- Chair, Science and Technology Committee (ex-officio)
- APLU Vice President, Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources (non-voting, ex-officio)
- Non-voting liaison representatives from the following organizations:
 - APLU Government Affairs Advocacy Consultant
 - CARET
 - NIFA

Chair's Advisory Committee. The Chair's Advisory Committee (CAC) meets frequently with the ESCOP Chair to offer advice and counsel on current and emerging problems and opportunities. This committee meets at the request of the ESCOP Chair. In addition to the members below, the ESCOP Chair may invite other liaison representatives to participate as needed.

Members of the Chair's Advisory Committee include (members are voting unless indicated otherwise):

- ESCOP Chair
- ESCOP Chair-Elect
- ESCOP Past-Chair
- Chairs of the ESCOP Standing Committees (ex-officio)
- BAA Policy Board representative
- EDs of the five regional associations (non-voting, ex-officio)

Budget and Legislative Committee. The ESCOP Budget and Legislative Committee (BLC) is charged with developing annual justifications for the federal budget process, in consultation with the Budget and Advocacy Committee and others, recommending appropriate budgets and linked to legislative initiatives. The Chair of this committee serves a two-year term and rotates among the four regions in the following order: NCRA, WAAESD, NERA, and SAAESD. While the ESCOP BLC includes representation from the ARD, this region is not included in the rotating BLC Chair because the ARD is separately represented on the BAC.

The Budget and Legislative Committee is comprised of (members are voting unless indicated otherwise):

- Chair
- Two Representatives from each of the five SAES/ARD regions, one serves as Vice-Chair
- Non-voting liaison representatives from the following organizations:
 - ACOP
 - APLU Board on Human Sciences
 - APLU Board on Natural Resources
 - APLU Board on Veterinary Medicine
 - APLU Government Affairs Advocacy Consultant
 - APLU Vice President of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources (ex-officio)
 - One ED (non-voting) to serve as Executive Vice-Chair and to assist the Chair

BAA - Budget and Advocacy Committee and Committee on Legislation and Policy. As set forth in Rules of the BAA and PBD, the ESCOP BLC Chair is, by definition, a member of the BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee (BAC) and the Committee on Legislation and Policy (CLP). In addition, the ARD also has, by definition, a seat on the BAC and CLP. The ARD representatives are appointed by the ARD Chair. **5**

Communications and Marketing Committee. Deleted all CMC references. **6**

Diversity Catalyst Committee. The ESCOP Diversity Catalyst Committee (DCC) champions a long-term diversity and inclusion agenda for ESS/ARD with goals, metrics, timelines,

implementation activities, and continuity of practice. The DCC engages in topics of diversity in research leadership across the Land-grant university system, provides ideas and actions for consideration, and supplements institutional, regional and national diversity and inclusion efforts. Lastly, the DCC assigns a Review Panel to serve as the review team for the National ESS Diversity and Inclusion Award making a recommendation to the ESCOP Chair and NIFA Director. ③

- The Diversity Catalyst Committee is comprised of (members are voting unless indicated otherwise):
- Chair
- One-Two representatives from each of the five SAES/ARD regions (one ED as Executive Vice-Chair)
- Liaison representatives from the following organizations:
 - APLU
 - APS
 - Diversity professional
 - ECOP
 - NIFA Civil Rights Office
 - Members from all regional association EDs and ADs (one ED as Executive Vice-Chair)

National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee. The National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee (NPGCC) promotes a stronger, more efficient, more widely-recognized and better utilized National Plant Germplasm System (NPGS). Its goals are to facilitate the coordination of ARS, NIFA and SAES planning and assessment mechanisms for NPGS policy, organization, operations and support; promote awareness and understanding of the NPGS across ARS, NIFA, and SAES and, more broadly, to the scientific community; and serve as a vehicle for improving communications and discussions about issues impacting the NPGS with ARS, SAES, and NIFA. It assesses, develops and recommends to the ARS, NIFA and SAES strategies for improved coordination of NPGS activities; develops and recommends a process for improved communication of the value of the NPGS; initiates a strategic planning effort for the NPGS to better define and communicate the vision, mission and short- and long-term goals; and evaluates current funding models for the NPGS and reports findings to the ARS, NIFA and SAES directors. ③

The membership of the NPGCC is comprised of (members are voting unless indicated otherwise):

- Chair
- One representative from each of the four SAES regions
- Three representatives from USDA ARS
- Two representatives from NIFA

- Liaisons (non-voting) from the following organizations:
 - AOSCA
 - ASTA
 - NAPB
 - PBCC
 - One ED as Executive Vice-Chair (non-voting)

National Research Support Project Review Committee. The ESCOP National Research Support Project (NRSP) Review Committee (NRSP RC) is charged with establishing criteria for annual review of NRSPs and for review of proposals for revised or new NRSPs; annually reviewing progress and budget for existing NRSPs; developing and overseeing the process of review of proposals for revised and new NRSPs including selection of reviewers, establishment of protocols for the review, and development of the specific charges to the review panel; recommending to ESS the establishment of new NRSPs, continuation of revised NRSPs and continuation of existing NRSPs; advocating for the NRSP system by assuring a documentation system is in place including development of impact analysis; and assuring that the NRSP portfolio is monitored and is responsive to research support needs identified by ESCOP or the NRSP RC. The NRSP RC shall be subject to all procedures and policies in the current NRSP Guidelines. The Chair of this committee serves a two-year term and rotates among the four regions in the following order: NCRA, WAAESD, NERA, and SAAESD.

- The membership of the NRSP RC is comprised of (members are voting unless indicated otherwise): One representative from each of the four SAES regions appointed by the regional association chair and one from the ARD region, appointed by the ARD Chair
- Two EDs (in rotation) one to serve as Executive Vice-Chair and one as member (ex-officio)
- One representative from Extension appointed by the ESCOP Chair following the recommendation of the ECOP Chair
- One representative from NIFA following the recommendation of the NIFA Director
- One stakeholder representative, possibly a CARET representative, appointed by the ESCOP Chair

Science and Technology Committee. The ESCOP Science and Technology Committee (STC) is charged with promoting and enhancing science and technology in the Land-grant university system. The committee will assist ESCOP to identify future directions, and anticipate and respond to research needs and opportunities for funding. The committee will assist in linking science and technology programs to multistate and national research programs. The committee will recommend how ESCOP will respond to reports, recommendations, and planning documents from the national science community. This committee will provide guidance to ESCOP strategic planning and priority setting. **Lastly, the STC serves as the review team for the**

ESS Award for Excellence in Multistate Research making a recommendation to the ESCOP EC which provides final approval. **5**

The Science and Technology Committee is comprised of (members are voting unless indicated otherwise):

- Chair
- Two representatives from each of the five SAES/ARD regions, one serves as Vice-Chair
- One ED (non-voting) to serve as Executive Vice-Chair
- Non-voting liaison and ex-officio representatives from the following organizations:
 - ARS
 - ERS
 - NIFA
 - Chair of the National Integrated Pest Management Committee (NIPMCC)
 - Chair of the Social Sciences Subcommittee (SSSC)
 - Other organizations including OSTP, other COPs and other federal agencies as appropriate (i.e., NASA, EPA, DOE)

ESCOP Subcommittees

ESCOP subcommittees may also be established by the ESCOP Chair. Subcommittees are established for an indefinite period of time to guide the administrative and operational functions of ESCOP.

All subcommittee officers shall serve a one (1) year term, with two exceptions. All subcommittee Chairs and Chair-Elects may be elected to serve a second, one (1) year term. The Chairs of all ESCOP Subcommittees are to be selected based on their ability and willingness to serve, without regard to rotation by region or by seniority of service on the subcommittee.

ESCOP Committee Reports

The annual committee reports shall include (as applicable to each committee) information on:

- The committee's previous year actions and activities, including those of any subcommittees.
- The committee's plans for the next year, vis-a-vis the committee's charge.
- Specific requests for ESCOP or Section approval of committee actions or recommendations.
- Suggestions concerning the committee's future.
- Committee membership changes.

These reports may be delivered as agenda briefs at any of the ESS, ESCOP, and/or ESCOP EC meetings and will be recorded in the meeting's minutes.

ESCOP Publications

Proposals to prepare publications by ESCOP, its committees and subcommittees, or any special group representing ESCOP, should be submitted to the ESCOP Chair and be approved by ESCOP in advance of preparation. Procedures for undertaking an ESCOP publication are outlined in "Publication Procedures" on the ESCOP website. The ESCOP website will serve as the repository for all ESCOP publications.

ARTICLE VIII -- ASSESSMENTS AND BUDGETS

Assessments

Assessments that are invoiced through APLU shall be a single annual request and conducted in an orderly process in accordance with the following schedule:

- Referendum development shall be discussed at the Spring ESCOP meeting, or at the Summer ESCOP meeting.
- Written or electronic announcement of the intent to conduct a referendum shall be made to all Section members in August, once it is decided to proceed.
- Referendum voting shall be by written or electronic balloting conducted in September and/or October.
- Invoicing by APLU of member institutions shall be initiated in November/December, following the APLU annual meeting, if the referendum passes. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of those voting is required for adoption of an assessment referendum. All member institutions will be assessed, if the question passes.
- Assessment payments are due by June 30 of the next year.

Budgets

In August of each year, the ESCOP Chair and Chair-Elect, with their ED's assistance, will create an annual budget for the upcoming year. This budget will be presented to the ESS/ARD during the annual business meeting for approval by a simple majority of those voting. At each subsequent ESCOP meeting during the year, the Chair will provide budget updates as a regular component of the Interim Actions Agenda.

In the circumstance that expenditures for the specified purpose of the assessment(s) is met, any additional expenditure deemed to be important and beneficial to ESS/ARD may be considered by the ESCOP EC.

The Chair of ESCOP may authorize the expenditure of assessed funds up to \$5,000 with a simple majority of the ESCOP EC. Expenditure of funds greater than \$5,000 requires the approval of ESS/ARD by a direct vote during the year or as a vote during the ESS budget approval process.

ARTICLE IX -- QUORUM

For purposes of doing ESS/ARD or ESCOP business, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the duly constituted voting membership at any officially called meeting for which a written notice

and agenda are sent out at least one (1) week in advance of the meeting. A simple majority resolves all issues except amendments to the Rules of Operation and questions on financial assessments, which shall require a two-thirds majority of those voting.

For the annual ESCOP meeting and the ESS/ARD Section business meeting, a voting member not in attendance may designate a proxy, executed in writing (email), and received by the Executive Vice-Chair prior to the specific meeting. The proxy, valid for only the specified meeting, must be a non-voting member of ESCOP or ESS/ARD, depending on the specific meeting. Only one actual vote is allowed per member, either as a regular voting member or by proxy. 4

For formal action outside of a regular meeting, the designated members (ESCOP EC, ESCOP, ESS/ARD) may take action without a meeting. A detailed description of the action to be taken shall be circulated two (2) weeks prior to the action. The action will be approved, if a majority of all committee members give consent. 4

ARTICLE X -- PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The emphasis in all ESS/ARD and ESCOP meetings shall be on orderly process to achieve an objective decision by those present and voting. Should there be a parliamentary challenge, it shall be answered by referring to the most current edition of Roberts' Rules of Order.

ARTICLE XI -- AMENDMENT TO RULES OF OPERATION

These Rules of Operation may be amended at any business meeting of the Section provided the proposed amendment has been mailed, electronically or in hard copy form, to all members at least 30 days in advance of the annual meeting and the question is passed by a two-thirds majority of the voting members present at the meeting.

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Item 3.4: NRSP-RC Ballot Recommendations

Presenters: Fred Servello, Rick Rhodes, David Leibovitz

Ballot: NRSP RC motions for consideration by the Experiment Station Section. September 25, 2019

Station: _____

Motion 1. Reduce the final year budget of NRSP6 (**The US Potato Genebank: Acquisition, Classification, Preservation, Evaluation and Distribution of Potato (*Solanum*) Germplasm**) by 10% to \$135,000.

Approve _____

Reject _____

Abstain _____

Motion 2. Renew NRSP3 (**The National Atmospheric Deposition Program [NADP]**) and its annual budgets of \$50,000 (FY2020-FY2024.) Annual budgets are contingent upon progress toward project objectives and satisfactory mid-term review.

Approve _____

Reject _____

Abstain _____

Motion 3. Renew NRSP10 (**Database Resources for Crop Genomics, Genetics and Breeding Research**) and its annual budgets of \$488,140 (FY2020), \$463,906 (FY2021), \$510,302 (FY2022), \$487,353 (FY2023), and \$500,088 (FY2024). Annual budgets are contingent upon progress toward project objectives and satisfactory mid-term review.

Approve _____

Reject _____

Abstain _____

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Agenda Item 8.0: Policy Board of Directors
September 25, 2019
Presenter: Gary Thompson

The BAA Policy Board of Directors met in Portland, OR, on April 11 and in Park City, UT, on July 24. Below are some highlights of discussion and decision items from both meetings. The next PBD meeting will be on November 12 in San Diego, CA, during the APLU Annual Conference.

1. APLU Update – Doug Steele

- Looking at meeting frequency, Policy Board of Directors will continue with 3 meetings per year
 - Need a Zoom conference this October to discuss budget request
 - May move spring PBD meeting to be in conjunction with CARET/AHS meeting in early March
- BAA needs an advocacy and legislative affairs person internal to APLU to handle a lot of day to day legislative issues and discussions, and interact with Federal agencies other than USDA
- Worried about long term damage to NIFA if we don't support the move and support the NIFA personnel going to Kansas City
 - Motion – Policy Board of Directors will send letter to NIFA and REE indicating that we will support NIFA in their transition to the new location; however the letter will not contain language in support of the move itself – Tom Coon/Gary Thompson – passed
- Marshall Steward is new chair of Committee on Legislation and Policy
- Changes in Policy Board of Directors chair duties
 - AHS liaison to CARET Board will also represent Policy Board of Directors, rather than PBD Chair
 - Outgoing Administrative Heads Section Chair will be FSLI Board member instead of PBD Chair
- Going through Ian Maw's old files, particularly on assessments, to try to improve accuracy of assessment calculations
- The BAA needs a Land-grant University Roadmap that represents all parts of Board on Agriculture Assembly and to help guide advocacy efforts

2. Communication and Marketing Committee – Steve Loring

- At April meeting, recommendation was made that the Policy Board of Director's Chair appoint the Communications and Marketing Committee as an ad-hoc committee of the Policy Board of Directors, with the charge of communicating and marketing for system – Motion to accept recommendation – Gary Thompson/Elaine Turner– Approved unanimously
- Also recommended that the kglobal contract be terminated ASAP – Motion to accept recommendation – Tom Coon/Mark Latimore – Approved unanimously
- The Communication and Marketing Committee is now discussing how to best market the Land-grant Universities' value and who the target audience should be

- Decided they needed to hire a marketing consultant for 1 year to help develop a strategic marketing plan for the Communication and Marketing Committee, this will be paid for with the funds remaining from the cancelled kglobal and Cornerstone contracts
 - Motion: Approve recommendation of Communication and Marketing Committee to hire consultant for one year to develop Communication and Marketing strategic plan, using CMC assessment funds already collected. Tom Coon/Gary Thompson – passed unanimously
3. Strategic Realignment – Ernie Minton
- Currently the budget realignment plan has 6 lines with no consolidation
 - NIFA plan is to reduce the budget request to 18 lines, but each of those comes from consolidation and/or elimination of current lines
 - Orlando and Doug will meet with Scott Angle in late August to talk about what committee has done and how that can be reconciled with NIFA’s proposal
 - Motion: Policy Board of Directors will thank the Realignment Committee for their work, accept their report, and disband the committee. Gary Thompson/Michele Rogers – passed
 - Policy Board of Directors will have a conference call after Orlando and Doug’s meeting with Scott to decide how to move forward on using the realigned budget for advocacy
4. Letter sign-on policy – Doug Steele and Orlando McMeans
- General guidelines that Doug has been using are
 - Do no harm to our advocacy efforts
 - Doesn’t diminish support for capacity lines
 - Aligned with our priorities
 - Need mechanism to decide faster if signing-on is appropriate
 - Currently use PBD, BAC, and Administrative Heads chairs to consult regarding sign-on
 - Motion to sign-on to Riley Memorial Foundation proposed joint position statement that expresses mutual interests and goals of increasing federal investments in all segments of an agricultural, food and natural resources research, education, Extension and outreach system and producing the best possible food and agricultural science to meet some of the greatest challenges of the 21st century – Michelle Rogers/Cindy Akers – Approved unanimously

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Item 9.0: 2019 ESS Business Meeting – Resolutions
Presenters: Deb Hamernik, George Hopper

For Deb Hamernik to read:

Retirement/New Positions

Be it resolved, the Experiment Station Section thanks those administrators who have left or retired from their positions in FY2019 and we hereby extend our congratulations to:

ARD – Bobby R. Phills, Southern University Agricultural Center; Orlando F. McMeans, West Virginia State University.

NCRA – None.

NERA - Thomas Vogelmann, University of Vermont; Jason Hubbard, West Virginia University; Cameron Faustman, University of Connecticut; Daniel Robison, West Virginia University.

SAAESD – Jacqueline (Jackie) Burns, University of Florida; Chris Ray, Clemson University; Reuben Moore, Mississippi State University.

WAAESD –Fred Shlutt, University of Alaska, Fairbanks; Mary Delany, University of California, Davis; Charles Boyer, Montana State University; Dan Arp, Oregon State University; Laura Lavine, Washington State University; H. Michael Harrington, Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Directors; Sarah Lupis, Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Directors; Bret Hess, University of Wyoming; John Tanaka, University of Wyoming.

Excellence in National Leadership (see the full Resolution for these outstanding leaders)

Be it resolved, the Experiment Station Section extends its heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to the recipients of the National ESS Excellence in Leadership Awards:

NCRA - Dr. Joe Colletti (Iowa State University)

NERA - Dr. Cameron Faustman (University of Connecticut)

WAAESD - Dr. Bret Hess (University of Wyoming)

SAAESD - Dr. Saied Mostaghimi (Virginia Tech)

ARD - Dr. Mortimer H. Neufville (1890s Universities Foundation)

Host Institution and Region

Be it resolved, the Experiment Station Section extends its thanks to George Hopper, Dean and Director, Mississippi State University; Eric Young, SAAESD Executive Director; Chuck Hibbard, Dean and Director, University of Nebraska – Lincoln; Rick Klemme, Executive Director CES/ECOP; Sandy Ruble, Assistant Director CES/ECOP; and the full Joint 2019 ESS/CES-NEDA planning team for hosting

an engaging and eventful meeting at the Marriott at Vanderbilt Hotel, Nashville, TN. We appreciated the productive section meetings, educational professional development opportunities, engaging joint sessions, and a fun, entertaining closing event at the Country Music Hall of Fame. We appreciate all their efforts to make this an excellent meeting.

For George Hopper to read:

Outgoing Chair

Be it resolved, the Experiment Station Section sincerely thanks Deb Hamernik of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln for serving as ESCOP Chair and promoting the best interests of the Section. We are all beneficiaries of your thoughtful leadership and excellent work.

A Resolution to Recognize the 2019 Experiment Station Section Awardees for Excellence in National Leadership

WHEREAS, the following individuals have served their own institutions, their Regional Associations, the Experiment Station Section and the Land-grant System in various leadership positions with exemplary distinction:

- Dr. Joe P. Colletti, Senior Associate Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Iowa State University
- Dr. Cameron Faustman, *former* Associate Dean College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources and Associate Director, Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station, University of Connecticut
- Dr. Bret W. Hess, *former* Director Wyoming Agricultural Experiment Station and Associate Dean for research, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Wyoming
- Dr. Saied Mostaghimi, Director, Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- Dr. Mortimer H. Neufville, President and Chief Executive Officer, 1890 Universities Foundation

WHEREAS, these leaders have personified the highest level of excellence by enhancing the cause and performance of the Regional Associations and Experiment Station Section in achieving their mission and the Land-grant ideal; and

WHEREAS, these leaders, through their many service activities exhibited by offices held, committee participation and unique assignments, have made very significant regional and national contributions that build programs and capacity; and

WHEREAS, these leaders have provided significant, dynamic and high quality performance with regional, national and/or international impacts and have a record of significant accomplishments in the agricultural sciences; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the members of the Experiment Station Section assembled at their annual meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, on September 25, 2019 congratulate Drs. Colletti, Faustman, Hess, Mostaghimi, and Neufville, as the 2019 Experiment Station Section Awardees for Excellence in National Leadership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we express sincere appreciation and gratitude to these leaders for their dedicated service and many valuable contributions to the Regional Associations, Experiment Station Section and the Land-grant System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that original copies of this resolution be provided to Drs. Colletti, Faustman, Hess, Mostaghimi, and Neufville and that a copy be filed as part of the official minutes of this meeting.

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