

ESCOP Science & Technology: <http://escop.info/committee/scitech/>

10/01/2021

1-2 pm PT, Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88134284585?pwd=enF0NmFIY25teUNKN3k5WUVoYUJ2UT09>

Meeting ID: 881 3428 4585; Passcode: STC

Committee Members:

<p>Chair: Bernie Engel (NCRA) Past Chair: Jody Jellison (NERA)</p> <p>Delegates: Alton Thompson (ARD) John Yang (ARD) Frank Casey (NCRA) Shibu Jose (NCRA) Indrajeet Chaubey (NERA) Mark Hutton (NERA) Susan Duncan (SAAESD) Nathan McKinney (SAAESD) Gene Kelly (WAAESD) Chris Davies (WAAESD)</p> <p>Executive Vice Chair: Bret Hess (WAAESD ED) Jennifer Tippetts (WAAESD Admin Mgmt.)</p>	<p>Liaisons: Robert Matteri (ARS) Wendy Powers (ECOP) Tim Conner (NIFA) Jim Farrar (NIPMCC) Tim Killian (SSCC)</p>
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Minutes:

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Bernie welcomed members as the new chair, especially after joining us last week.
2. **Roll Call** – Wendy Powers, Timothy Scott Killian, Robert Matteri, Jody Jellison, John Yang, Jim Farrar, Chris Davies, Bernie Engle, Gene Kelly, Nathan McKinney, Susan, Duncan, Bret Hess, Jennifer Tippetts (Recording Secretary).
3. **Liaison Updates, as needed**
 - a. **ARS** – The government did not shut down, currently operating under a continuing resolution until December 3rd. There is a spending limitation that is prorated during the continuing resolution, and labs are at a 25% occupancy rate. A plan is being formulated where most of the workforce can transition back starting January 3rd. Jody asked if all of ARS labs are at 25%? Robert reported that the limitations apply across the entire country as COVID rates are elevated. Jody noted that some employees are following university protocols, and some are following ARS protocol, which takes precedence? Robert shared that they continue to work with each university's current policy to work out details on a local level. Jody followed with a question on vaccination requirements, if ARS is working in a university lab with vaccination requirements, will ARS staff be

required to be vaccinated? Robert referred Jody to the local ARS contact. Bret offered to share the document from a meeting arranged by APLU between AES representatives and ARS. Bret noted the agreement was to practice the “rule of reason.”

- b. **NIPMCC**-Jim Farrar noted that Darren Mueller will be the new representative/liaison starting in November.
 1. Bret asked how can STC do a better job of supporting sub committees and specifically NIPMCC as they begin to develop the strategic plan? Jim shared strategic planning has just begun and they will reach out if STC can be assistance.
4. **Approval of meeting notes from 09/30/2021** –*Nathan moved to approve the minutes from 9/30/2021. John seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.*
5. **Review next steps, action items and deliverables for consideration at the APLU fall meeting** – Bret shared the next steps from the STC meeting at the ESS Fall meeting.
 - a. Susan shared that Gale Buchanan’s book on Branch Stations might be a good resource.
 - b. Gene asked if the director gave more clarification on equity in science. Bret shared that NIFA is asking for assistance defining equity in science.
 - c. An addition to the minutes is asking NIFA for support on the faculty research awards.
 - d. The group agrees the workplan is inclusive and can be used to generate a presentation. The presentation can be given to this group before it is formally presented to APLU.
 1. Bernie asked if this is too big of a working plan. Jody stated the plan is reasonable in scope, but the group needs to be flexible to respond to issues as they arise. Gene shared his confidence in the plan especially with the understanding that we may need to be flexible.
6. There is a significant overlap between the chair’s initiatives and the ESCOP Grand Challenges.
7. This group will be relied on heavily for providing content for the communications tool kit.
8. **Other business**- No other business at this time.
9. **Monthly Meeting Schedule**– Bret and Jenn apologized that the calendar invite sent with list serve did not come across as a calendar invite. They are going to work on sending those as calendar invites and encourage members to mark their calendars for the standing meeting.

***4-5 pm ET the first Monday of each month
November 1, December 6, February 7, March 7, April 4,
May 2, June 6, August 1, September 5***
10. **Adjourned**