

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

04/04/2022

1-2 pm PT, Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88134284585?pwd=enFONmFIY25teUNKN3k5WUVoYUI2UT09>

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 Recording Secretary)</p>	<p>Liaisons: Robert Matteri (ARS) Wendy Powers (ECOP) Kevin Kephart (NIFA) Daren Mueller (NIPMCC) Tim Killian (SSCC)</p>
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Minutes:

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Engel
2. **Roll Call** – Kathryn Boor (guest speaker), Bernie Engle, Chris Davies, Indrajeet Chaubey, Robin Schoen (guest speaker), Frank Casey, John Dryer, Gene Kelly, Wendy Powers, Jody Jellison, Kevin Kephart, Jose Shibu, Susan Duncan, David Leibovitz, Rick Rhodes, Bret Hess, Jennifer Tippetts (recording secretary)
 - a. **Guest Speaker** – Kathryn Boor, Chair of NASEM Committee (Blue-Ribbon Panel) on Enhancing Coordination Between Land-Grant Universities and Colleges. Robin Schoen, director of NASEM. <https://youtu.be/92lecVoivNY>
 - b. Kathryn presented highlights of the committee’s work and a draft report. Kathryn’s request for information is something STC will need to discuss because ESCOP Chair Pritsos would like STC to provide a recommendation on how ESS/ESCOP should respond to the NASEM Committee’s request for information.
 - c. The committee confirmed that results should be posted this week and asking for feedback in three weeks. There are essentially four sections, the largest section addresses the barriers. NASEM is asking for help in distributing the link requesting feedback. Feedback is requested from committees and individuals from STC and ESCOP.
 - d. Members discussed forming a response as a committee. Jodie suggested the timeline is too short to provide a thoughtful response. Is there any potential of adding a few weeks for comment? The group suggested asking for an extended deadline, especially given that it is the last two weeks of classes. Bret is going to follow up with Kathryn and Robin on quantity and quality of feedback, and the point and time in the semester for LGU. Kevin shared information from previous

emails that he believes preparation for the Farm Bill conversations is a driving force for the timeline.

- e. Members discussed starting with a survey to compile initial feedback or use of Padlet.
 1. For information, visit: <https://www.nationalacademies.org/our-work/enhancing-coordination-between-land-grant-universities-and-colleges#sectionProjectScope>.

3. **Liaison Updates, as needed**

ARS- John reported that they have a working budget and received a 9% increase in funding tied to 60 different projects. There are not specifics on where the funding will go at this time. The 25% occupancy cap has been raised, you will see more and more ARS staff back in the office. Most travel restrictions have been lifted. If the travel area is a high-risk area according to the CDC, there are more layers of approval required.

NIFA- Kevin reported Dr. Castille has stepped down as NIFA director and will be the Vice Chancellor of Agriculture at the University of Tennessee. Dionne Toombs will be Acting Director. Parag Chitnis is leaving for a position at the University of Wyoming. Brent Elrod will be replacing Parag as Acting Deputy Director.

4. **Approval of meeting notes from 02/07/2022** – Indrajeet moved to approve the minutes; Chris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Status of 2022 Work Plan** –

a. **Grand Challenges Template**

1. The templates are available, please continue to encourage use. One contact was made to inform us that the links distributed through the regional offices were broken. The broken links were fixed, and the hyperlink was added to the STC website and included below.
2. The first link available at: <http://escop.info/committee/stc/> reroutes to: https://colostate-my.sharepoint.com/personal/sdelheim_colostate_edu/_layouts/15/onedrive.aspx?id=%2Fpersonal%2Fsdelheim%5Fcolostate%5Fedu%2FDocuments%2FScience%20Roadmap%2F2022%20Grand%20Challenge%20Templates%20for%20State%2C%20Regional%20Use&ga=1.

- b. **Map of Branch Stations** – An attachment was included as a supportive document to the meeting agenda. The link to the map is provided on the agenda and on the supportive document. Also on the supportive document is the list of stations which have responded to the request to verify their information. We hope to have all responses before the next meeting. In the meantime, Jenn will begin working with CSU to update the new information. The updates will be made at one time once all results are collected.

1. Kevin noted that the font in the attachment is too small to read.
2. The map to be updated is available at: https://webdoc.agsci.colostate.edu/aes/wcrc/US_Map/.

c. **Regional Multistate Committee Crosswalk with NIFA Priorities and ESCOP Grand Challenges**

– Regional association offices were asked to crosswalk their multistate committee portfolios with the NIFA priorities Kevin provided in the chat box at our last meeting. In a subsequent discussion among the research EDs, it was decided to add the ESCOP Grand Challenges from the ESCOP Science

Roadmap. One region has completed the exercise. At least two of the regions are asking Administrative Advisors to verify initial categorization of alignment.

- d. See attached matrix
6. **Other business**
 - a. [Excellence in Multistate Research Award Nominations](#) – are to be submitted from the regional office to the STC Vice Chair on May 15. Evaluation of nominations will likely be the sole agenda item for our June 6 meeting.
7. **Monthly Meeting Schedule** – We are scheduled to meet 4-5 pm ET the first Monday of each month through September. The next two meetings are listed on the agenda. Again, the June 6 meeting will be dedicated to evaluation of the nominations for the Excellence in Multistate Research Award.
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4-5 pm ET the first Monday of each month
May 2 is the next meeting scheduled
June 6 for voting members of STC to evaluate nominations for the Excellence in Multistate Research Award
9. **Adjourn**