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**05/02/2022**

**1-2 pm PT, Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88134284585?pwd=enF0NmFlY25teUNKN3k5WUVoYUI2UT09>

Meeting ID: 881 3428 4585; Passcode: STC

**Committee Members:**

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| **Chair:** Bernie Engel (NCRA)  **Past Chair:** Jody Jellison (NERA)  **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)  **Executive Vice Chair:**  Bret Hess (WAAESD ED)  Jennifer Tippetts (WAAESD Recording Secretary) | **Liaisons:**  John Dryer ARS)  Wendy Powers (ECOP)  Kevin Kephart (NIFA)  Daren Mueller (NIPMCC)  Tim Killian (SSCC) |

**Attendance:** Bernie Engle, Chris Davies, John Dryer, Wendy Powers, Shibu Jose, Daren Muller, Frank Casey, Gary Thompson, Jody Jellison, Kevin Kephart, Nathan McKinney, Gene Kelly, John Yang, Susan Duncan, Bret Hess, Jennifer Tippetts (recording secretary)

**Minutes:**

1. **Comments on Blue Ribbon Panel Observations** –
   1. Padlet available at: <https://padlet.com/jennifertippetts/uxouq7dtpsw8pob2>
   2. Wendy shared that the committee discussed multi-state research projects and the importance of building partnerships. Is the mechanism that the HATCH funds are distributed allows adequate support 1862,1994, and 1890’s? It would be great if we could get more participation from 1890 and 1994’s. The 1890 do receive Even Allen’s funds, but they do not have a 25% funding restriction, like HATCH funding.
   3. Jodie promotes the multi-state funding option because extension and research can be integrated. This should be included when considering how to bring individuals together as we move forward.
   4. Gary commented on #9 and #12 could be a good place to incorporate multi-state funding at a higher level. Overall historical inequities in #7 have hindered 1890’s and 1994’s to be full partners with 1862’s.
   5. Bernie noted the incorrect assumptions on how institutions work. We need to modify institutional practices and recommendations that expect progress against modifications of institutional practices. The theme was in several places. For example, a tenure is not going to change because we make the recommendation. Wendy shared that we should also consider who will read the report and responses. Although no one on this committee can change the tenure, but if the report makes the recommendation, then that could influence a president along the way. Wendy stated that if there was an opportunity to get more HATCH funding with the understanding that additional funds would be required to be multi-state to promote collaboration. How can we influence resources in the future?
   6. Jodie noted the lack of awareness regarding the power from the multi-state systems that already works. There appeared to be an assumption that something needed to be built. We already have a system that works and can be built upon. How are people rewarded within institutions both monetarily and by promotion for collaboration vs PI lead endeavors? How is overhead reproportioned or redistributed? It is critical to be able to access some of this money that is not tied up in core operational costs such as salaries.
   7. Shibu questioned what prompted this? Kevin shared the history that this started under the past administration from Former Congressman Fortenberry. is a great opportunity.
   8. Susan shared that we always report on academic metrics, and the federal resources are looking for how to tell stories. Can we make our impact statements stronger to enable better story telling? Frank questioned if we need to emphasize our impact statements coming from multi-state projects? Should we invest funds into making them more impactful?
   9. Jodie questioned if we could add another bullet that addresses work that is already being accomplished; #1, doing a lot already and #2 build on pre-existing structure that is allowing more bang for our buck. Bernie agreed we are missing a preface. We have multi-state projects and multi-state collaboration. We have lots of examples of great impacts, yes, we can always improve, here are some opportunities for improvement.
   10. Kevin questioned if we could connect our HATCH funding with other opportunities that offer additional funding such as AFRI or NSF funds? Can we make these projects more successful to build the network and find key collaborators to get competitive funding?
   11. Jodie commented that the winners of the annual multi-state award are exemplary and should be leveraged as great examples and stories.
   12. Jodie also questioned if STC could ask, with the input from executive directors, for extension and research to put a paragraph together as a preamble?
   13. Bret noted that members support ESCOP, and ESCOP support a group of communicators that meet and review the national impact database and develop a series of stories across the nation.
   14. Susan questioned if we could use some of our applications to the multi-state awards to populate and create stories for the work that is already being done. This would showcase the multi-state component early.
2. **Liaison Updates, as needed** 
   1. **ARS**- John shared organizationally they are phasing into the workplace until May 27th. A lot of travel and meeting restrictions are being lifted.
   2. **ECOP**- Wendy shared that ECOP continues to work on their impact narrative including mining the database and collecting statements from directors outside of the database. Working on some documents that will be shared at the July meeting that will be used to promote the impacts of the corporative extension system.
   3. **NIFA**- Kevin noted travel restrictions are continuing to lift, NIFA is still reviewing travel critical based on funds.
      1. The department published their strategic plan and there are several strategy teams being put together for various topics. These committees are focused on core areas and hopefully will have results by the Ag Outlook Forum next February.
      2. Thanks to all the faculty who have been awarded grants. We had a AFRI SAS meeting in Kansas City, in person.
      3. Carrie Castile and Parage Chitnis have both resigned.
      4. Due date for letters of intent for SAS funding just closed.
   4. **NIPMCC**- Daren continues to meet monthly to work on strategic plan.
3. **Approval of meeting notes from 04/04/2022** –
   1. *Shibu moved to approve the minutes. Chris Davies seconded. Approved unanimously.*
4. **Status of 2022 Work Plan** –
   1. **Crosswalk**- All four regions are making progress; two regions are completed.
   2. **Interactive Map**-Jenn shared that we have received access to the map and plan on making one upload with updates from all states.
5. **Other business**
   1. [**Excellence in Multistate Research Award Nominations**](http://escop.info/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/2022-Excellence-Multistate-Research-Award.pdf) – The winner will be selected at the June 6th meeting. The applications are due May 15th and will be distributed as soon as they are collected. Liaisons will not need to attend the June meeting because the entire time will be used to select an award winner.
6. **Monthly Meeting Schedule** –

**4-5 pm ET the first Monday of each month**

***June 6 for voting members of STC to evaluate nominations for the Excellence in Multistate Research Award***

***July 5 cancelled***

***August 2***

***September 6***

1. **Adjourned**