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

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**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)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:** Rosalind James (ARS)Wendy Powers (ECOP)Kevin Kephart (NIFA)Daren Mueller (NIPMCC)Tim Killian (SSCC) |

**Agenda:**

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Engel
2. **Attendance:** Chris Davies, Daren Mueller, Frank Casey, Gary Thompson, Jody Jellison, John Yang, Nathan McKinney, Rosalind James, Bernie Engle, Susan Duncan, Gene Kelly, Alton Thompson, Bret Hess, Jennifer Tippetts (recording secretary)
3. **Liaison Updates, as needed**

**ARS**- John Dyer has been assigned a detail on behalf of ARS and they have assigned Dr. James as a replacement. Dr. James is the acting associate director and reviewed her background with the team.

**ECOP**- Wendy Powers is transitioning out as our liaison, and now is serving as the dean for Washington State University.

**NIFA**- Kevin sends his apologies because he had a conflict.

**NIPMCC**- Set our national coordinating committee. We will be meeting in Aims Iowa, October 19th & 20th. Continue to work on a strategic plan. We are going to be serving the IPM coordinators across the US and gathering data to go with the report to be discussed on an international level.

1. **Approval of August 1 Minutes-** Unanimous acceptance of minutes with one abstention.
2. **Preparation for In-Person Meeting** –
	1. [ESCOP Grand Challenge Briefs Templates](http://escop.info/grand-challenge-templates/)  - Thank you for your feedback on issues. The links have been transitioned to the ESCOP website for a more accessible location. Jody shared the intent is to generate a way to communicate to the public and policy makers that we are out in the communities and some of the work we do.
	2. [Interactive Map of Branch Experiment Stations](https://webdoc.agsci.colostate.edu/aes/wcrc/US_Map/) This has been updated to include updated information. Please take a moment to review and let us know if you have any additional changes. The committee discussed a timeline of updates on either a monthly or quarterly update. Jody recommended reaching out annually for updates.
	3. **Crosswalk of multistate portfolio**- We reached out and cross referenced multi state projects against emerging NIFA priorities and the ESCOP Grand Challenges. Now that we have this data, what is our next step? Most of the projects align with the HATCH projects. There are other areas such as DEIA that have much fewer projects.
	4. Bret asked if there is an opportunity to start a multi-state that could be proposed for the Climate Summit? Gene is waiting on the official approval from NIFA.
	5. Alton shared that ARD is working on a multi-state that is working on climate with nineteen schools participating with four goals: soil health, water security, environmental justice & equity and policy. There is good participation thus far and plan to meet in Atlanta in mid-October to bring this together.
	6. Gene shared the challenge is to develop the implementation plan.
	7. Susan shared that the USDA priorities are not necessarily research, such as market development in workforce development, those are impactful and relatable, but hard to say that we have many projects or encourage those as primary topics in multi-state. Bret shared if it was not as readily identifiable in some of the projects as objectives. Is this something we turn back to ED to look at multi-state guidelines to adjust and include some work in the area of DEIA. We have made a commitment to include DEIA in all aspects of our meetings, can we suggest to multi-states to be included on some level, but not necessarily as an objective.
	8. Gary suggested looking at southern regional development center. They are already looking into projects and might be able to develop a multi-state. Susan mentioned that she has a group that struggled with developing DEIA when they came to the multi-state portion of the project. Could we connect these two groups?
	9. The topic of the crosswalk will be on the agenda at the ESS meeting in Baltimore. Please bring any additional ideas to the next meeting.
	10. We have been able to secure a presentation by LBA from 1-2 pm. From 2-3 pm BLC and STC will have meetings. One meeting objective is to review the scope of work for the upcoming year.
		1. This year we will have a report from the digital marketing strategy. They are generating a new website for the public and the developers are asking for content for the new website.
3. **Meeting Schedule** –We will see you in Baltimore!

***ESS Annual Meeting, 2-3 pm ET on September 28***

1. **Adjourn**