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

**2.05.2024**

**4:00-5:00 pm CT**

NEW Zoom Link for 2024 <https://unr.zoom.us/j/81036274718?pwd=OHlHYXhkWlEyekI3NjcwREZ1dDJpZz09> Meeting ID: 810 3627 4718 Passcode: STC

**Committee Members:**

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| **Chair:** Nathan Slaton (SAAESD)  **Past Chair:** Bernie Engel (NCRA)  **Delegates:**  Alton Thompson (ARD)  John Yang (ARD)  Frank Casey (NCRA)  Shibu Jose (NCRA)  George Criner (NERA)  Jason Hubbart (NERA)  Nathan McKinney (SAAESD)  David Monk (SAAESD)  Gene Kelly (WAAESD)  Greg Cuomo (WAAESD)  **Executive Vice Chair:**  Bret Hess (WAAESD ED)  Jennifer Horton (WAAESD Recording Secretary) | **Liaisons:**  Tara McHugh (ARS)  Kevin Kephart (NIFA)  Roger Magarey (NIPMCC)  Tim Killian (SSCC) |

**Agenda:**

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Bret welcomed members on behalf of Chair Slaton and asked everyone to introduce themselves since there were several new members joining for the first time.
2. **Roll Call** – Nathan Slaton, Roger Magarey, David Monks, Bret Hess, Nathan McKinney, Gene Kelly, Greg Cuomo, Kevin Kephart, Jason Hubbart, Jeanette Thurston, Jennifer Horton (recording secretary).
3. **Results of December 13 poll regarding launching the Agricultural Research Innovation Award of Excellence** – Bret shared that he received 9 out of 10 anticipated responses, and it was determined to attempt launching the final cleaned up version of the call for nominations. agInnovation is sponsoring up to $5,000 for travel of the national award winner to receive an award plaque at the agInnovation annual meeting and AAAE membership for each regional award winner. The deadline was less than a month out from when the call for nominations was released. Bret asked if we should postpone the deadline for the leadership and researcher award from February 1st to February 29th? Nathan McKinney moved to move the deadline from February 1st to February 29th. Seconded by Gene. Motion passed unanimously.
   1. **Launch the award in 2024 using a clean version *of the last draft* of the call for nominations.**



1. **Approval of December 4 Minutes**

Gene moved to accept the minutes. David seconded the minutes. The minutes passed unanimously.



1. **Supporting the agInnovation Chair** – One of the requests made to STC was to populate the agInnovation Research Strategy Work Group with members from each of the regions. This has been completed.
   1. **agInnovation Research Strategy Working Group-** The group is working with a facilitator over Zoom to prepare for an in-person meeting March 6-8, 2024, in Chicago.
2. [**National Climate Change Roadmap**](https://agsci.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/National-Climate-Change-Roadmap_November-2023.pdf) – Gene Kelly shared the process and outcomes of the National Climate Change Roadmap.

[**National Climate Change Roadmap (colostate.edu)**](https://agsci.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/National-Climate-Change-Roadmap_November-2023.pdf)

This is a framework for next steps for climate change that engages the scientific community. Gene was asked if recommendations in the roadmap are expected to flow into USDA. The process started in November 2022 and the climate commodity program was just taking off. Thus far it has been used by a variety of groups. Kevin shared that the roadmap was part of the conversation.

Kevin noted that this project was funded with an AFRI grant. Future applications can be submitted to add or modify content in the roadmap.

1. **Liaison Reports** –

**NIFA-** Kevin shared that a climate hub MOU signed by the REE Undersecretary, ECOP, and ESCOP expired in 2019. The Extension Foundation and ECOP are reviewing the MOU and will have an updated draft to agInnovation in the near future.

1. **Future Topics for Discussion/Ideas for 2024-2025 Workplan** – Slaton
   1. **Capacity Funding Acknowledgement**
   2. **Open Access/Data Commons**



1. **Meeting Times Reminder** – 4-5 pm ET the first Monday of each month
2. **Currently scheduled meetings: March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, ~~July 4,~~ August 5, ~~September 2~~**
3. **Adjourn**