

# **Regional Associations**

***Who, Where, When ,Why and What***

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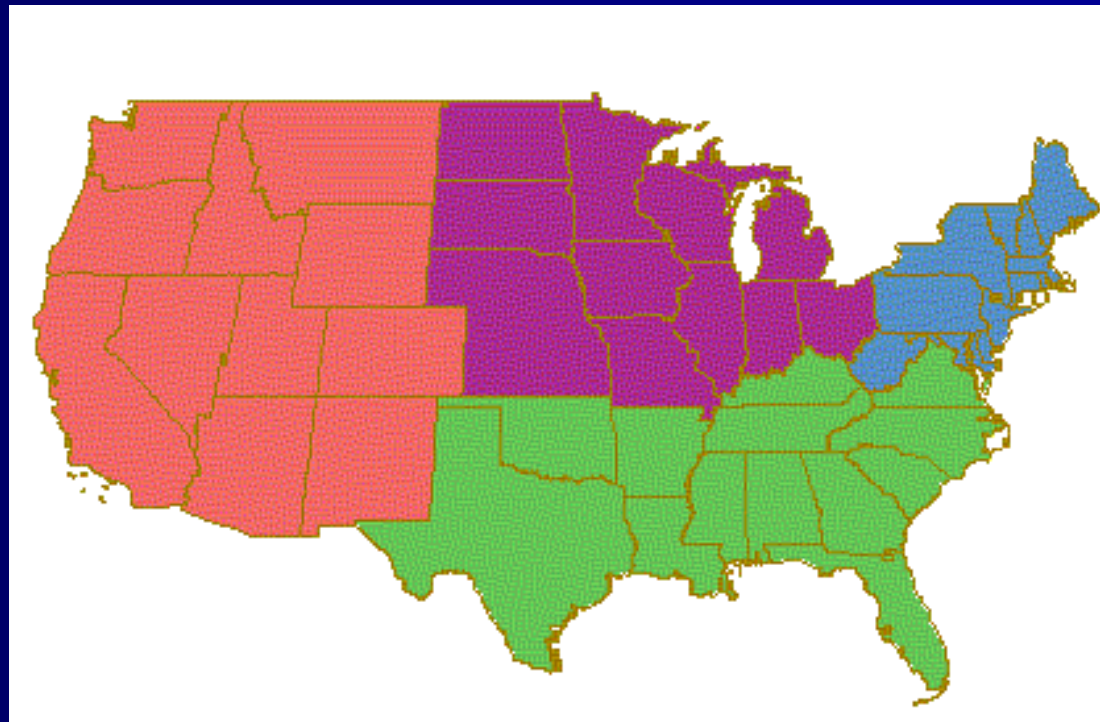
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# *Early History*

- The Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations (Oct. 1887)
- ESCOP <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/escop/>
  - The oldest of the “COPs”, formed in 1905 with 6 Directors who monitored the system and developed administrative mechanisms
  - Formed, in part, to meet the need to plan and organize research and to make results accessible

# *Regional Designation*

- “Regional” affiliations based on common geography and problems



## *Why?*

- The Research and Marketing Act of 1946 set aside 25% of Title 1, Section 9 (Hatch funds) for regional research
- This resulted in the regional associations being formally constituted over the next two years.

# **NERA**

**Est. 1947**

***Dr. Tom Fretz, Executive Director***

***Ms. Rubie Mize, Admin. Assistant***

***[www.agnr.umd.edu/users/NERA/](http://www.agnr.umd.edu/users/NERA/)***

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# **NCRA**

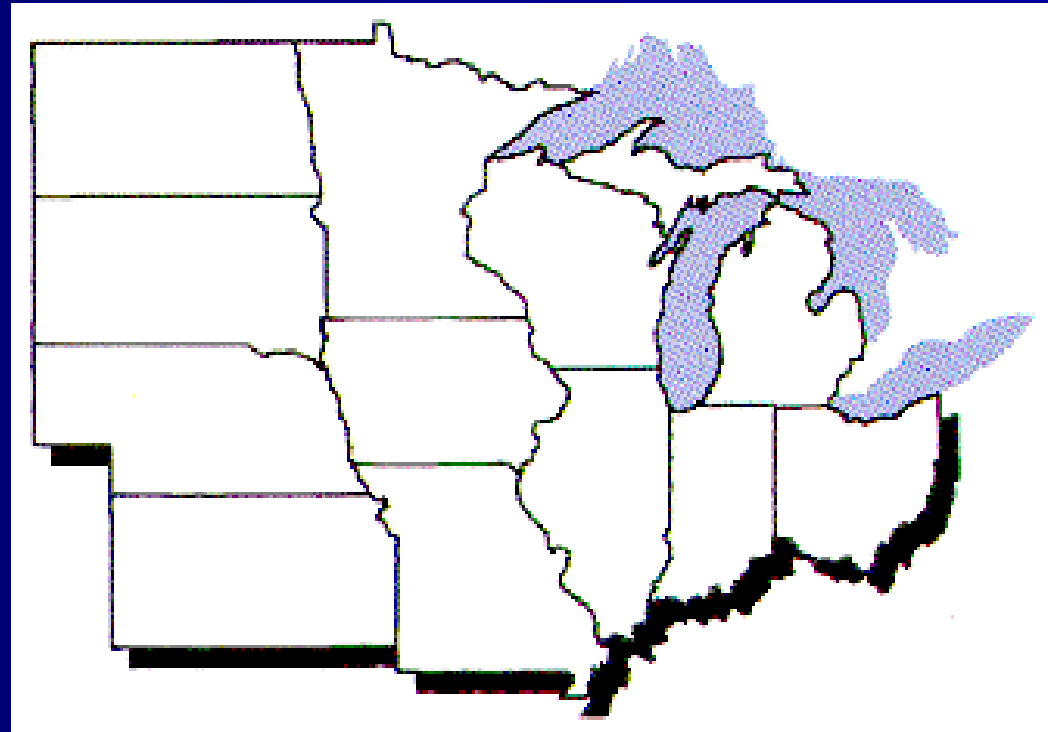
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# **SAAESD**

**Est. 1946**

***Dr. Eric Young, Executive Director***

***Ms. Donna Pearce, Admin. Assistant***

***<http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/saesd/>***

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# **WAAESD**

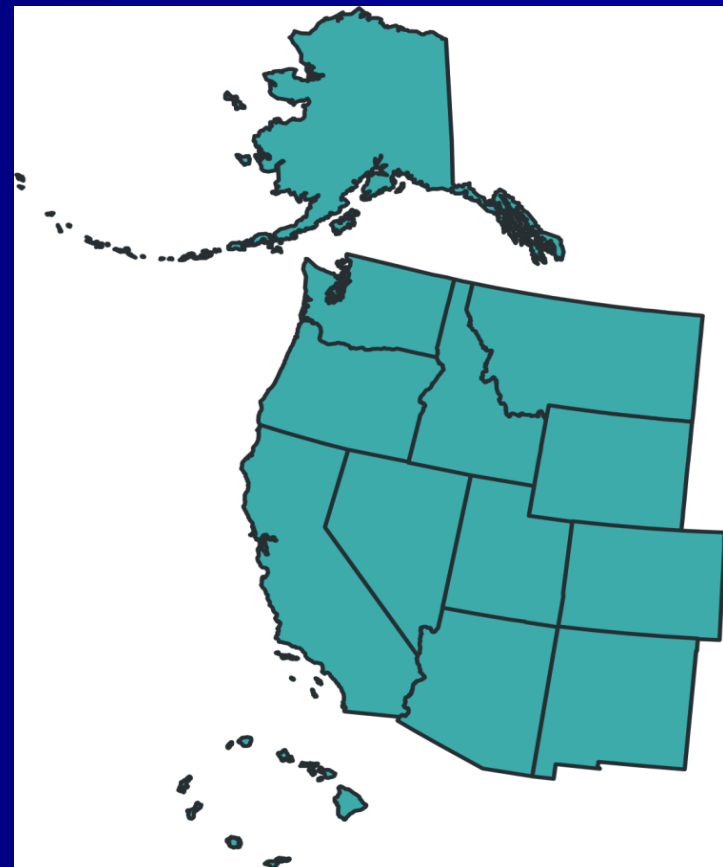
**Est. 1948**

***Dr. H. Michael Harrington, Executive Director***

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# **ARD**

**Est. 1972**

***Dr. Samuel Donald, Executive Director***

***Ms. Ida Mbye, Admin. Assistant***

***[www.umes.edu/ard/](http://www.umes.edu/ard/)***

**Alabama A & M Univ.  
Alcorn State Univ.  
Delaware State Univ.  
Florida A & M Univ.  
Fort Valley State Univ.  
Kentucky State Univ.  
Langston Univ.  
Lincoln Univ.  
North Carolina A & T State Univ.  
Prairie View A & M Univ.**

**Association of Research Directors**



**1890 Land-Grant Universities**

**South Carolina State Univ.  
Southern University and A&M College  
Tennessee State Univ.  
Tuskegee Univ.  
University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff  
University of Maryland - Eastern Shore  
Virginia State Univ.  
West Virginia State College**

# *History*

- WAAESD hires "Recording Secretary" (1960)
- The first "Directors at Large"
  - George Browning, NCRA (Apr. 1966)
  - Louis E. Hawkins, SAAESD (Oct. 1966)
  - Mark Buchanan, WAAESD (Feb. 1967)
  - Henry R. Fortmann\*, NERA (fall 1967)
- DAL to Executive Director (1991-92)

\* "Regional Coordinator"

# *Structure and Operations*

- Bylaws/Rules of Operation
- Chair and Executive Committee
- Multistate Review Committee
- Regional Office
  - Executive Director
  - Administrative Assistant
- A portfolio of multistate projects
  - Research projects
  - Coordinating Committees, ERAs, DCs, etc.
- Region-wide support

# *Activities*

- Organize, coordinate and manage multistate activities
- Facilitate project development
- Plan and conduct project reviews
- Manage the region's portfolio of active projects
- Assure that Region's needs and perspectives are presented

# *Regional Offices*

- Executive Director, Administrative Assistant
- Oversee and facilitate regional portfolio and other activities
- Liaison with USDA CSREES multistate programs office
- Maintain Association minutes and project records
- Serve as the administrators of the National Information Management Support System (NIMSS) <http://www.nimss.umd.edu/>

# *Executive Director*

- Regional Responsibilities
  - Facilitate agendas, regional partnerships, planning and special projects
  - Oversee and facilitate regional portfolio and other activities
  - Facilitate program accountability
  - Liaison with USDA-CSREES
  - Develop communications on behalf of the region
  - Facilitate communications and keep members informed
  - Represent Directors on Boards and Committees

# *Executive Director*

- National Responsibilities
  - Provide staff support to standing committees of ESCOP (and BAA as needed)
  - Work with USDA-CSREES, APHIS, ARS, etc
  - Link with NASULGC efforts
  - Special task forces, initiatives, position papers
  - Represent Directors on Boards (e.g. NIAS)
  - Facilitate communications and keep members informed
  - National Multistate Coordinating Committee

# *Western Region*

- Western Directors office is jointly supported by AES, CES and academic programs (AP)
- Special efforts to integrate R, E and I into the multistate portfolio
- Multistate review committee (RCIC) comprised of AES, CES and AP Directors



# *Interesting Reading*

- State Agricultural Experiment Stations  
*A History of Research Policy and Procedure*  
Knoblauch, Law and Meyer (1962)
- The Legacy - A Centennial History of  
the State Agricultural Experiment  
Stations  
Kerr (1987)