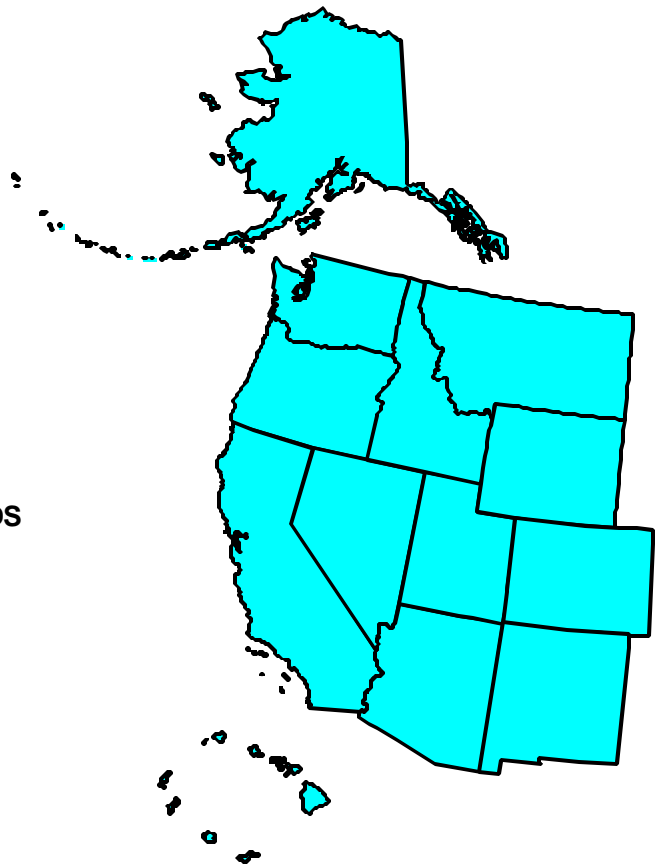


**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION DIRECTORS**

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NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OREGON
UTAH
WASHINGTON
WYOMING**



**Big Sky Resort
Big Sky, MT
July 14-17, 2002**

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

1.	Agenda and Minutes were approved as posted on the WAAESD web site.	5
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3.	Approved evaluation process for position of Executive Director to take place in March 2003 by the Chairs of Western Extension Directors, Western Agricultural Experiment Station Directors, and Western Academic Program Directors plus ESCOP Chair Heimsch	6
4.	Approved Treasurer's Report	10
5.	Approved the proposal for multistate project W1002 "Nutrient Bioavailability--Phytonutrients and Beyond (from W143)" for five years, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2007	14
6.	Approved the proposal for multistate project W177 "Enhancing the Competitiveness of U.S. Meats" for five years, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2007	14
7.	Approved the proposal for multistate project W185 "Biological Control in Pest Management Systems of Plants" for five years, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2007	14
8.	Approved the proposal for multistate project W1003 "Parent and Household Influences on Calcium Intake Among Preadolescents (from W191)" for five years, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2007	14
9.	Approved the proposal for multistate project W1001 "Population Change in Rural Communities" for five years, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2007	14
10.	Approved the proposal for the coordinating committee WCC060 "Science and Management of Pesticide Resistance" for five years, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2007	14
11.	Approved a one-year extension of W193 "Resilience to Violence Among At-Risk Youth" from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003	15
12.	Approved a one-year extension of W122 "Improve Food Safety Through Discovery and Control of Natural and Induced Toxicants and Antitoxicants" to allow the committee to complete work on current objectives	15
13.	Approved the proposal for multistate project W133 "Benefits and Costs of Natural Resources Policies Affecting Public and Private Lands" for five years, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2007	15
14.	Approved the extension of WCC109 "Seafood Marketing and the Management of Marine and Aquacultural Resources" for one year, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003	15
15.	Approved the proposal for coordinating committee WCC001 "Beef Cattle Breeding in the Western Region" for five years, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2007	15
16.	Approved a one-year extension for WCC043, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003	16
17.	Approved establishment of ad hoc WCC_temp161 "Managed Grazing Systems for the Intermountain West" for one year, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003	16
18.	Approved the proposal for the coordinating committee WCC1001 "Reduction of Error in Rural and Agricultural Surveys" for five years, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2007	16
19.	Approved the establishment of ad hoc WCC_temp361 "Coordination of Western Regional Extension Forestry Activities" for one year, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003	16
20.	Elected the slate of officers as proposed by the Executive Committee.	38
21.	To have the 2003 Spring Meeting in Kauai, HI during March 22-27, 2003.	56
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Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

Big Sky, MT
July 14-17, 2002

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

ALASKA	Carol E. Lewis	NEW MEXICO	LeRoy Daugherty
ARIZONA	C. Colin Kaltenbach	OREGON	Mike Burke
CALIFORNIA	Henry Vaux		C. Y. Hu
COLORADO	Lee E. Sommers	UTAH	Donald Snyder
HAWAII	Andy Hashimoto	WASHINGTON	Ralph Cavaliere
	C. Chan-Halbrendt		Sandra Ristow
IDAHO	Richard Heimsch	WYOMING	James J. Jacobs
MONTANA	Sharron Quisenberry	CSREES	Gary Cunningham
MICRONESIA	Singeru Singeo		Edward "Ted" M. Wilson
NEVADA	Ronald Pardini	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	H. MICHAEL HARRINGTON
	David Thawley	OFFICE-EXEC. DIR.	Harriet Sykes

Agenda WAAESD Summer Meeting 2002 Big Sky Resort Big Sky, MT

Sunday, July 14

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. RCIC Meeting – **Lamar/Gibbon Rooms**
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting – **Shoshone Boardroom**

Monday, July 15

WAAESD Meeting

Lamar

3:30	1.0	Call to Order	L. Daugherty
3:35	2.0	Welcome	L. Daugherty
3:40	3.0	Approval of Agenda & Minutes of March 2002 Meeting (http://129.82.121.243/webpub/sp2002min.pdf)	L. Daugherty
3:45	4.0	Chair's Report, Interim Actions, Executive Committee Report	L. Daugherty
4:00	5.0	Treasurer's Report	S. Quisenberry
4:15	6.0	BAA Strategic Plan	C. C. Kaltenbach
4:35	7.0	ESCOP Report	J. Jacobs/R. C. Heimsch
5:00		Adjourn for the Day	

Tuesday, July 16

Joint WAAESD-WED-WAP-WIADA Meeting

North Mammoth

8:00	8.0	RCIC Report	V. McCracken
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8:15	9.0	RCIC Panel Discussion	L. Daugherty
9:10	10.0	Overview of Western Region Multistate Projects	H. M. Harrington
9:30	Break		

Wednesday, July 17

Reconvene WAAESD Meeting

Lamar

8:00	11.0	ARS Report [No Report]	A. Betschart
8:20	12.0	NAPFSC Report [No Report]	P. Brown
8:30	13.0	Western Rural Development Center Report	S. Daniels
8:45	14.0	Executive Director's Report	H. M. Harrington
9:00	15.0	Election of Officers	
9:30	Break		
10:00	16.0	Site Security	J. Jacobs, L. Sommers, H. M. Harrington
10:20	17.0	Discussion of Items on the Consent Agenda	L. Daugherty
11:00	18.0	Discussion of Meeting Format	L. Daugherty
11:15	19.0	Future Meetings	
		19.1 2002 Fall AES Meeting	J. Jacobs
		19.2 2003 Spring Meeting	C. Chan-Halbrendt
		19.3 2003 Joint Summer Meeting	T. Dutson
11:30	20.0	Resolutions	R. Cavalieri/D. Snyder
11:40	21.0	Other Business	L. Daugherty
12:00	Adjourn		

Consent Agenda: (Agenda Briefs Only)

17.1	State Reports	All
17.2	ESCOP Advocacy/Marketing	H. P. Rasmussen
17.3	ESCOP Budget & Legislative Committee	J. Jacobs
17.4	ESCOP Science & Technology/Impact Assessment	R. Pardini
17.5	ESCOP Partnership Committee	L. Sommers
17.6	ESCOP Planning Committee	L. Daugherty
17.7	ESCOP Homeland Security Task Force	D. Thawley
17.8	ECOP Liaison	J. Jacobs

Agenda Briefs

Agenda Item 1.0 Call to Order

Presenter: LeRoy Daugherty
Background:

WAAESD Chair, LeRoy Daugherty, called the meeting to order.

Action Requested: For Information

Agenda Item 2.0
Welcome

Presenter: LeRoy Daugherty

Background:

WAAESD Chair LeRoy Daugherty, welcomed participants to Big Sky, MT. The attendees introduced themselves.

Action Requested: For Information

Agenda Item 3.0
Approval of Agenda and Minutes of March 2002 Meeting

Presenter: LeRoy Daugherty

Background:

WAAESD Chair LeRoy Daugherty, requested approval of the following items:

- Agenda
- Minutes from the March, 2002 meeting in Las Cruces, NM
(<http://129.82.121.243/webpub/sp2002min.pdf>)

Action Requested: Approval of agenda and minutes

Action Taken: Agenda and Minutes were approved as posted on the WAAESD web site.

Agenda Item 4.0
Chair's Report, Interim Actions, Executive Committee Report

Presenter: LeRoy Daugherty
Background:

Daugherty reported that the Executive Committee had met July 14, 2002. Items discussed were:

(1) Interim action taken; **Approved extension of NRSP3 for one-year, from 10/1/2002 to 9/30/2003.** The proposal for continuation of NRSP3 was not evaluated by RCIC at the Spring Meeting. Due to staffing commitments at the University of Illinois, the continuance of NRSP3 needed to be established prior to July 1, 2002. As the Western Directors had approved off-the-top funding for NRSP3 for 2003, the extension was approved by a majority of the members of the WDA Executive Committee.

(2) Proposed slate of officers for 2003;

Chair-elect	Ralph Cavalieri (WA)
Secretary	Lee E. Sommers (CO)
At-Large Members Executive Committee	Don Snyder (UT) Catherine Chan-Halbrendt (HI)
RCIC	Sandra Ristow (WA) Ching Yuan Hu (OR)
Resolutions	Ching Yuan Hu (OR)
WRDC	Catherine Chan-Halbrendt (HI) James J. Jacobs (WY)

(3) Evaluation process for Executive Director performance

The evaluation of the ED will take place in March 2003 by the Chairs of WED, WAAESD, and WAPD plus ESCOP Chair Heimsch.

Prior to the evaluation, the ED is to write a narrative of his activities since July 2001 and state his goals for the next year.

Action Requested: Approval of Executive Committee recommendations.

Action Taken:

- (1) **Approved extension of NRSP3 for one-year, from 10/1/2002 to 9/30/2003**
- (2) **Approved evaluation process for position of Executive Director to take place in March 2003 by the Chairs of Western Extension Directors, Western Agricultural Experiment Station Directors, and Western Academic Program Directors plus ESCOP Chair Heimsch**

**Agenda Item 5.0
Treasurer's Report**

Presenter: Sharron Quisenberry
Background:

**WESTERN DIRECTOR AT LARGE
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FY 2002**

11-Jul-02

ASSESSMENTS

		Payment	Balance Due
Am Samoa	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
Micronesia	600.00	600.00	0.00
Northern Marianas	600.00		600.00
Alaska	9,413.77	9,413.77	0.00
Arizona	16,363.40	16,363.40	0.00
California Balance deposited in WDA Spec Acct	25,096.01	12,309.01	12,787.00
Colorado	18,803.45	11,003.45	7,800.00
Guam	9,180.75	9,180.75	0.00
Hawaii	12,138.91	12,138.91	0.00
Idaho	14,550.01	14,550.01	0.00
Montana	15,360.47	15,360.47	0.00
Nevada	11,936.31	11,936.31	0.00
New Mexico	12,351.67	12,351.67	0.00
Oregon	18,511.11	18,511.11	0.00
Utah	16,117.67	16,117.67	0.00
Washington	24,545.73	24,545.73	0.00
Wyoming	13,830.74	13,830.74	0.00
Colorado Rent	(7,800.00)		(7,800.00)
Total	\$212,200.00	\$198,813.00	\$13,387.00

EXPENSE

	Income	Expense	Balance
Transaction			\$39,716.48
Balance forward			39,888.27
June Interest	171.79		38,021.45
United Travel - Harrington		1,866.82	236,834.45
FY2002 Assessments Received	198,813.00		236,999.20
July Interest	164.75		237,152.45
August Interest	153.25		237,152.45
September interest			237,289.45
October Interest	137.00		237,588.27
November Interest	298.82		237,863.79
December Interest	275.52		238,112.56
January Interest	248.77		238,314.11
February Interest	201.55		238,525.14
March Interest	211.03		238,590.25
Apr Interest	65.11		238,600.28
May Interest	10.03		235,100.28
June Interest			233,402.28
Montana Accounting Expense		3,500.00	232,695.77
AAA-Auto Carrier Broker		1,698.00	191,767.12
M Harrington		706.51	168,014.90
University of Wyoming Heil Apr-Jun		40,928.65	102,910.50
University of Wyoming - final Heil		23,752.22	51,455.25
CSU First/Second Qtrs		102,910.50	4,325.00
CSU Thrid Qtr		51,455.25	9,324.15
CSU Fourth Otr		4,325.00	\$9,324.16
	\$200,750.62	\$231,142.95	

**WESTERN DIRECTOR'S SPECIAL ACCOUNT
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FY 2002**

11-Jul-02

Assessments

NO ASSESSMENT FOR FY2002

		Payment	Balance Due
Alaska	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Arizona	0.00	0.00	0.00
California	0.00	0.00	12,787.00
Colorado	0.00	0.00	0.00
Guam	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hawaii	0.00	0.00	0.00
Idaho	0.00	0.00	0.00
Montana	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nevada	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Mexico	0.00	0.00	0.00
Oregon	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utah	0.00	0.00	0.00
Washington	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wyoming	0.00	0.00	0.00
Assessment Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,787.00

INCOME/EXPENSE

Date	Transaction	Income	Expense	Balance
06/25/01	Balance forward			\$157.78
YTD	FY2002 Income Received	\$12,787.00		12,944.78
07/09/01	June Interest	\$19.52		12,964.30
08/15/01	July Interest	\$0.39		12,964.69
09/10/01	August Interest	\$0.37		12,965.06
10/08/01	September Interest	\$0.33		12,965.39
11/09/01	October Interest	\$0.30		12,965.69
12/06/01	November Interest	\$0.26		12,965.95
01/11/02	December Interest	\$0.24		12,966.19
02/08/02	January Interest	\$0.22		12,966.41
03/08/02	February Interest	\$0.18		12,966.59
04/10/02	March Interest	\$0.18		12,966.77
05/07/02	April Interest	\$0.17		12,966.94
06/10/02	May Interest	\$0.17		12,967.11
Total		\$12,809.33	\$0.00	\$12,967.11

**WESTERN DIRECTOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FY 2002**

11-Jul-02

ASSESSMENTS

Alaska	\$683.14	\$683.14	\$0.00
American Samoa	200.00	\$200.00	0.00
Arizona	683.14	683.14	0.00
California	683.14	0.00	683.14
Colorado	683.14	683.14	0.00
Guam	683.14	683.14	0.00
Hawaii	683.14	683.14	0.00
Idaho	683.14	683.14	0.00
Micronesia	200.00	200.00	0.00
Montana	683.14	683.14	0.00
Northern Marianas	200.00	0.00	
Nevada	683.14	683.14	0.00
New Mexico	683.14	683.14	0.00
Oregon	683.14	683.14	0.00
Utah	683.14	683.14	0.00
Washington	683.14	683.14	0.00
Wyoming	683.14	683.14	0.00
Assessment Total	\$10,163.96	\$9,280.82	\$883.14

INCOME/EXPENSE

Date	Transaction	Expense	Balance
06/25/01	Balance forward		\$0.00
YTD	FY2002 Assessments Received	9,280.82	9,280.82
11/09/01	October Interest	\$5.96	9,286.78
12/06/01	November Interest	\$12.99	9,299.77
01/11/02	December Interest	\$11.98	9,311.75
02/08/02	January Interest	\$10.82	9,322.57
03/08/02	February Interest	\$8.76	9,331.33
04/10/02	March Interest	\$9.18	9,340.51
05/07/02	April Interest	\$3.66	9,344.17
06/10/02	May Interest	\$1.67	9,345.84
	June Interest		9,345.84
10/31/2001	CSU First/Second Qtrs	5,082.00	4,263.84
3/5/2002	CSU Third Qtr	2,541.00	1,722.84
5/22/02	CSU Fourth Qtr	1,700.00	22.84
Total		\$9,345.84	\$22.84

**WESTERN DIRECTOR EXTENSION ACCOUNT
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FY 2002**

11-Jul-02

ASSESSMENTS

		Payment	Balance Due
Am Samoa	\$925.41	\$925.41	\$0.00
Micronesia	1,013.25	1,013.25	0.00
Northern Marianas	901.12		901.12
Alaska	1,096.59	1,096.59	0.00
Arizona	1,896.52	1,896.52	0.00
California	7,634.48	7,634.48	0.00
Colorado	2,979.03	2,979.03	0.00
Guam	979.21	971.21	8.00
Hawaii	1,345.12	1,345.12	0.00
Idaho	2,704.23	2,704.23	0.00
Montana	2,533.37	2,533.37	0.00
Nevada	1,110.30	1,110.30	0.00
New Mexico	2,029.81	2,029.81	0.00
Oregon	3,588.71	3,588.71	0.00
Utah	1,657.18	1,657.18	0.00
Washington	4,209.91	4,209.91	0.00
Wyoming	1,510.76	1,510.76	0.00
Assessment Total	\$38,115.00	\$37,205.88	\$909.12

INCOME/EXPENSE

	Transaction	Income	Expense	Balance
06/25/01	Balance forward			\$194.18
YTD	FY2001 Assessments	37,205.88		37,400.06
07/09/01	June Interest	0.39		37,400.45
08/15/01	July Interest	0.39		37,400.84
09/10/01	August Interest	0.37		37,401.21
10/08/01	September Interest	0.33		37,401.54
11/09/01	October Interest	20.55		37,422.09
12/06/01	November Interest	44.43		37,466.52
01/11/02	December Interest	40.97		37,507.49
02/10/02	January Interest	36.99		37,544.48
03/08/02	February Interest	29.97		37,574.45
04/10/02	March Interest	31.38		37,605.83
05/07/02	Apr Interest	10.19		37,616.02
6/10/2002	May Interest	2.17		37,618.19
07/23/02	June Interest			37,618.19
10/31/01	CSU First/Second qtrs		19,057.50	18,560.69
03/05/02	CSU Third Qtr		9,528.75	9,031.94
05/23/02	CSU Fourth Qtr		9,000.00	31.94
Total		\$37,424.01	\$37,586.25	\$31.94

Action Requested: For Information
Action Taken: Approved Treasurer's Report
Discussion:

For those states who have not paid their assessments for FY2002, the balance due will be carried over and added to the assessment for FY2003.

The Executive Committee will evaluate the Special Fund account and determine what ESCOP travel is reimbursable. This will be done at the next Executive committee meeting or by use of a conference call.

Agenda Item: 6.0
BAA Policy Board of Directors

Presenter: Colin Kaltenbach
Background:

The PBD took the following actions at their recent meeting in Fresno, California:

1) Reaffirmed a previous conference call action of the PBD to accept, in principle, the plan put forward by ESCOP entitled "Organization and Management Plan: Initiatives in Agricultural Security". Chairman Buchanan will proceed with appointment of the permanent Board of Directors for the proposed National Institute for Agro-Security.

2) Finalized changes in the Rules of Operation. These will be reviewed and accepted at the July meeting. They will then be distributed to members of the Board on Ag Assembly (BAA) prior to the November NASULGC meeting where a vote on adoption will occur.

3) Reviewed and approved the bid document for our future advocacy organization. This will be finalized and put on the street in June. There will probably be a pre-bid meeting in DC to answer questions of prospective bidders. Proposals will be submitted within 30 days after the solicitation is on the street. These will be reviewed by the budget and advocacy committee (BAC) and their evaluations will be submitted to the PBD. It is planned that this will be finalized at the September PBD meeting.

4) Potential formulas for funding the advocacy effort were reviewed and will be discussed further in July and September.

5) A draft of a Strategic Plan for the BAA was reviewed. Copies of this will be distributed in the near future to the various COPS and constituent groups with a request that comments/suggestions be returned to the PBD by August 7th.

6) The Farm Bill Task Force was charged with appointing small work groups based on the various sections of the Farm Bill to work with the appropriate agency in development of implementation language, a critical step in the total process.

The PBD will meet again in Salt Lake City on July 21, 2002.

Action Requested: Review and comment on the proposed Strategic Plan for the BAA.

Agenda Item 7.0 ESCOP Report

Presenter: R. C. Heimsch/J. Jacobs
Background:

Since the ESCOP meeting of March 4 & 5, 2002 (previously reported), most of the ESCOP activities have involved the ESCOP Executive Committee and have focused upon deliberations and decisioning related to items advanced by the ESCOP Homeland Agro-Security Task Force. On April 18 & 19, 2002 a special meeting of the Executive Committee was called in Washington, D.C. specifically to receive the Task Force's white paper entitled "Organization and Management Plan: Initiatives in Agricultural Security" and to act on the recommendations advanced in the report. A "corner-stone" element of the report was the recommendation to create a National Institute for Agricultural Security (NIAS) as the coordinating and facilitating entity to engage Land-Grant university scientists effectively and efficiently to address the array agro-security research and outreach issues. The ESCOP Executive Committee members in attendance endorsed the Task Force's recommendations. A quorum of the Executive Committee subsequently endorsed the recommendations via teleconference on May 3, 2002. With these actions taken, the ESCOP Chair advanced the recommendations to the Board Assembly on Agriculture Policy Board for their consideration. The Policy Board endorsed the recommendations on May 22, 2002 via a special teleconference meeting and essentially reaffirmed this decision at the June 4 & 5, 2002 meeting of the Policy Board. Recently an "expanded" Task Force that includes the original members, plus the regional association executive directors and Terry Nipp, (which collectively are empowered to act as the initial, interim Board of Directors for NIAS), have met twice in Washington, D.C. (June 5 and June 24-25, 2002) to develop articles of incorporation and by-laws for the NIAS and pursue Federal funding opportunities for the "institute". ESCOP Chair Heimsch and Vice Chair Harrington attended these meetings.

The next ESCOP meeting will be the Joint "COPs" meeting scheduled July 21-24, 2002 in Salt Lake City. The SAES/ARD Workshop will be in Baltimore, MD, September 22-25, 2002.

Action Requested: For information

**Agenda Item 8.0
RCIC Report**

Presenter: Glen Whipple
Background:

**REGIONAL COORDINATION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE (RCIC)
REPORT
July 14, 2002**

March 20, 2002 Meeting Attendance
Las Cruces, NM

Members:

Vicki McCracken (AP-WA), Chair
Lee Sommers (AES-CO)
LeRoy Daugherty (AES-NM)
Don Snyder (AES-UT)
Barbara Allen-Diaz (AES-CA/B)
Mary McPhail Gray (CES-CO)
John Burton (CES-NV)
Linda Fox (CES-WA)
Bob Matteri (ARS)
Stan Sailsbery (CARET-CO)

Others Attending:

V. R. Reddy (ARS-MD)
Ching Yuan Hu (OR)
Steve Loring (NM)
Jerry Shickedanz (NM)
H. Michael Harrington (ED)

July 14, 2002 Meeting Attendance
Big Sky, MT

Members:

Glen Whipple (CES-WY), Acting Chair
Lee Sommers (AES-CO)
LeRoy Daugherty (AES-NM)
Don Snyder (AES-UT)
Mary McPhail Gray (CES-CO)
John Burton (CES-NV)
Linda Fox (CES-WA)
Stan Sailsbery (CARET-CO)

Others Attending:

H. Michael Harrington (ED)

Western Multistate Research Projects/Coordinating Committees Currently Scheduled to Terminate on or Before September 30, 2002 (! Requests were received for the March 20, 2002 RCIC Meeting and are itemized below: " Requests were received for the July 14, 2002 RCIC Meeting and are itemized below)

"	NRSP3	The National Atmospheric Deposition Program
!	NRSP5	Develop & Distribute Deciduous Fruit Tree Clones That are Free of Known Graft-transmissible Pathogen
"	W006	Plant Genetic Resource Conservation and Utilization
"	W122	Improve Food Safety Through Discovery and Control of Natural and Induced Toxicants and Antitoxicants
"	W133	Benefits and Costs of Resource Policies Affecting Public and Private Land
!"	W143	Nutrient Bioavailability--A Key to Human Nutrition
!"	W177	Enhancing the Global Competitiveness of U.S. Red Meat
!"	W183	Improvement of Rural and Agricultural Sample Survey Methods
!"	W185	Biological Control in Pest Management Systems of Plants
!"	W191	Factors Influencing the Intake of Calcium Rich Foods Among Adolescents
!"	W193	Resilience to Violence Among At-Risk Youth
"	WCC001	Beef Cattle Breeding in Western Region
"	WCC043	Management of Codling Moth and Related Moths in the Orchard Ecosystem
!"	WCC060	Science and Management of Pesticide Resistance
!"	WCC084	Community, Institutional Change and Migration in Rural America
!"	WCC109	Seafood Marketing and the Management of Marine and Aquacultural Resources
!"	WCC200	Housing and Related Issues for Enhancing Independence and Quality of Life for Community Populations
	ad hoc WCC	Small Farm Issues

THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RCIC ARE PRESENTED AS SECONDED MOTIONS.

1.0 Items reviewed from 3/02/02 Meeting

Extension – Multistate Project

- 1.1 NRSP5 "Develop & Distribute Deciduous Fruit Tree Clones That are Free of Known Graft-transmissible Pathogen" (CSREES approved one-year extension)

Revisions – Multistate Projects

- 1.2 w_temp121 (W143) "Nutrient Bioavailability--Phytonutrients and Beyond" (deferred at Spring Meeting for rewriting)

RCIC recommends approval of the proposal for multistate project W1002 "Nutrient Bioavailability--Phytonutrients and Beyond (from W143)" for five years, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2007.

- 1.3 w_temp141 (W177) "Enhancing the Competitiveness of U.S. Meats" (conditionally approved at Spring Meeting pending inclusion of CRIS search)

RCIC recommends approval of the proposal for multistate project W177 "Enhancing the Competitiveness of U.S. Meats" for five years, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2007.

- 1.4 w_temp061 (W185) "Biological Control in Pest Management Systems of Plants" (conditionally approved at Spring Meeting pending improvement of Outreach Plan)

RCIC recommends approval of the proposal for multistate project W185 "Biological Control in Pest Management Systems of Plants" for five years, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2007. RCIC encourages economist participation.

- 1.5 w_temp101 (W191) "Parent and Household Influences on Calcium Intake Among Preadolescents" (deferred at Spring Meeting for rewriting)

RCIC recommends approval of the proposal for multistate project W1003 "Parent and Household Influences on Calcium Intake Among Preadolescents (from W191)" for five years, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2007.

New Multistate Project

- 1.6 w_temp041 (new multistate project from WCC84) "Population Change in Rural Communities" (approved at Spring Meeting)

RCIC recommends approval of the proposal for multistate project W1001 "Population Change in Rural Communities" for five years, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2007.

Renewal – Coordinating Committee

- 1.7 w_temp081 (WCC060) "Science and Management of Pesticide Resistance" (tabled at Spring Meeting)

RCIC recommends approval of the proposal for the coordinating committee WCC060 "Science and Management of Pesticide Resistance" for five years, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2007.

SUMMER MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- 2.0 Requests for Project Extensions

- 2.1 NRSP3 "the National Atmospheric Deposition Program"

A one-year extension (to September 30, 2003) was approved by email survey of the Executive Committees of the four regional associations.

2.2 W006 "Plant Genetic Resource Conservation and Utilization"

A one-year extension (to September 30, 2003) was approved by email survey of the Executive Committee of the regional association.

2.3 W193 "Resilience to Violence Among At-Risk Youth"

RCIC recommends approval of a one-year extension of W193 "Resilience to Violence Among At-Risk Youth" from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003.

3.0 Requests for Project Revisions

3.1 w_temp341 (W122) "Beneficial and Adverse Effects of Natural, Bioactive Dietary Chemicals on Human Health and Food Safety"

RCIC recommends approval of a one-year extension of W122 "Improve Food Safety Through Discovery and Control of Natural and Induced Toxicants and Antitoxicants" to allow the committee to complete work on current objectives. The proposal for a multistate project w_temp341 "Beneficial and Adverse Effects of Natural, Bioactive Dietary Chemicals on Human Health and food Safety" is to be peer reviewed and resubmitted for the Spring 2003 meeting.

3.2 w_temp261 (W133) "Benefits and Costs of Natural Resources Policies Affecting Public and Private Lands"

RCIC recommends approval of the proposal for multistate project W133 "Benefits and Costs of Natural Resources Policies Affecting Public and Private Lands" for five years, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2007.

4.0 Requests For Establishment of New Projects

None

5.0 Requests For Establishment of Ad Hoc Technical Committees

None

6.0 Requests for WCC Extensions

6.1 WCC109 "Seafood Marketing and the Management of Marine and Aquacultural Resources"

RCIC recommends approval of the extension of WCC109 "Seafood Marketing and the Management of Marine and Aquacultural Resources" for one year, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003.

7.0 Requests for WCC Renewals

7.1 w_temp321 "Beef Cattle Breeding in the Western Region" (from WCC001)

RCIC recommends approval of the proposal for coordinating committee WCC001 "Beef Cattle Breeding in the Western Region" for five years, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2007. RCIC suggests that the committee increase extension involvement.

7.2 w_temp281 "Establishing Bio-Intensive Pest Management Programs for Western Orchard Systems" (from WCC043)

RCIC recommends approval of a one-year extension for WCC043, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003. The proposal for the coordinating committee w_temp281 "Establishing Bio-Intensive Pest Management Programs for Western Orchard Systems" is to be rewritten to address the following: change objectives to reflect the activities the committee plans to undertake; and add an educational plan. It is suggested that the administrative advisor look at the "Supplementary Guidelines for Western Multistate Research and Integrated Research/Extension/Teaching" and work with the writing committee to address the RCIC concerns and resubmit for the Spring 2003 meeting.

8.0 Requests for Establishment of New or Ad Hoc WCC's

8.1 w_temp161 "Managed Grazing Systems for the Intermountain West"

RCIC recommends approval of establishment of ad hoc WCC temp161 "Managed Grazing Systems for the Intermountain West" for one year, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003. It is suggested that the committee rewrite the proposal addressing the RCIC concerns and resubmit for the Spring 2003 meeting.

8.2 w_temp201 "Reduction of Error in Rural and Agricultural Surveys" (from W183)

RCIC recommends approval of the proposal for the coordinating committee WCC1001 "Reduction of Error in Rural and Agricultural Surveys" for five years, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2007.

8.3 w_temp361 "Coordination of Western Regional Extension Forestry Activities"

RCIC recommends approval of the establishment of ad hoc WCC temp361 "Coordination of Western Regional Extension Forestry Activities" for one year, from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003. The committee is encouraged to rewrite the proposal addressing the RCIC concerns and resubmit for the Spring 2003 meeting.

9.0 Follow-up of Ad Hoc Technical and Coordinating Committees

9.1 WCC- Small Farm Issues (no information received to date - to terminate 9/30/02)

10.0 Administrative Advisor Assignments - the following Administrative Advisor assignments are made, pending acceptance by the designated individuals:

10.1 W194 "Community Economic Development by Merchandising, Producing, and Distributing Textiles and Sewn Products" – M. Gray (CO) to replace S. Helmick (OR).

10.2 W1002 "Nutrient Bioavailability--Phytonutrients and Beyond" - K. Hinton (NV) or Tammy Bray (OR) to serve as replacement for R. Brown (USDA).

10.3 WCC037 "Maximizing the Effectiveness of Bees as Pollinators of Agricultural Crops" - G. DeGrandi-Hoffman to replace E. Erickson (ARS-AZ).

10.4 W171 "Germ Cell and Embryo Development and Manipulation for the Improvement of Livestock" - C.Y. Hu (OR) to replace L. J. (Kelvin) Koong (OR).

10.5 WCC110 "Improving Ruminant Use of Forages in Sustainable Production Systems for the Western U.S" - C. Y. Hu (OR) to replace L. J. (Kelvin) Koong (OR).

10.6 WCC204 "Animal Bioethics" - Doug Vincent (HI), Don Klingborg (CA-D), Ed Price (CA-D), Jim Males (OR), as possible replacements for P. Bloome (OR).

- 10.7 W1001 "Population Change in Rural Communities" – L. K. Fox (WA) to serve as Administrative Advisor.
- 10.8 WCC001 "Beef Cattle Breeding in the Western Region" – D. Kress (MT) to replace J. D. Tatum (CO).
- 10.9 ad hoc WCC_temp161 "Managed Grazing Systems for the Intermountain West" – R. Delaney (WY) to serve as Administrative Advisor.
- 10.10 WCC1001 "Reduction of Error in Rural and Agricultural Surveys" (from W183) – V. McCracken (WA) to serve as Administrative Advisor.
- 10.11 ad hoc WCC_temp361 "Coordination of Western Regional Extension Forestry Activities" – T. Nakazawa (AK) to serve as Administrative Advisor.
- 10.12 WCC1003 "Parent and Household Influences on Calcium Intake Among Preadolescents" – J. J. Jacobs (WY) to serve as Administrative Advisor.

11.0 Third-Year Reviews

The following projects were reviewed and appear to be progressing satisfactorily with good publication records, adequate resources and/or participation, and the committees are following their stated objectives.

NO.	TITLE	ADVISOR	REVIEWER
W102	Integrated Methods of Parasite Control for Improved Livestock Production	D. Thawley (NV)	Snyder
W170	Chemistry and Bioavailability of Waste Constituents in Soils	L. Sommers (CO)	Daugherty
W181	Modifying Milk Fat Composition for Improved Manufacturing Qualities and Consumer Acceptability	R. Pardini (NV)	Burton
W187	Interactions Among Bark Beetles, Pathogens, and Conifers in North American Forests	L. Daugherty (NM)	Gray
W188	Improved Characterization and Quantification of Flow and Transport Processes in Soils	G. A. Mitchell (AK)	Burton
W190	Agricultural Water Management Technologies, Institutions and Policies Affecting Economic Viability and Environmental Quality	L. Daugherty (NM)	Sommers
W194	Community Economic Development by Merchandising, Producing, and Distributing Textiles and Sewn Products	M. Gray (CO)	Fox
WCC021	Revegetation and Stabilization of Deteriorated and Altered Lands	T. Thurow (WY)	McCracken
WCC037	Maximizing the Effectiveness of Bees as Pollinators of Agricultural Crops	G. DeGrandi-Hoffman (ARS-AZ)	Sailsbery
WCC072	Agribusiness Research Emphasizing Competitiveness"	G. Whipple (WY)	Burton
WCC091	Improving Stress Resistance of Forages in the Western United States	G. A. Mitchell (AK)	Whipple
WCC092	Beef Cattle Energetics	R. Wright (WA)	Sailsbery

RCIC has concerns regarding the following projects: unless otherwise stated, records indicate that the following projects are missing some or all of their required reports.

NO.	TITLE	ADVISOR	REVIEWER
W128	Micro-Irrigation: Management Practices to Sustain Water Quality and Agricultural Productivity	M. Burke (OR)	McCracken
W171	Germ Cell and Embryo Development and Manipulation for the Improvement of Livestock	C. Y. Hu (OR)	Whipple
W189	Biorational Methods for Insect Pest Management (IPM): Bioorganic and Molecular Approaches	R. Pardini (NV)	Snyder
The submitted SAES422 report needs statements that indicate the impact of the research.			
WCC011	Turfgrass Research	S. Wallner (CO)	Sailsbery
WCC023	Textile and Apparel Research Coordination	C. Whitaker (AS)	Gray
The committee is encouraged to increase membership or consider joining another regional group.			
WCC058	Production, Transition Handling, and Reestablishment of Perennial Nursery Stock	C. Boyer (OR)	Fox
WCC077	Biology and Control of Winter Annual Grass Weeds in Winter Wheat	L. Sommers (CO)	Daugherty
WCC093	Western Region Soil Survey and Inventory	L. Daugherty (NM)	Sommers
WCC095	Vertebrate Pests of Agriculture, Forestry, and Public Lands	F. Busby (UT)	Gray
WCC110	Improving Ruminant Use of Forages in Sustainable Production Systems for the Western U.S.	C. Y. Hu (OR)	Whipple
WCC201	Enhanced Use of Barley for Feed and Food	T. Dutson (OR)	McCracken

The RCIC review comments will be sent to the Administrative Advisors.

RCIC suggests that WDA Chair Daugherty draft a letter to be sent to Administrative Advisors from the Chairs of WAES, CES, and AP indicating the need to be accountable for the required reports, and requesting that meetings for multistate projects and coordinating committees not be authorized until the required reports are submitted.

12.0 Other Business

12.1 A committee to evaluate and recommend changes to “Supplementary Guidelines” of L. Fox, V. McCracken, and D. Snyder will work with ED H. M. Harrington in the revision of the guidelines.

12.2 Discussion on the possibility of renaming the Regional Coordination Implementation Committee to a name more indicative of the function of the committee brought forth a recommendation from RCIC **to rename the Regional**

**Coordination Implementation Committee (RCIC) as the Multistate
Integration Committee (MIC).**

MOTION TABLED AT REQUEST OF ACTING RCIC CHAIR.

ACTION OF DIRECTORS TO RCIC RECOMMENDATIONS: APPROVED

**Agenda Item 9.0
RCIC Panel Discussion**

Presenters: LeRoy Daugherty
Mary McPhail-Gray
David Cox

Background:

Daugherty noted the following needs for the AES and RCIC: (1) a regional portfolio needs to be developed and kept updated; (2) the portfolio needs to be linked to GPRA goals; training is needed for both Extension and Experiment Station Directors regarding the multistate program.

Gray commented on Extension needs: (1) how to generate new needs and get funding for them; (2) the Extension PLC identifies region-wide needs for Extension; (3) the multistate system has three roles for CES - enhancement with CES participation, CES participants joining existing projects, and identification of priorities. There is not an understanding with CES and AES on how the multistate system works. Training of CES and AES Directors should be systemized.

Cox stated that Academic Program Directors' involvement can impact the development of course work. The faculty need incentives. They should think first about outcomes and impacts and then work backwards to design a proposal. Undergraduate students can participate in cooperative programs. He noted that, if incorporation of research and extension are challenging, think of the challenge of involving students with the issues of tuition and credits.

Action Requested: For Information

**Agenda Item 10.0
Overview of Western Region Multistate Projects**

Presenter: H. Michael Harrington
Background:

Overview of the Western Region Portfolio

H. Michael Harrington
Executive Director

Current Status

- **Active:**

Research Committees	32
Coordinating Committees	41
- **Pending:**

Research Committees	7
Coordinating Committees	6

Western Region Multistate Projects

Goal Area	Res	WCC
Goal 1	32	32
Goal 2	10	5
Goal 3	5	0
Goal 4	28	18
Goal 5	10	10

GPRA Goal Area

Western Region Multistate Projects

Category	A-Res	ACC
Environ	10	10
NRC/Inde	10	10
Totals	0	0
Bus/Econ/Int	0	5
Fam/Com	10	5
Inter/Pass	0	5
Executive	0	0
Jobs	10	10
Link	10	10

Current Personnel Investment

Research			Extension
8Y	9Y	10Y	FTE
99.34	124.06	84.87	37.35

Important Observations

- While there are faculty with split extension appointments, more often than not they indicate to their Extension Directors that their involvement in a multistate project is a research activity.

Lessons Learned

- We are not as accountable as we need to be.
- We need to make sure that annual reports/minutes are submitted as required.
- We need to report outcomes/impacts in addition to outputs.

Moving Forward

- Joint planning to identify issues, needs and approaches
 - R, E, and I Stakeholders
- Develop an RFP process to develop new activities when appropriate
- Formal Outreach Component and/or Educational Plan
- Non-Technical Summary

Possibilities

- CWD
- Homeland/ Agrosecurity
- Wildfire
- Water
- Drought
- Small Farms
- Others???

Action Requested: For Information

Agenda Item 13.0
Western Rural Development Center Report

Presenter: Steve Daniels
Background:

The full WRDC Steering Committee Report is at the following URL:
<http://extension.usu.edu/wrdc/2002idyear.pdf>

WRDC DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Western Rural Development Center Steering Committee Meeting
July 11-12, 2002 – Salt Lake City, Utah
Steven E. Daniels

At its October 2001 meeting, the WRDC Steering Committee identified three priority areas upon which the WRDC should focus its current efforts:

- 1. Civic Capacity in the Rural West** by enhancing the capacity for community-led development in the West;
- 2. Natural Resources/Land Use** by enhancing the quality of natural resource management and land use decisions in the rural West;
- 3. Capacity of Land Grant Universities** by enhancing the engagement of university faculty in the pressing issues of the region.

The Steering Committee also identified *increased communication* as the greatest single need. Since the 2001 meeting, the WRDC increased regional communication through meetings, telephone calls, newsletters, information briefs, listservs, etc. This report describes activities undertaken by the WRDC to address needs and priorities identified at the October meeting.

PRIORITY 1: Civic Capacity in the Rural West

- Presented session at Environmental Conflict Resolution Conference, May 14-16, Tucson, AZ. Session title: University-Based Programs That Extend Community Capacity: Lessons from the Trenches.
- Supported research on impacts of electric deregulation by providing support to Dr. Becky Richards (Montana). Support consisted of funding and organizing a small regional workshop held in Missoula in January 2002 to determine whether a regional project would be a logical follow-up to initial efforts.
- Supported research on western producer's preferences for federal agricultural policy. Provided support to Andy Seidl (CSU), Russ Tronstad (Arizona), Neil Meyer (Idaho), Larry Lev and Bill Jaeger (OSU), who created a summary analysis document that
 - Compared and contrasted responses of western producers to responses of producers nationwide in the recently completed National Survey of Producers' Preferences for Federal Farm Policy,
 - Compared and contrasted responses among participating western states to the same survey; and
 - Helped western producers, policy makers and agricultural leaders characterize the preferences of western producers for federal agricultural policy.

As the Farm Bill was being debated in the Senate, WRDC notified Western Extension and AES Directors and the Western Governors Association that the Western Producers' Preferences survey was posted on the WRDC Web site.

In Process

- Presentation at 2002 Public Issues Education (PIE) Conference. The September PIE conference in Reno, Nevada, is being planned and sponsored by the Farm Foundation. The conference typically attracts 60-80 public issues education specialists nationally. The Farm Foundation has asked the WRDC to train on Collaborative Learning.
- Cross-regional conflict management network. The WRDC and North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (NCRCRD) are forming a network of extension personnel in the broad area of conflict management. The two Centers are in the beginning stages of trading information on product and programs, and are working to involve people from across the country. The NCRCRD held a meeting for people in the North Central Region, and conference calls will be held to identify ways in which the WRDC can add value to work begun by the NCRCRD.
- Needs assessment regarding outreach to Spanish-speaking populations. In 2001 the WRDC entered into a small contract (\$3,000) with a bilingual consultant to survey Extension programs in the West in terms of 1) translation of Extension publications, 2) development of programming targeted directly at Spanish-speaking rural residents, and 3) youth programs targeted at Spanish-speaking populations. This effort will provide useful information in the Center's evaluation of possible projects in this topical area.

PRIORITY 2: Natural Resources/Land Use

- Presented *Western by Design* toolkit training to Utah League of Cities and Towns. The WRDC organized and co-presented a half-day training session in St. George, Utah, on March 11-12. Approximately 200 planners and elected or appointed officials attended the meeting. The League provided a \$1,000 subsidy to support their members in the purchase of toolkits. In turn, the WRDC offered a \$20 discount to 50 conference attendees. The marketing plan proved successful; since the conference, fifteen toolkits have been sold to attendees. Some of those who ordered toolkits ordered more than one copy.
- Featured *Western by Design* toolkit in January issue of the *Circuit Rider* newsletter. A *Circuit Rider* newsletter column titled "Featured Publications" summarized toolkit contents and possible applications.
- Published *Western by Design* toolkit on the WRDC Web site. The toolkit is now available for download on the WRDC Web site. Notice of this opportunity to access the toolkit was published in the April issue of *Circuit Rider*.
- Promoted *Western by Design* toolkit at meetings and trainings. At regional and national meetings and training sessions attended by the WRDC, discussed and made available a one-page, full-color flyer on the toolkit.
- Mailed complimentary toolkits to all western extension directors.
- Surveyed rural western counties on adoption of Geographic Information System (GIS). The WRDC is conducting a multiple wave mail survey of all (300+) rural counties in the West. The survey focuses on adoption of GIS in county planning and land use processes. We hope to be able to compare adoption rates between states with extensive land use planning regulations and states without.

In Process

- Evaluation of use and effectiveness of *Western by Design* toolkit. The USU Extension Publications department has begun the tedious process of computerizing records on dissemination of Extension Publications. When the project is finished, WRDC will use the Extension Publications database to determine who has purchased toolkits so that follow-up evaluation can be done. When the evaluation is complete, the WRDC will explore the possibility of conducting a "Best in the West" conference showcasing communities that have used the toolkit successfully.

- Fire Researchers Workshop. The WRDC is working jointly with the USDA Forest Service and Northern Arizona University to host a workshop for researchers conducting social science research on wildfire. The workshop is scheduled for January 2003 in Phoenix, Arizona.

PRIORITY 3: Capacity and Engagement of Land Grant Universities

- Presented Nevada faculty development workshop on collaborative learning. In March 2002, the WRDC organized and co-funded a workshop for extension personnel from Nevada, Arizona, and California. The three-day workshop was offered at the request of Nevada Cooperative Extension and served 22 participants.
- Actively sought participants for a young faculty development workshop. At the winter meetings of Extension and AES directors, solicited applications for participation in a young faculty development workshop. Despite a follow-up e-mail request to directors, response was low (one “probably” and two “maybe”). Due to lack of interest in holding a workshop in 2002, the WRDC will organize a workshop at a more favorable time.
- Organized and presented Empty Quarter meeting. The 2002 Empty Quarter meeting was held in Salt Lake City on April 18-20. Participants came from Colorado, Idaho, Pennsylvania, Utah, and Wisconsin. The purpose of the meeting was to build linkages among social scientists in the region who have an interest in rural community issues. In collaboration with participants from Utah State University, WRDC initiated an e-mail list for participants, and two projects are emerging from the meeting.
- Supported rural e-commerce education provision of Farm Bill. The WRDC Director made two trips to Washington D.C. in support of the rural e-commerce education provision in the Farm Bill. The first trip was to provide informational briefings to the staff of western Senators just as the Farm Bill was passing out of Conference Committee. The second was to develop an implementation strategy related to the RRDC component of the funding. (New Mexico State University will be administering the program on behalf of the Western Region.) The Center Director also attended a by-invitation meeting in December 2001 in Omaha. The meeting focused on technology-related innovations in extension. Center Director nominated to serve on ECOP’s e-commerce working group.
- Community Vitality Initiative. Met in late June in Salt Lake City with a group of community development specialists to plan the Community Vitality Initiative. This term describes a skill-building program being developed by a regional faculty team. The training was requested by the western extension directors, who want to build capacity among field extension personnel around community development issues. The major kick-off activity will be a training workshop held in San Diego in January 2003.
- Regional Links Between CRED and ANREP. Building on the momentum created by the CRED meeting in February and the ANREP meeting in June, a joint professional meeting is being planned, perhaps in conjunction with the Galaxy Conference in Salt Lake City in September 2003. The joint meeting will be an opportunity to explore the advantages of a regional partnership.
- Co-sponsored WestLand: the Workshop and Wrap-Around Facilitator Training. The WRDC cosponsored a WestLand: the Workshop facilitator training at Colorado State University on April 24-25, 2002. The workshop was organized by Sheila Knop and others at Colorado State University. WRDC supported the project by 1) recruiting participants from western states, 2) providing financial support for team travel to defray CSU expenses, 3) attending and participating in the workshop, 4) purchasing six WestLand simulation games, and 5) sponsoring an e-mail list for workshop attendees (RegWestLand@ext.usu.edu).
- Support for Multi-State Dairy Project. RRDCs are supporting a regional research project led by Doug Jackson-Smith examining links between the dairy industry and community vitality. The project needed supplemental funding to create a national database that combined the results of statewide survey results.

OTHER PROGRAMMATIC ACTIVITIES

- Attended and participated in 2002 CRED Conference. More than 300 extension professionals who work in the broad area of community resource and economic development met in Orlando in March for the 2002 CRED Conference. More than 45 states were represented. The WRDC facilitated two sessions for participants from western states, and also organized a strategy for collecting information on the programs that western participants felt were potential candidates for replication or importation into the region.
- Attended meetings of key regional partners. Attended various meetings in order to present information on the WRDC, provide displays on WRDC products and publications, and develop connections among land grant faculty and administrators. Meetings included
 - winter meetings of Western Extension Directors and AES Directors
 - meetings of Western extension committees sponsored by the Farm Foundation
 - National ANREP meeting
- Initiated a quarterly newsletter, the *Circuit Rider*. At its 2001 meeting the WRDC Steering Committee identified a critical need to increase regional communication. In response, the WRDC has published two newsletters (January and April, 2002), and the July issue is planned. The newsletter distribution list includes
 - Western AES and CES directors
 - County extension agents in the Western Region
 - Southern, Northeastern, and North Central Rural Development Centers
 - WRDC Steering Committee
 - Others who have asked to be placed on the distribution list

The WRDC received considerable feedback on the first newsletter issue, and has used that feedback to refine mode of delivery. Many people commented that they would rather receive the *Circuit Rider* in electronic format but not as an e-mail attachment because the large PDF file size made it difficult to manage and open. The WRDC responded by shifting to a mode of delivery that involves a simple e-mail notice that a new issue has been published and is available on the WRDC Web site (<http://extension.usu.edu/wrdc>).

- Published first *Changing Face of the Rural West* information brief. The first information brief, published in March 2002, was titled *Rapid Growth of Hispanic Populations in Western States*. The brief was written by E. Helen Berry (Utah State University) and Annabel Kirschner (Washington State University), and edited/produced/disseminated by the WRDC). Fifteen hundred copies were printed.

The two-color, six-page information brief was published in print and electronically (PDF file downloadable from WRDC Web site). An e-mail announcement was sent to the WRDC newsletter mailing lists (western extension and AES directors, county extension agents, and others interested in the activities of the WRDC). Printed copies of the brief were mailed to the following groups:

- Kent Briggs, CSG-West 100
- Sally Maggard, CSREES 20
- WRDC Steering Committee 10 (ea)
- EXT Directors 10 (ea)
- AES Directors 10 (ea)

- 3 RD Centers 5 (ea)
- Jim Souby 25
Executive Director,
Western Governors' Association
- John C. Allen 25
Director, Center for Applied Rural
Innovation (CARI)
- Chuck Fluharty, RUPRI 25
- Lois Illick, CSU 200
Center for Nature-Based Tourism
- Chuck Gay, USU 50

The WRDC is working on a second information brief that explores the policy implications of aging in the western states.

- Initiated regional e-mail distribution lists. With support from Utah State University, the WRDC initiated fifteen new e-mail distribution lists (listservs):
 - RegWestLand@ext.usu.edu (requested by WestLand: the Workshop participants)
 - EmptyQuarter@ext.usu.edu (participants in 2002 Empty Quarter meeting)
 - VitalComm@ext.usu.edu (Vital Communities Committee)
 - WRDC-reg@ext.usu.edu (Interested regional rural development partners)
 - WRDC-ter@ext.usu.edu (Territories rural development partners)
 - WRDC-ut@ext.usu.edu (Utah rural development players)
 - WRDC-mt@ext.usu.edu (Montana rural development players)
 - WRDC-or@ext.usu.edu (Oregon rural development players)
 - WRDC-nv@ext.usu.edu (Nevada rural development players)
 - WRDC-nm@ext.usu.edu (New Mexico rural development players)
 - WRDC-ca@ext.usu.edu (California rural development players)
 - WRDC-co@ext.usu.edu (Colorado rural development players)
 - WRDC-id@ext.usu.edu (Idaho rural development players)
 - WRDC-wa@ext.usu.edu (Washington rural development players)
 - WRDC-wy@ext.usu.edu (Wyoming rural development players)

Listserv activity has been slow, but a vehicle for communication about common issues and interests has been established.

- Actively promoted diversity at professional meetings. The Center is often solicited to provide financial support for professional meetings of various types. Normally the Center declines those invitations, but does accept when there is an opportunity to increase the diversity of attendance through targeted funding. The WRDC provided funding for students to attend the 2002 Empty Quarter meeting in Salt Lake City and for 1994 participation at the 2001 RSS meeting.

- Expanded connections with Western Program Leadership Committee (WPLC). At the 2001 meeting in Troutdale, Oregon, the Steering Committee asked the WRDC to build links to the Western Program Leadership Committee. At the Orlando CRED meeting, the WRDC Director was appointed as the next RRDC liaison to National-PLC.
- Expanded connections with Arizona Cooperative Extension. On November 28-29, 2001 attended a meeting of University of Arizona Cooperative Extension specialists and county faculty. Explained WRDC programmatic emphases and discussed trends and opportunities in community development. Got feedback on desirable features of a proposed WRDC newsletter and invited group to contribute newsletter articles on their activities.
- Attended Kellogg Foundation Food & Society annual meeting, Denver, Colorado. At a meeting held April 20-24, networked with representatives from other Kellogg FAS projects. Also attended a pre-meeting of project evaluators.
- Attended steering committee meeting for Southwest Farmers and Ranchers Marketing Network in Santa Fe, New Mexico on May 29-30. WRDC has received funding from the Kellogg Foundation to conduct the evaluation for the project "Expanding Markets for Southwest Small-Scale, Alternative, and Minority Producers." Partners include Henry A. Wallace Center for Agriculture and Environmental Policy, National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT), and Friends of the Santa Fe Farmer's Market. This project seeks to increase marketing opportunities for small, minority, and limited resource farmers and ranchers in the Southwest. WRDC will also play a role in facilitating networking among the partners, cooperative extension, and other organizations in the four-state region of Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, and Arizona.
- Participated in a preliminary meeting to establish a nature-based tourism regional project. The planning meeting was held June 11-12 in Bozeman, Montana. The group will draw up a preliminary proposal for a volume (guidebook), for which the WRDC will provide editorial and production assistance. WRDC also provided travel support to expand participation.

In Process

Update WRDC Web site and Web-based communication tools. The WRDC is participating in a campus-wide initiative to establish a more consistent look for all Web sites on the USU server. This is an opportune time to reexamine the WRDC Web site and identify ways to better meet user needs.

- Faculty workshop in conflict management. The WRDC is developing plans for a faculty workshop for the states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. The workshop will be a replicant of an earlier session provided in Nevada.
- Publication of second Changing Face of the Rural West information brief. The WRDC is working with Annabel Kirschner (Washington State University) and E. Helen Berry (Utah State University) on an information brief that explores the policy implications of aging in the western states. Publication is expected in winter/spring of 2003.
- READ Workshop. Met in January with Larry Swanson, who is associated with the Economics department at the University of Montana and the Center for the Rocky Mountain West. Larry asked the WRDC to help distribute the Regional Economic Analysis Database (READ) among people who do regional economics work through university extension economists. The WRDC is working with Roger Coupal of the University of Wyoming to do so.

READ is a state-of-the-art way of analyzing and interpreting data on local trade areas. However, a subscription to the database is \$500 per person. Many people who could benefit from READ are unwilling to make the investment in a system they have never used. Larry would like to organize a READ Workshop to personally train users at computer stations. He is willing to provide temporary passwords for training purposes to

approximately 10 people from university environments. The role of the WRDC would be to select a location and convene the meeting.

Action Requested: For Information

Agenda Item 14.0 Executive Director's Report

Presenter: H. Michael Harrington
Background:

Reporting Period: July 1, 2001– June 30, 2002

For convenience, I have divided this report into sections relating to the three groups that provide support to the office. I have addressed our office support on ESCOP and the ESCOP Chair Richard Heimsch which constitute a major component of our activities this year. I have also included other regional activities on which I represent the Directors.

WAAESD

MOA

With Lee Sommers and Robert Schur (CSU) I helped develop the MOA between the Association and CSU covering my position and appointment.

Bylaws

Last year Bob Heil recommended that the Directors review the association Bylaws so that they could be updated as appropriate. My review of the Bylaws suggests that it might be appropriate to include an additional statement about the joint efforts with WED and WAP under "Article II Purpose". This might read: "4. Facilitates cooperative joint efforts with the Western Extension Directors and Western Academic Programs to meet the pressing needs of the region." It might also be appropriate to include some detail as the purpose and function of RCIC in the Bylaws.

- 1) I would propose that a small group of directors and I work to develop proposed changes for consideration at the September meeting.

Budget

I have proposed to the WED and WAPS that budget approval should be done during the Spring rather than at the summer meeting as has been done in the past. This early approval should provide increased flexibility for each unit. I would propose that the assessment be sent out prior to July 1, possible in May of each year. This would allow a unit to pay the assessment with funds from either (or a mix) of two fiscal years.

Annual Evaluation

In order to achieve the early budget approval, the ED annual evaluation will need to be completed prior to the summer meeting as well. I have developed a draft evaluation procedure that includes the Executive Committee and members from Extension and Academic program.

RCIC

I have reviewed the current procedures and note that there are changes needed particularly with regard to NIMMS. Harriet and I are working to incorporate new language into the guidelines.

Worked with extension members of RCIC to develop a better understanding of the multistate process and also identify potential obstacles to expanded participation.

Western Region Impact Statement Development (WCC208)

Assisted with the approval of this activity through the RCIC review. Worked with Ron Pardini, Milan Rewerts and John Hammel to set up the first committee meeting held in Ft. Collins, CO Feb 12-14, 2002. Worked with the committee to help identify ways that they could be more effective in developing impact stories about western region activities. Several committee members felt that the reported impacts listed on regional projects were better described as outcomes. It was recognized that it may take a trained eye to tease out the impacts of some of the regional projects. The group also felt that there is a need to provide training in impact reporting beginning with the administrators. To this end, the group would like to conduct an exercise in impact statement writing at the joint summer meeting in Big Sky, Montana. The EDs envision developing

a short instructional piece for distribution to Administrative Advisors and members of projects so that we are able to better describe the benefits of the multistate activities.

USDA Business Officers Meeting

Represented the association at this meeting in Kansas City, KS and made a presentation entitled "Managing in Times of Budget Stress".

Western Extension Directors

Attended WED meeting held during the NASULGC annual meeting in Washington DC. in November 2001. Provided an overview of the multistate program and a written summary of the processes by which WCCs can be developed. Encouraged the group to develop ideas for integrated activities with research and academic programs counterparts.

Attended the WED Winter meeting in Las Vegas. Provided an overview of office activities, ESCOP activities, and the proposed budget for FY 2003. Encouraged the WED to find ways to partner with the WAAESD and in particular discussed the need to meet in the same location during the spring meeting so that a day of joint sessions could be organized. With Mary Gray discussed the results of a conference call of the extension members of RCIC

Draft Bylaws

Developed a set of draft bylaws for the possible formation of a western region extension director's association. These will be discussed on their summer meeting agenda.

WED Extension Forestry Initiative

Since September 2001, have been working with Milan Rewerts, Scott Reed, Tony Nakazawa, Larry Biles, Mike Tate, Lyla Houglum, Dave Bryant, Paul McCawley and others on a proposal to develop regional forestry extension position similar to that in the southern region. This is a joint activity with the USFS in which they will detail a person to the region for up to three years. The original concept was for each state to contribute to support the operation of the position via an assessment; however, several states indicated little support for this approach. This activity is still ongoing and will be discussed that the summer meeting

Forestry WCC

I have assisted with the development of a petition to create an extension forestry coordination committee that is being considered at the summer 2002 RCIC meeting.

NIMSS Access

Since we will be facilitating integrated activities, it is essential that extension directors be able to approve participation of extension faculty on regional projects. I have requested that western extension directors be provided access into the NIMSS for this purpose.

e Extension Initiative

Serving on the steering committee for this initiative. The goal of this effort is to plan and implement a national on-line information and education network that will expand learning choices and methodologies in support of anytime-anywhere learning by providing coordinated access to land-grant university expertise.

Western Academic Program Directors

Attended WAP meeting held during the NASULGC annual meeting in Washington D.C. in November 2001. Provided an overview of the multistate program and a written summary of the processes by which WCCs can be developed. Encouraged the group to develop ideas for integrated activities with research and extension counterparts.

ESCOP Activities

With Dick Heimsch serving as the Chair of ESCOP, our office has a significantly increased workload a significantly increased workload. These responsibilities include drafting correspondence, developing agendas, collecting agenda briefs, drafting minutes, arranging

conference calls, and maintaining communications with the ESCOP membership. Dick, Harriet and I have become an effective team in assuring that ESCOP matters are attended to in a timely manner.

2001 NASULGC meeting

I attended all agriculture related activities at the including pre-function BAA and budget committee meetings through a BAA policy board meeting.

AESOP Plan of Services

Facilitated conference calls with a variety of stakeholders to discuss the needs in the 2002 contract and distributed notes of the calls. Worked with Terry Nipp, Lyla Houglum, Myron Johnsrud and Dick Heimsch to draft and finalize the AESOP Plan of Services and the NASULGC contract for 2002. Also included Tom Payne and Fred Cholick (Chair and Vice Chair of the BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee) in the development of the plan. The Plan of Services assigns clear responsibility for AESOP and includes for the first time an evaluation and accountability provision that provides oversight of activities on a quarterly basis. The final contract is some \$50,000 less than last year. (See <http://www.escop.msstate.edu/AESOP-POA02.pdf>)

Provided leadership for, and completed the first quarterly review of AESOP; developed and distributed the evaluation findings.

A Science Roadmap for Agriculture

Worked with the other EDs and the Roadmap Taskforce to edit and finalize this document. Assisted with the development of the data to identify the needed resources for the Roadmap. See: <http://www.escop.msstate.edu/roadmap2.pdf>

A Science Roadmap for Agriculture Overview

Lead the development of an executive summary document of the Roadmap targeted at stakeholder and decision makers. This document provides a condensed version of the Roadmap and the resources required in order to meet the Roadmap's challenges and goals. This document has already been used by N-CFAR in their recent discussions. See: <http://www.escop.msstate.edu/roadmap-overview.pdf>

National Multistate Coordinating Committee

This group was formed last year to facilitate better interaction between research and extension across the system. Membership includes the Dave MacKenzie (ED, Northeast), Daryl Lund ED, North central), Tom Helms (ED, Southern), Sam Donald (ED, ARD), George Cooper (USDA-CSREES), Ron Brown (Extension ED, Southern Region) and Myron Johnsrud (Director Extension and Outreach, NASULGC). Organized and attended the December 2-4, 2001 group meeting in Atlanta GA. New members include Gary Cunningham and Dick Wootton who replaced Myron Johnsrud.

Attended the April 2002 meeting in Clemson, SC

"How to" White Papers

Working with the other EDs to develop white papers on:

- 1) Methods in Science Roadmapping - How to Plan Research Priorities
See: <http://www.escop.msstate.edu/draftdoc.htm> under the Science Roadmap
- 2) Writing a Non-Technical Summary
- 3) Writing an Effective SAES 422 Annual Report

MAPs

Working with the other EDs as well as extension EDs Ron Brown and Dick Wootton to develop draft procedures for the implementation of MAPs. This will be a discussion topic at the Joint ECOP-ESCOP session at the Joint COPs Meeting in Salt Lake City.

New Partnership Taskforce

Serving on the follow-on taskforce recommended by the previous partnership activity. The group will hold its first meeting after the joint COPs meeting in Salt Lake City, July 25-26, 2002.

NRSP Review and Strategic Plan Development

Identified a group to begin the development of a strategic plan for the management of the NRSP portfolio. Considerations include: the original intent of the program; current activities, identification and accommodation of new priorities; review, renewal or termination of NRSPs; and phase out of "off the top" funding and/or transition to alternative funding authorities. This Task Force met in Memphis TN June 19-21 and will issue a report at the fall ESS meeting.

Homeland Agro-Security Task Force

With David MacKenzie's illness, I have been providing support to task force chair, David Thawley, including development of the Executive Summary of ESCOP Initiatives in Agricultural Security document.

Meetings Organized

- 1) ESCOP Executive Committee meeting November 12, 2001 (during the annual NASULGC meeting in Washington DC.) I developed the agenda, made meeting arrangements, took and produced minutes.
- 2) ESCOP Winter meeting, March 4-5, 2002, Washington DC. I developed the agenda and Harriet and I made all arrangements for the meeting.
- 3) ESCOP Homeland Agro-security Task Force meeting, June 23-26, 2002 Washington DC.
- 4) Summer ESCOP meeting. July 22-24, 2002 Salt Lake City, UT.
- 5) Joint ESCOP-ECOP meeting in conjunction with the all COPs meeting. July 22-24, 2002 Salt Lake City, UT (with Dick Wootton and Linda Benning)

Other Regional Activities

Western SARE Administrative Council

Serve on the W-SARE Administrative Council and attended the meeting in Hawaii August 12-17, 2001. Provided background information on Hawaii agriculture to the council and served as resource during the tour on Oahu and the Big Island. Worked with AC members to clarify review policies and procedures, including perceived problems with biotechnology-related projects in the proposal review process.

Served as a reviewer for eight Chapter 1 Research and Education grant proposals and read some 55 proposals submitted. Participated in the Technical Review Panel meeting in Boise, ID January 23-25, 2002.

Attended the Administrative Council meeting in Boise, ID Feb. 23-28 during which funding decisions were made on Chapter 1 Research and Education Grants, Chapter 3 Professional Development Grants and Farmer Rancher Grants for next year. Also participated in the selection of the chair-elect and provisions for replacement of out-going AC members.

Currently reviewing some 120 pre-proposals for '03 submissions.

Pacific Basin Advisory Group

Serve as a member of this group that, in partnership with the Caribbean Advisory Group, administers the Tropical-Subtropical Agriculture Research (T-STAR) special grants program. Have assisted with changes in the program in response to increased funding. Reviewed 20 proposals for this program. Attended a joint meeting of the advisory groups in Washington D. C. April 16-18, 2002 during which funding decisions will be made for the above proposals and a group of invasive species proposals that were reviewed by a paid panel.

Summary of Travel

2001

July 15-18	Western Region Joint Summer meetings, Keystone CO
July 22-25	Joint COPS meeting, Minneapolis MN
Aug. 9-17	Western SARE Administrative Council Meeting, Hawaii

Sept. 23-28 Experiment Station Section Annual Meeting, Coeur D'Alene ID
Nov. 10-14 NASULGC Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
Dec. 2-4 National Multistate Coordinating Committee Meeting, Atlanta, GA

2002

Jan 23-25 W-SARE Chapter 1 grants Technical Review Panel, Boise, ID
Feb. 5-7 WED and WRPLC Meetings, Las Vegas, NV
Feb. 26-28 W-SARE Administrative Council Meeting, Boise, ID
Mar. 2-5 CARET and ESCOP Meetings, Washington, DC
April 7-11 USDA Business Officers Meeting, Kansas City, KS
April 11-13 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Hawaii Agriculture Experiment Station,
Honolulu
April 15-18 T-STAR Pacific Basin Advisory Group, Washington, DC
April 18-19 ESCOP Agro-Security Task Force/ Exec Committee Meetings, Washington, DC
April 21-24 National Multistate Coordinating Committee, Clemson, SC
June 4-6 ESCOP Agro-Security Task Force Meeting, Washington, DC
June 19-21 NRSP Strategic Planning Task Force, Memphis, TN
June 23-26 ESCOP Agro-Security Task Force, Washington, DC

**H. Michael Harrington
Executive Director
Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors**

**Narrative Self Assessment
July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002**

This year has been challenging for me as a new ED not only due to the detail of the regional activities and associated activities but also due to Dick Heimsch's service as the Chair of ESCOP. Overall I have been pleased with the progress that has been made in the past year.

Our regional portfolio and associated activities appear to be running smoothly; however, we do need to regularly assess commitments and priorities to assure that limited resources are wisely invested. I feel that our association has made great strides in implementing the NIMSS in spite of other regions having not yet fully come on-line. Harriet has been instrumental in helping all of us learn to use this system. We are currently working to provide access for extension directors so that participation of extension faculty can be approved for integrated projects. The EDs are working with CSREES to address any problems that might exist in further integrating NIMSS with USDA.

I am very pleased with the new structure of our association meetings. While this requires considerably more preparation, the discussions and outcomes are well worth the effort. I understand that Ted Wilson at CSREES was quite impressed with our Las Cruces meeting.

With Dick Heimsch serving as the Chair of ESCOP, our office has a significantly increased workload. I have spent at least 60% of my effort focused on responsibilities related to ESCOP. These responsibilities include drafting correspondence, developing agendas, collecting agenda briefs, drafting minutes, arranging conference calls, and maintaining communications with the ESCOP membership. Dick, Harriet and I have become an effective team in assuring that ESCOP matters are attended to in a timely manner.

I have spent considerable time listening to various members of the regional partnership that now supports our office. Based on the issues as I understand them, I believe that we must make a concerted effort to improve the partnership. Perhaps the best way to accomplish this is to work jointly on issues of mutual importance. To this end, I have worked with the Chairs and Chairs-elect of the WAAESD, WED and WAPS to develop special sessions on Impact Writing, Agro-security, and RCIC and Western Region Planning at the 2002 Joint Summer Meeting. To further the spirit of the partnership, I believe that efforts should be made to hold joint discussion/planning sessions on a regular basis.

I have worked with the WED and WAP directors to develop a better understanding of the multistate portfolio and its management. This is a key step in developing functionally integrated regional activities. I am pleased that what was once seen as a "control and compliance" system is beginning to be viewed as an enabling mechanism. To this end, I have worked closely with extension directors on a western forestry extension initiative and also on the submission of a forestry WCC petition.

One of my stated objectives was to complete a major part of the state visits during the first year. Unfortunately, this has not yet been accomplished. To some extent this was curtailed by the events of last September, but also by the volume of work that is entailed in supporting the ESCOP Chair. I expect to complete visits to the continental states this coming year.

Goals and Objectives for 2002-3

Regional:

- 1) Assist in the development and coordination of Agricultural Security efforts in the region and nation.

- 2) Complete visits to contiguous States.
- 3) Develop a long range strategic planning document.
- 4) Develop liaisons with the regional State Departments of Agriculture.
- 5) Revise website to include extension and academic program information.
- 6) Integrate extension into Western region Multistate projects including providing access to, and training Extension Directors in the use of the NIMSS.
- 7) Complete revision of RCIC Guidelines to include NIMSS as appropriate.
- 8) Assist with the continued integration of regional activities.
- 9) Assist with the identification of emerging opportunities/needs in the region.

National Activities

Provide support to ESCOP based on committee assignments and special tasks.

Serve on the Interim Board of Directors of the National Institute for Agricultural Security.

Assist in the development and coordination of Agricultural Security efforts in the nation, assure coordination with regional efforts.

Action Requested: For Information

**Agenda Item 15.0
Election of Officers**

Presenter: LeRoy Daugherty
Background:

The following slate of officers for 2003 was proposed by the Executive Committee during the Executive Committee Report (Agenda Item 4.0):

Chair-elect	Ralph Cavalieri (WA)
Secretary	Lee E. Sommers (CO)
At-Large Members Executive Committee	Don Snyder (UT) Catherine Chan-Halbrendt (HI)
RCIC	Sandra Ristow (WA) (2007) Ching Yuan Hu (OR) (2004)
Resolutions	Ching Yuan Hu (OR) (2004)
WRDC	Catherine Chan-Halbrendt (HI) James J. Jacobs (WY)

Action Requested: Approval of the slate of officers

Action Taken:

The motion was made, seconded, and approved **to elect the slate of officers as proposed by the Executive Committee.**

Agenda Item 16.0 Site Security

Presenter: J. Jacobs, L. Sommers, H. M. Harrington
Background:

Site Security

James J. Jacobs
Lee E. Sommers
H. Michael Harrington



Terrorist Theatre

- Terrorists seek not just new targets, but new ways of gaining public attention and provoking widespread fear.
- Recent terrorist acts have involved a wider public.

Is the agriculture and food production system next?

Potential Targets

- Farms, ranches, producers
- Food companies, distribution systems
- Processors, packers, wholesalers, grocers
- Research laboratories, test plots and animals
- Researchers

Our sites as potential targets

- Do we have problems?
- What are the potential risks?
 - Employees
 - Stakeholders
 - Our organizations
 - Due diligence
- Results of OIG audits at ARS facilities
http://www.usdoj.gov/oig/webdocs/50099-13_Ar.pdf
- Impending OIG audits

Recommended Actions

- Work closely with Institutional Safety Office
- Materials Inventory and Security
- Site Evaluation
- Review Current Security Practices
- Security Approaches
- Educate Employees

Materials Inventory

- All chemicals
 - General laboratory and field use chemicals
 - hazardous materials
 - fuels
- Radiochemicals
- All biological agents regardless of classification
 - Maintain materials records and audit
 - Limit Access

Site Evaluation

- Is your site of interest?
 - Hazardous materials, fuels, etc. on site?
 - Capable of being weaponized?
 - Inventory control in place and in use?
 - Is it accessible?
- Value as theatre?

Site Security

- Review and evaluate existing physical security practices.
- Identify possible enhancements
 - High priority, urgent need
 - Medium priority, prudent to accomplish
 - Low priority, accomplish when feasible

Personnel Security

- Are procedures being followed?
- Who has access?
- If high security needed, can access be compartmented?
- Access control, audit
- Refer questionable cases for national agency evaluation
- Non-citizen access evaluated

Security Approaches

- Physical hardening
 - Lock it up
 - Limit or deny access
- Target analysis
 - Is there anything terrorist might want?
 - How difficult is it to access?
 - How could it be done?
 - Is it worth the risk?
- Value as theatre?

Educate Employees

- Laboratory Safety
- Chemical Control Programs
- Materials Access
- Facilities Access
- Report any strange activity

Action Requested: For Information

Agenda Item 17.1 State Reports

Presenter: R. P. Cavalieri
Agenda Item Title: State Report – Washington

Since our last meeting our state legislature completed its action on our budget. Washington State University's budget was reduced by 5% with an additional 2% of required expenses (such as utility cost increases) left unfunded for total effective reduction of 7%. On top of the reductions, all faculty, staff and graduate student salary increases which were to have been effective on July 1, 2002, were rescinded. The legislature granted the university the authority to increase tuition by 16%, which the Board of Regents adopted. The net result for the Agricultural Research Center was a 3% budget reduction effective July 1, 2002. Cooperative Extension and Academic Programs were each reduced by 3.5%. Around the university, academic colleges were reduced from 2.6 to 3.8%.

For the Agricultural Research Center, this latest budget reduction was the fourth in the 26 months that I have been director, cumulatively reducing our state allocation to about \$17.5 million. Reductions were made differentially across departments based on research productivity and strategic importance of programs to the ARC's focus on "the Food System." Departmental decisions resulted in more reliance on grant funds for support of research technicians. Programmatic reductions included the hybrid poplar breeding program and the seed physiology program.

On a positive note, Washington State University completed the search and hired our first full time Provost in several years. Dr. Robert Bates, an animal virologist, came to WSU after 20+ years at Virginia Tech, where he was Dean of Sciences. Dr. Bates has already demonstrated that some changes will be made in how we do business, with Strategic Planning Implementation Teams playing a key role in budget decisions in the future. He recently requested and participated in a bus tour of southeastern Washington during which he learned about county extension and agricultural research programs in that part of the state.

Another positive note is the hiring of Dr. Kulvinder Gill as the Vogel Endowed Chair in Wheat Breeding and Genetics. He arrives in August from Nebraska and will add strength in molecular biology to our wheat breeding team.

Action Requested: For Information

Agenda Item 17.3
ESCOP Budget & Legislative Committee

Presenter: J. J. Jacobs
Background:

Since December 2001, the ESCOP B/L Committee has held three teleconferences. The first call focused on operating procedures, with the following actions taken on operating protocol for the B/L Committee:

- 1) An Executive Committee will consist of Chair, Chair-designate, Executive Vice Chair, ECOP representative to the committee, and advocacy firm representative.
- 2) A calendar was established for teleconferences and deadlines for action for 2002.
- 3) The Chair-designate will track on legislative affairs of interest to ESCOP and this committee.
- 4) The B/L Committee will consider a recommendation to the ESCOP Exec Committee regarding reorganization of ESCOP committees to parallel those of BAA after operating experience in 2002.

The second teleconference (02/07/02) focused on a review of the President's budget with the following recommendations:

- 1) Terry and Karla reviewed the elements of the President's budget. The major concern is the elimination of the IFAFS funding and the apparent off-set by an increase in the NRI. If this actions holds throughout the budget process, then the B/L Committee recommends a change in the description of the use of the NRI so that more practical research can also be targeted (as the programs were described in the IFAFS). The B/L Committee also recommended that priorities be established on the agrosecurity items in the event that the budget increases are less then \$225M.
- 2) Other items: The B/L Committee completed the analysis of the economic impact of the Science Roadmap for Agriculture and turned in its report to the ESCOP Advocacy Committee. The group endorsed the science roadmap as a guide to setting priorities for budgets. It is assumed to be a guide for the N-CFAR and NASULGC initiatives.

Since March, the only teleconference (05/29/02) focused on the agrosecurity initiative and the 04 budget. In summary, the ESCOP B/L Committee supports:

- 1) The ESCOP Homeland Security Initiative
- 2) Funding the IFAFS Initiative at the level in the new Farm Bill
- 3) The CSREES initiatives for FY'04, the Host-Pathogen Interactions for NRI funding, Expanding Economic Opportunity for Farms, Families, and Communities in the New Market Based Economy for IFAFS funding, New Products, New Technologies, New Ideas (now called Consumer Driven Agriculture) for either NRI funding (if the emphasis is on new technologies) or IFAFS (if the emphasis is on small farms, communities, and families).
- 4) Development of the white papers by CSREES and appreciates the opportunity to interact with the agency as priorities are being developed.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 17.4
Science and Technology Committee

Presenter: Ronald S. Pardini

Background:

No meeting, but recent ongoing task forces include:

- 1) Food Safety
- 2) Biobased products
- 3) Ag Biotech Implementation
- 4) The Science Roadmap for Agriculture has been completed and distributed.
<http://www.escop.msstate.edu/roadmap2.pdf>

Future areas for consideration:

- 1) Nano technology
- 2) Climate change
- 3) Livestock genomics

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 17.4a
Impact Assessment - National

Presenter: Ronald S. Pardini
Background:

The National Impact Writing Team met in Washington, D.C. on March 4-8, 2002 to compose Impact 2002. 3751 impact statements were received for the National Impact Database, of which 2946 represent new submissions. 252 statements were mentioned as priority impacts for the respective states. The following 23 impact sheets were prepared:

- 1) **Coping with Crisis and Disaster** - Sept. 11 attacks spur Land-Grant/USDA response nationwide.
- 2) **Not Just for the Over-30 Set** - University undergraduate students prove their worth in the lab.
- 3) **Connecting the Market Dots** - Markets close, new ones open and farmers have to keep up. (Consumer Driven Ag)
- 4) **Smart Farming** - Information key to precision farming, Integrated Pest Management.
- 5) **Tackling Terrorism** - Helping to guarantee homeland security.
- 6) **Waste is a Terrible Thing to Mind** - Reduce, reuse, recycle.
- 7) **Skip the Fries, Add the Salad** - Changing diets to save lives.
- 8) **Rural Renaissance** - Participating in the global economy.
- 9) **Gene Dreams are Now Reality** - The benefits of biotechnology are stepping up.
- 10) **Hooked on Science** - Agricultural and life sciences education prepares young people for careers in science and technology.
- 11) **The Bucks: Top Fear** - Creative solutions to the economic challenges of change.
- 12) **Wet Ones** - Protecting our nation's water quality.
- 13) **The Invaders** - Land-Grants and USDA foil yield-robbers and habitat hogs.
- 14) **It Only Seems Simple** - Food safety is a farm to fork job.
- 15) **Ag and the City** - Assisting America's urban areas.
- 16) **Motivating Young Minds to Excel** - Preparing youth to live in a changing society.
- 17) **Proud Parents** - Strengthening families leads to productive parenting.
- 18) **Slimmer Kids** - Fighting childhood obesity.
- 19) **Character Counts** - Extension's 4-H has helped kids, communities for 100 years.
- 20) **Spanning the Globe** - Land-Grant partnership enhancing international trade.
- 21) **The Building Blocks of Leadership** - Training and educating people to lead.
- 22) **A New Look for Foods** - Scientists finesse new forms of familiar foods.
- 23) **Farming for Now ... and Now On** - Sustainable agriculture is the key to the future.

These impacts will be available at the National Impact website <http://www.reeusda.gov/success/impact.htm>

Farm Foundation Study:

The Farm Foundation supported a study entitled "Evaluation of the Communication Between Land Grant Universities and Congress" conducted by K.M. Boone, Kansas State University, M. Tucker, Ohio State University and J.M. McClaskey, Kansas State University. The study focused on congressional aides since they inform policy and funding decisions in Congress and have a strong impact on the land grant system through these decisions. A number of issues emerged from this study that relate to our Impact writing efforts and the communication with Congressional aides:

- 1) Information they received was more valued if it could be easily understood by laypersons and was perceived to have current or future use.
- 2) To improve communication, the participants felt more interaction with faculty at land-grant institutions would be helpful, especially if the interaction occurred at a time when a pressing issue was at hand.
- 3) In the qualitative portion of the study, the participants said they liked the format of the

Impact Science and Education Fact Sheets, although none of the legislative aides reported seeing them prior to the focus group. They wanted a contact name added to the sheets.

- 4) Congressional aides tend to favor interpersonal communication channels, such as personal contacts and e-mail, for receiving policy information. However, the Internet and World Wide Web tend to be mentioned as the single most preferred channel. Building and maintaining a presence on the Web is important. Thought should be given to positioning the Web site so it can be accessed through key word searches.
- 5) The Science and Education Impact Fact Sheets were recognized by about 50 percent of the congressional aides in the quantitative portion of this study. Fewer than 8 out of ten respondents were aware of the National Impact Database.

There is generally a positive attitude toward the USDA Science and Education Impact Fact Sheets. More than three-fourths of the respondents felt that the facts sheets provided credible information, while more than half said they would file or save them for future use. Well over half of the respondents rated the fact sheets favorably with regard to writing style, length and format.

A large majority of respondents felt that the fact sheets should cover timely topics and those of current interest. More than three-fourths of the respondents indicated they would access Impact information if available in a user-friendly web site, while well over half said they would prefer to access Impact information by computer.

Relative to perceptions about land-grant universities, more than three-fourths of the respondents indicated that these institutions were valuable sources of information. Well over half of the respondents indicated that USDA was an excellent source for land-grant university research. Respondents' expectations of land-grant universities to serve as an information resource were highest for such topics as agriculture policy, biotechnology, agricultural marketing, food safety, and pest management. The lowest levels of expectation were indicated for childcare, youth, and parenting issues. Respondents ranked land-grant universities highest on the basis of their reputation and reliability, and lowest on their familiarity and perceived bias.

This study is in draft form. A final report will be forthcoming.

CSREES	Terry Meisenbach	ECOP	Keith Smith, Ohio
ESCOP	Ron Pardini, Nevada	ACOP	John Hammel, Idaho

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 17.4b Impact Assessment – Western Region

Presenter: Ronald S. Pardini
Background:

On February 12-14, 2002 the WCC 208 - Western Region Impact Statement Development Committee met in Ft. Collins, CO. and decided to create a web based impact report entitled "Best of the West." 128 individual state citations were included, and every state with submissions are mentioned on the web site. The web site will include pictures, links back to the mentioned states and a printer friendly format. The newly developed web site may be viewed at www.ag.unr.edu/wri/ and will include the following impact categories:

Competitive Agriculture - Farm niches can lead to riches – new markets, new crops, and new methods help growers improve their bottom line.

- 1) [What's Old Is New Again.](#)
- 2) [Knowledge Is Power.](#)
- 3) [Cash Crops And Cash Cows.](#)
- 4) [Who To Call And What To Buy.](#)
- 5) [Not On Corn Alone.](#)
- 6) [What's A Crop Like Your Doing In A Place Like This?](#)
- 7) [No Smut Here.](#)

Economic Development – Looking out for small towns – helping western communities and rural quality of life

- 1) [Thinking Outside The Box](#)
- 2) [It's Never To Late To Learn](#)
- 3) [Keeping In Touch](#)
- 4) [Finding The Golden Fleece](#)
- 5) [Changing Over](#)
- 6) [Making The Connection](#)

Education for Life – Preparing for today's technical world

- 1) [Virtual Enhancement](#)
- 2) [Living, Learning and Internships](#)
- 3) [Reaching Out To Local High Schools](#)
- 4) [Beyond The Bacculaureate](#)

Fighting Disasters – Fighting disasters with knowledge and know-how – western regional universities on the front lines

- 1) [Hay, I Need Help](#)
- 2) [Burning Issues](#)
- 3) [Escape To Loon Lake](#)
- 4) [Once Burned](#)
- 5) [Only Ewes Can Prevent Wildfire](#)
- 6) [Rockin' And Rollin'](#)
- 7) [Flood Facts](#)

Food Safety – Detecting food safety problems quickly – faster is better when it comes to finding the source of food safety problems

- 1) [Hold the Pickles, Chill the Mayo](#)

Good Nutrition – The key to life-long health

- 2) [Kids In The Kitchen](#)
- 3) [Golden Keys To Health](#)
- 4) [Eat Your Veggies](#)
- 5) [Lessons Learned](#)

Lifestyles – Eating right isn't always that simple – a dime of prevention is worth a dollar of cure

- 1) [Got Milk? Need Calcium?](#)
- 2) [Bringing Research Home](#)
- 3) [Delivering The Dirt On Diabetes](#)

Waste Management – Don't waste a great opportunity - adding to trash

- 1) [A Clean Sweep](#)

Water Quality – Working to protect the west's water and resources – agriculturalists and urbanites learn to optimize use, protect quality and conserve water.

- 2) [More People, Less Water](#)
- 3) [BMPs For Cleaner Rivers](#)
- 4) [Reducing Livestock Waste](#)
- 5) [Irrigation Magic](#)
- 6) [Happy As A Clam](#)

In addition, the committee is offering an impact writing training session at the Western Regional Joint Summer Meetings in Montana. The outcome of the training session is to improve submissions to the impact database. The committee would also like to receive input on the Best of the West Impact website which will also be linked to the National Impact site and ideas for marketing the Best of the West site.

CSREES	Terry Meisenbach
WAAESD	Michael Harrington
WED	Milan Rewerts, Colorado
WAAESD	Ron Pardini, Nevada
WAP	John Hammel, Idaho

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 17.5
ESCOP Partnership Committee

Presenter: Lee Sommers

Background:

ESCOP-ECOP-CSREES Task Force.

A major recommendation of the Task Force was to create an ongoing task force with broadened participation to facilitate communication and coordination between CSREES and the land-grant teaching, research, and extension programs. The new task force would include representation from CSREES, ECOP, and ESCOP as well as ACOP and ICOP. All parties have endorsed the concept of an ongoing joint task force and membership has been selected. D.C. Coston, Oklahoma State University, and Lee Sommers, Colorado State University, were asked to continue as ESCOP representatives. The initial meeting of the new Joint Task Force will occur on July 24-25 in Salt Lake City following the ESCOP meeting.

Future of SUNEI Activity

The final assessment to support SUNEI will be postponed until a decision on future directions of this activity is made. This item is pending with ESCOP.

Partnership Committee

The efforts of the Partnership Committee have focused on the above ESCOP-ECOP-CSREES Task Force and a regular meeting of the committee has not been held in the past year. The Committee leadership will be seeking input from Director's on the future role and mission of the group.

Action Requested: For information

**Agenda Item 17.6
ESCOP Planning Committee**

Presenter: LeRoy A. Daugherty
Background:

The ESCOP Planning Committee met in Dallas, TX May 2, 2002. Following is the minutes of that meeting:

Participants:

Eric Young	Skip Jubb
Roger Lewis (ACOP)	P.S. Benepal
Alfred Parks	Eric Hoiberg (ACOP)
Frank Gilstrap	Samuel L. Donald
LeRoy Daugherty	John Gardner
Susan Welsh (CSREES)	Al Dedrick (ARS)
Virginia Clark Johnson	

1. Biotechnology Implementation Task Force

a. Comments on draft report on survey

- b.** How credible is the response? Are there statistical indicators of this? The response rate seems low, 12%.
- Survey did not seem to get at the hard questions or directly on the role of LGU in biotech
 - Need information on the respondents and more details on the survey, i.e. was survey open ended?
 - Training of students did not show up as role of LGU.
 - Academic Programs needs to know what kind of information should be taught on biotech for students who will be scientists and for general non-science students.
 - It would be interesting to compare and contrast this survey's results with info from a general public survey.
 - Distribution of benefits results were interesting, i.e. that faculty would think consumers were low beneficiaries.
 - A significant weakness is the limited communication skills with public.
 - Are time series data on opinions about this subject available?
 - It would be helpful to separate the opinions of faculty most knowledgeable about biotech from general faculty.
 - The specific purpose of the survey should be made more clear.
- c. Potential Future Actions for Task Force**
- Use a similar survey with LGU administration for comparison
 - Survey opinions from private biotech companies' executives and scientists
 - Survey opinions of faculty outside colleges of agriculture
 - More information is needed in environmental and food safety/health areas, these show up as not very important in the current survey, but we know they are.
 - Compile a list of research areas currently being covered and those not well covered, by LGU's and private firms.

2. Science Roadmap (SR) Follow-up

- Report to Academic Programs group (ACOP) on SR and needs estimate in terms of training needed for future scientists (request from ACOP reps).
- Assess the implications of SR needs estimates for programs student support programs like National Needs Fellowship, Challenge Grants, etc. ACOP could do an analysis of results in terms of additional support.
- Information is needed on forecast of private sector investment in research in the various challenge areas.
- Budget requests next year from ESCOP for BOA budget should reflect SR challenge areas and needs, or at least refer to it, to indicate the system is using the information.

- SR needs a timeline with \$ and SY's needed each year over next ?? years.
- An analysis is needed of the implications of the needs estimate for space (labs, offices, greenhouse, field, etc.) and other infrastructure needs on campuses.
- How could the needs information be used to guide short-term reallocation of positions?
- What are the implications for extension? Are there some shifts in outreach/extension programs needed?
- SR implications should be the subject of a joint COPS session to discuss issues across the three functions.

3. Potential Areas for Future Science & Technology Task Forces

- Biotechnology Implementation Task Force should follow-up in areas of food safety and human health concerns and public education and outreach on genetically modified foods.
- Potential new areas in which to consider forming Task Forces are:
 - Child obesity, nutrition and healthy food choices (joint).
 - Producing healthier food products.
 - Bio-based products, other than fuels.
 - Alternative medicines/treatments, plant and animal-based medicines, historic use of natural medicines (joint, including tribal colleges).
 - Non-timber forest products.
 - Bio/nano-technology.

4. Discussion of Future Alliance Agreement for Joint Planning Committee

- Preliminary discussions on the draft alliance agreement which describes the function of the ECOP/ESCOP/ACOP/CSREES Joint Planning Committee.
- Hope to bring ACOP Planning Committee into Joint Alliance.
- Futuring should be around a defined area, but one that is broad enough to allow creative thinking.
- Need to provide training and education for Joint Committee members on futuring skills.
- Results of futuring efforts should be reported back to ESCOP and the rest of the experiment station system.
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Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 17.7
ESCOP Homeland Security Task Force

Presenter: David Thawley
Background:

The task force has developed two white papers, one on site security and a second entitled “ESCOP Initiatives in Agricultural Security”. The latter provides a logical framework for addressing pressing needs in agro-security and includes the formation of a separate National Institute for Agricultural Security as a 501c3 entity. The Board on Agriculture Assembly Policy Board endorsed the concepts presented in the document. Subsequently, the document was distributed widely to members of the Land Grant University system, to USDA including the Secretary Veneman, Colien Hefferen and others at CSREES, and Ed Knipling at ARS, as well as to the Honorable Thomas Ridge, Office of Homeland Security.

The Task Force met twice in Washington DC during June to work on Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and to explore the possibility of obtaining supplemental '02 funds. On June 5, ESCOP Chair Richard Heimsch expanded the Task Force to include the regional Executive Directors (ex officio) and Terry Nipp and empowered them to act as an Initial Board of Directors for purposes on creating Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The Articles and Bylaws have been completed and have been submitted to an attorney for review and comment.

On June 21-22, Chair David Thawley, ESCOP Chair Richard Heimsch, DC Coston, Ed Mather, H. Michael Harrington and Terry Nipp met with a number of staffers to provide information of the ESCOP proposal. In general the response has been very positive in part to the new approach that has been developed.

Efforts to obtain supplementary funding for FY'02 are still pending. The group is trying to arrange meetings with officials in Homeland Security for further discussions. An executive summary is nearly complete and plans are underway to develop a logo and an informational brochure.

Action Requested: For information

**Agenda Item 17.8
ECOP Liaison Report**

Presenter: Jim Jacobs
Background:

- 1) Homeland and Agro-Security. ECOP has completed work on extension's proposed role in homeland and agro-security. Extension leadership and AESOP have worked to obtain funds for this initiative. At present there is some \$16 million in the '02 supplemental budget for extension activities in this area.
- 2) Board on Agriculture Assembly - Policy Board. The policy board has developed a draft strategic planning document for discussion.
- 3) New Executive Director for ECOP at NASULGC. Dick Wootton of Kansas State University became the new Director for Extension and Outreach at NASULGC on June 3, replacing Myron Johnsrud who retired on February 28.
- 4) Partnership Task Force. Planning is now complete for the new partnership task force meeting to be held July 24-25 at Salt Lake City after the Joint COPS meeting.
- 5) Vision for the 21st Century Report. The new national Extension strategic plan was introduced and discussed at both ECOP and the National Extension Directors meeting. This report is online at:
<http://www.nasulgc.org/publications/Agriculture/Ext%20Sys%20Vision.pdf>

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 18.0
Discussion of Meeting Format

Presenter: LeRoy Daugherty

Background:

In 2002 the format of the Spring meeting was modified to allow time for an in depth presentation and discussion of an item, or series of items, selected by the host institution. The time allowed for the presentation selected by the host institution should be approximately four-six hours.

A consent agenda consisting of the reports on regular activities of ESCOP, ARS, and other liaisons is to be by submitted agenda briefs only, with discussion on items of concern to those committees.

Action Requested: Consensus of meeting format

Action Taken:

By consensus, the meeting format will continue for the 2003 Spring Meeting as it was set in 2002. Written state reports are to be provided for the Summer meetings only and discussed, if time permits.

Agenda Item 19.1
2002 Fall AES Meeting

Presenter: Jim Jacobs

Background:

The Fall Experiment Station Section meeting is scheduled for September 22-25, 2002 at the Pier 5 Hotel in Baltimore, MD. Registration begins at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 22 in the hotel, followed by an opening reception at the National Aquarium's Knott Harbor View Room at 5:00 p.m. The meeting ends with a lunch at noon on Wednesday, September 25. On-line registration, hotel information, and the agenda are all available on the ESS meeting home page: <http://129.2.12.6/escop92002/index.htm> .

Action Requested: For information

**Agenda Item 19.2
2003 Spring Meeting**

Presenter: C. Chan-Halbrendt

Background:

The 2003 Spring Meeting will be held at the Kauai Beach Resort. The room charge will be \$120/room plus taxes.

The block of rooms will be reserved for either March 8-13, 2003 or March 22-27, 2003 to allow participants to stay extra days at the conference rate.

Action Requested: Determination of choice of dates.

Action Taken: Motion was made, second and approved **to have the 2003 Spring Meeting in Kauai, HI during March 22-27, 2003.** RCIC will meet March 23 and the Western Directors will meet March 24-26.



Agenda Item Title: 2003 Joint Summer Meeting
Presenter: Thayne Dutson
Background:



Registration information for the 2003 Western Regional Joint Summer Meeting held July 13-16 at The Inn at Otter Crest Resort, Newport, Oregon, will be made available on our website. Please check it frequently for details, updates, and links to navigate your way around Oregon.



<http://agsci.orst.edu/waaesd/>

As we get closer to the 2003 meeting, feel free to contact us for more information

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The 2003 Western Regional Joint Summer Meeting is being sponsored by Oregon State University's College of Agricultural Sciences and Extension Services

**Agenda Item 20.0
Resolutions**

Presenter: Ralph Cavalieri and Don Snyder

Background:

Resolution #1:

WHEREAS, Dr. Rodney J. Brown, having served as Dean of the College of Agriculture at Utah State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown provided continuing support to the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors throughout his tenure as Dean of the College of Agriculture at Utah State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown served as Chair, National Administrative Heads Section and member of the Board on Agriculture Assembly of NASULGC; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown had a distinguished career as a food chemist in the area of dairy products chemistry and new product development; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown stepped down as Dean of the College of Agriculture and has been appointed to the position of Assistant Deputy Director of Research, Education, and Economics at CSREES, USDA; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors at their meeting in Big Sky, Montana on July 16, 2002 expresses its sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Rodney J. Brown for the significant support he has made to our Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the original of this resolution be provided to Dr. Rodney J. Brown and that a copy be filed as part of the official minutes of this meeting

Resolution #2

WHEREAS, Dr. Steven W. Horn has served as Dean and Director of the University of Wyoming Agricultural Experiment Station; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horn provided outstanding contributions to the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors as a member throughout his tenure as Dean and Director at the University of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horn has returned to the faculty and continues his distinguished career at the University of Wyoming, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors at their meeting in Big Sky, Montana on July 17, 2002 expresses its sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Steven W. Horn for the significant contributions he has made to our Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the original of this resolution be provided to Dr. Horn and that a copy be filed as part of the official minutes of this meeting

Resolution #3

WHEREAS, Dr. Philip Roberts has served as Associate Dean for Research and Extension at the University of California, Riverside; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roberts provided outstanding contributions to the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors as a member throughout his tenure as Associate Dean for Research and Extension at the University of California, Riverside; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roberts continues with his distinguished career of research and teaching in nematology, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors at their meeting in Big Sky, Montana on July 17, 2002 expresses its sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Philip Roberts for the significant contributions he has made to our Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the original of this resolution be provided to Dr. Roberts and that a copy be filed as part of the official minutes of this meeting

Resolution #4

WHEREAS Dr. Lavern Weber, having served as Associate Director of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station; and

WHEREAS Dr. Weber provided outstanding contributions to the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors as a member throughout his tenure as Associate Director at Oregon State University; and

WHEREAS Dr. Weber had a distinguished career in pharmacology and marine toxicology; and

WHEREAS Dr. Weber has served as the second director of the Hatfield Marine Science Center transforming the Center into a leading marine research and education institution; and

WHEREAS Dr. Weber established the Coastal Oregon Marine Experiment Station in Newport, Oregon; and

WHEREAS Dr. Weber has retired from Oregon State University; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors at their meeting in Big Sky, Montana on July 17, 2002 expresses its sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Lavern J. Weber for the significant contributions he has made to our Association; and be it further

RESOLVED that the original of this resolution be provided to Dr. Lavern J. Weber and that a copy be filed as part of the official minutes of this meeting.

Resolution #5

WHEREAS Dr. L. J. "Kelvin" Koong, having served as Associate Director of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station; and

WHEREAS Dr. Koong provided outstanding contributions to the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors as a member throughout his tenure as Associate Director at both Oregon State University and the University of Nevada; and

WHEREAS Dr. Koong has a distinguished career in biomathematics applied to animal energetics and growth; and

WHEREAS Dr. Koong has served as the Head of the Animal Sciences Department at Oregon State University enhancing the department's relations with Oregon's livestock industry; and

WHEREAS Dr. Koong has served as Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Oregon State University, putting the College on a sound funding base through diligent work with the

Oregon legislature and enabling the program to move from a two- to a four-year program; and

WHEREAS Dr Koong has returned to active research and teaching in animal sciences at Oregon State University; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors at their meeting in Big Sky, Montana on July 17, 2002 expresses its sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Dr. L. J. Koong for the significant contributions he has made to our Association; and be it further

RESOLVED that the original of this resolution be provided to Dr. L. J. Koong and that a copy be filed as part of the official minutes of this meeting.

Resolution #6

WHEREAS Dr. Sandra Helmick, having served as Assistant Director of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station; and

WHEREAS Dr. Helmick provided outstanding contributions to the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors as a member throughout her tenure as Associate Director at Oregon State University; and

WHEREAS Dr. Helmick has a distinguished career of research education on rural families coping with changing family dynamics, such as aging parents, family finances, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS Dr. Helmick has served as Associate Dean for Research and Instruction in the College of Home Economics and Education at Oregon State University, shepherding the research projects of faculty within the College; and

WHEREAS Dr. Helmick has been very involved in AES committees including the Board of Agriculture Budget Committee, Chair of the Western Regional Home Economics Research Administrators, and member of the ESCOP Public Communications Task Force; and

WHEREAS Dr. Helmick has returned to active research and teaching in the College of Health and Human Performance at Oregon State University; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors at their meeting in Big Sky, Montana on July 17, 2002 expresses its sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Sandra Helmick for the significant contributions she has made to our Association; and be it further

RESOLVED that the original of this resolution be provided to Dr. Sandra Helmick and that a copy be filed as part of the official minutes of this meeting.

Resolution #7

WHEREAS Dr. Marlin G. Van Der Veen, having served as Director of the Northern Marianas Islands Agricultural Experiment Station; and

WHEREAS Dr. G. Van Der Veen provided outstanding contributions to the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors as a member throughout his tenure as Director at the College of the Northern Marianas Islands; and

WHEREAS Dr. G. Van Der Veen had a distinguished career in serving as a Director for Agricultural Development in the American Pacific Program; and

WHEREAS Dr. G. Van Der Veen has returned to the faculty in the College of the Northern Marianas Islands; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors at their meeting in Big Sky, Montana on July 17, 2002 expresses its sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Marlin G. Van Der Veen for the significant contributions he has made to our Association; and be it further

RESOLVED that the original of this resolution be provided to Dr. Marlin G. Van Der Veen and that a copy be filed as part of the official minutes of this meeting.

Resolution #8

WHEREAS Dr. Sally E. Horton, having served as Associate Dean and Associate Director of Cooperative Extension at Washington State University; and

WHEREAS Dr. Sally E. Horton, having also served as Assistant Director of Family Living and as Extension Family Economics Specialist at Washington State University; and

WHEREAS Dr. Horton provided support to the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors throughout her tenure as Associate Dean of Cooperative Extension at Washington State University; and

WHEREAS Dr. Horton served as a member of the Research Implementation Committee and subsequently as a member of the Regional Coordination and Implementation Committee; and

WHEREAS Dr. Horton had a distinguished career as a family and consumer scientist; and

WHEREAS Dr. Horton has retired from Washington State University; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors at their meeting in Big Sky, Montana on July 16, 2002 expresses its sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Sally E. Horton for the significant support she has made to our Association; and be it further

RESOLVED that the original of this resolution be provided to Dr. Horton and that a copy be filed as part of the official minutes of this meeting

Resolution #9

WHEREAS the Western Association of the Agricultural Experiment Station Directors met in Big Sky, Montana on July 14-17, 2002; and

WHEREAS those attending were educated and stimulated by meetings and an interesting and informative field trip; and

WHEREAS the local arrangements and accommodations for the meetings were both compatible and conducive to effective interaction, resulting in a successful meeting; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors expresses its appreciation to President Geoff Gamble and the faculty and staff of Montana State University for arranging the facilities and coordinating the meeting and the excellent field trip; and be it further

RESOLVED that the original of this resolution be provided to President Gamble and that a copy be filed as part of the official minutes of this meeting.

Resolution #10

WHEREAS the Western Association of the Agricultural Experiment Station Directors met in Big Sky, Montana on July 14-17, 2002; and

WHEREAS those attending were educated and stimulated by meetings and an interesting and informative field trip; and

WHEREAS the accommodations for the meetings were both compatible and conducive to effective interaction, resulting in a successful meeting;
therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors expresses its appreciation to Dr. Sharron Quisenberry and Project Manager Lisa Duffey for arranging the facilities and coordinating the meeting and the excellent field trip; and be it further

RESOLVED that the original of this resolution be provided to Dr. Quisenberry and Ms. Duffey and that a copy be filed as part of the official minutes of this meeting.

Action Requested: Approval of Resolutions

Action Taken: Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved **to accept 10 resolutions.**

Agenda Item 21.0
Other Business
Western Region Policy Center

Presenter: Don Snyder

Background:

The Western Region Policy Center was discussed by the Western Administrative Heads. Continued funding and assessments for the Center have not been determined. Possible changes are to broaden the scope of the Center and to have no paid Director.

CARET requested that Thayne Dutson be appointed to serve as the Director - thus reducing overhead - and also reducing activity.

Action Requested: Consider CARET request

Action Taken: Motion made, seconded and approved **to table action on approval of CARET request until September 2002 meeting.**