

Minutes of the Meeting of The Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors



**Eldorado Hotel
Santa Fe, NM
July 10-13, 2005**

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

1. The agenda was approved as circulated. 5
2. The minutes of the March 21-23, 2005 meeting were approved as posted on the WAAESD web site. 5
3. Approved reappointment of H. M. Harrington as Executive Director after his five-year term ends. 6
4. Proposals Approved for specified dates (W1150, WERA97, WERA202, WDC1, WDC2) 39
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9. Approved nominated slate of officers: 59
Chair - Donald Snyder (UT)
Chair-Elect - C. Y. Hu (HI)
Secretary - Greg Bohach (ID)
Treasurer - Jeff Jacobsen (MT)
At-Large Executive Committee - Sandra Ristow (WA) and Charles Boyer (OR)
RCIC - C. Colin Kaltenbach
10. Unanimously approved the resolutions for James Jacobs, Lanny J. Lund, and the New Mexico State University Agricultural Experiment Station meeting organizers. 77
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Attendance:

Alaska	Carol Lewis	Oregon	Jan Auyong
Arizona	C. Colin Kaltenbach		Charles Boyer
California	Donald Cooksey		Stella Coakley
Colorado	Lee Sommers	Utah	Don Snyder
Guam	Greg Wiecko		Rhonda Miller
Hawaii	C. Y. Hu	Washington	Ralph Cavalieri
Idaho	Greg Bohach		Sandra Ristow
Montana	Jeff Jacobsen	Wyoming	Jim Jacobs
Micronesia	Singero Singeo	Others:	
Nevada	Ron Pardini	ARS	Robert Matteri
New Mexico	LeRoy Daugherty	CSREES	Gary Cunningham
	Steve Loring		George Cooper
		W. Exec. Dir.	H. Michael Harrington

**Agenda
Summer 2005 WAAESD Meeting
July 10-13, 2005
Eldorado Hotel
Santa Fe, New Mexico**

Sunday – July 10

8:00 - 4:00 RCIC Meeting, DeVargas Room
 4:00 - 6:00 WAAESD Executive Committee Meeting, Zia A
 6:30 - 8:00 Evening Reception, Palace of the Governors

**Monday – July 11
WAAESD Meeting, Zia A
1:45 - 5:00 pm**

1:45	1.0	Call to Order	Lee Sommers
1:50	2.0	Approval of Agenda and Approval of Minutes of March 2005 Meeting (see: http://www.colostate.edu/Orgs/WAAESD/WAAESD/SP05Min.pdf)	Lee Sommers
2:00	3.0	Chair’s Report, Interim Actions, Executive Committee Report	Lee Sommers
2:05	4.0	Treasurer’s Report	Jeff Jacobsen
2:15	5.0	USDA-CSREES Report	George Cooper
2:30	6.0	ARS Report	Bob Matteri

2:45	7.0	BAA Policy Board	H. Michael Harrington
3:00		Break	
3:15	8.0	ESCOP Report & Status of Plant Germplasm Task Force Report	Ralph Cavaliere
3:25	9.0	NRSP Review Committee Report	Lee Sommers
3:35	10.0	NIAS Report	David Thawley/ H. Michael Harrington
3:45	11.0	Executive Director's Report	H. Michael Harrington
4:00	12.0	Joint Meeting with WED, Spring 2006	Lee Sommers
4:10	13.0	Summary of PWG Futuring Workshop	Lee Sommers/ H. Michael Harrington
4:15	14.0	Federal Budget	Lee Sommers/All
4:30	14.1	CSREES/SAES Competitive Grants Program	G. Cunningham
5:15		Adjourn for Day	
6:30		Dinner, Anasazi Ballroom	

Tuesday – July 12

Joint Meetings with WAAESD-WED-WAP, Zia B

8:15 - 10:20 am

8:15	15.0	RCIC Report	Chuck Gay
8:35	16.0	Academic Programs Update	Annie King
8:45	17.0	WAAESD Update	Lee Sommers
8:55	18.0	WED Update	Karen Hinton
9:05	19.0	Status: Integration of Western Region Multistate Programs	H. Michael Harrington
9:20	20.0	Formula Funds Task Force and Think Tank	Jack Payne/ H. Michael Harrington
9:40	21.0	CSREES Portfolio Reviews	George Cooper/ Gary Cunningham
9:55	22.0	EERE/NASULGC Partnership	Tony Nakazawa/ H. Michael Harrington
10:10	23.0	The Conservation Security Program: Achieving Consistency across State Boundaries	Carole Jett, Associate Deputy Chief for Programs, NRCS
10:30	24.0	Joint Spring Meeting	Lee Sommers/ Karen Hinton
10:45		Adjourn Joint Meetings	
11:00 am - 8:30 pm Group Tour and Dinner			

Wednesday – July 13
WAAESD Meeting, Zia A
8:45 - 10:30 am

8:45	25.0	State Issues	All
9:50	26.0	Election of Officers and Appointments	Lee Sommers
10:00	27.0	Discussion of Items on the Consent Agenda	Lee Sommers/All
10:15	28.0	Future Meetings	
	28.1	2005 Fall ESS Meeting	H. Michael Harrington
	28.2	2006 Spring Meeting	TBD
	28.3	2006 Joint Summer Meeting	Rick Standiford
10:20	29.0	Resolutions	Greg Bohach/ Jeff Jacobsen
10:25	30.0	Other Business	Lee Sommers
10:30		Adjourn	
11:00		General Closing Session	

Consent Agenda (Written Reports Only)

27.1	State Reports	All
27.2	ESCOP Advocacy/Marketing	Ron Pardini
27.3	ESCOP Budget and Legislative Committee	LeRoy Daugherty
27.4	ESCOP Science & Technology/Impact Assessment	Ron Pardini
27.5	ESCOP Partnership Committee	Lee Sommers
27.6	ESCOP Planning Committee	LeRoy Daugherty

Agenda Item 1.0 Call to Order

Presenter: Lee Sommers

Background:

The meeting was called to order by Sommers. The attendees introduced themselves.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 2.0
Approval of Agenda and Approval of Minutes of March 2005 Meeting

Presenter: Lee Sommers

Background:

The agenda was circulated prior to the meeting and was also posted on the WAAESD web site.

The draft minutes of the March 2005 Meeting are posted at:

<http://www.colostate.edu/Orgs/WAAESD/WAAESD/SP05Min.pdf>

Action Requested: Approval of Agenda and Approval of Minutes of March 2005 Meeting

Action Taken: The agenda was approved as circulated. The minutes of the March 21-23, 2005 meeting were approved as posted on the WAAESD web site.

Agenda Item 3.0
Chair's Report, Interim Actions, Executive Committee Report

Presenter: Lee Sommers

Background:

The Executive Committee discussed the review process for the Executive Director position. The process as initially written by C. C. Kaltenbach and H. M. Harrington may need to be modified.

As the current contract for the Executive Director expires in 2006, the Executive Committee recommends reappointment of H. Michael Harrington for five years, pending availability of funds.

Action Requested: Approval of reappointment of H. M. Harrington as Executive Director after his five-year term ends.

Action Taken: Approved reappointment of H. M. Harrington as Executive Director after his five-year term ends.

**Agenda Item 4.0
Treasurer's Report**

Presenter: Jeff Jacobsen

Background:

		WESTERN DIRECTOR EXPERIMENT STATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT FY05			484012 21-Jun-05
ASSESSMENTS		FY05 Assessments	Outstanding	Payment	Balance Due
	Am Samoa	600.00		600.00	0.00
	Micronesia	600.00		600.00	0.00
	Northern Marianas	600.00		600.00	0.00
	Alaska	8,790.06		8,790.06	0.00
	Arizona	15,274.56		15,274.56	0.00
	California	23,422.72		23,422.72	0.00
	Colorado	17,555.94		17,555.94	0.00
	Guam	8,572.64		8,572.64	0.00
	Hawaii	11,332.81		11,332.81	0.00
	Idaho	13,582.54		13,582.54	0.00
	Montana	14,338.74		14,338.74	0.00
	Nevada	11,143.76		11,143.76	0.00
	New Mexico	11,531.32		11,531.32	0.00
	Oregon	17,278.52		17,278.52	0.00
	Utah	14,974.55		14,974.55	0.00
	Washington	23,063.94		23,063.94	0.00
	Wyoming	12,911.40		12,911.40	0.00
	CSU Rent	-7,800.00		(7,800.00)	0.00
Assessment Total		\$197,773.50		\$197,773.50	0.00
INCOME/EXPENSE					
Date	Transaction	Income	Expense		Balance
07/01/04	Balance forward				\$10,945.89
YTD	Assessments	197,773.50			208,719.39
	July Interest	24.59			208,743.98
	August Interest	27.78			208,771.76
	September Interest	89.03			208,860.79
	October Interest	246.90			209,107.69
	November Interest	186.87			209,294.56
	December Interest	94.73			209,389.29
	January Interest	142.82			209,532.11
	February Interest	139.85			209,671.96
	March Interest	165.29			209,837.25
	April Interest	171.32			210,008.57
07/01/04	MT Accounting Fee		3,500.00		206,508.57
09/09/04	CSU First Qtr		49,443.38		157,065.19
	CSU Second Qtr		49,443.38		107,621.81
	CSU Third Qtr		49,443.48		58,178.33
	CSU Fourth Qtr		49,443.38		8,734.95
TOTAL		199,062.68	201,273.62		8,734.95

**WESTERN DIRECTOR EXTENSION ACCOUNT
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FY 2005**

ASSESSMENTS				
	FY05 Assessments	Outstanding FY04	Payment Received	Balance Due
Am Samoa	1,121.83		1,121.83	\$0.00
Micronesia	1,240.14		1,240.14	\$0.00
Northern Marianas	1,096.72		1,096.72	\$0.00
Alaska	1,344.37		1,344.37	\$0.00
Arizona	2,321.22		2,321.22	\$0.00
California	9,246.38		9,246.38	\$0.00
Colorado	3,655.27		3,655.27	\$0.00
Guam	1,192.46		1,192.46	\$0.00
Hawaii	1,619.02		1,619.02	\$0.00
Idaho	3,290.07		3,290.07	\$0.00
Montana	3,098.94		3,098.94	\$0.00
Nevada	1,361.06		1,361.06	\$0.00
New Mexico	2,468.71		2,468.71	\$0.00
Oregon	4,400.48		4,400.48	\$0.00
Utah	2,013.19		2,013.19	\$0.00
Washington	5,089.55		5,089.55	\$0.00
Wyoming	1,843.09		1,843.09	\$0.00
Assessment Total	46,402.50		46,402.50	\$0.00
INCOME/EXPENSE				
Date	Transaction	Income	Expense	Balance
	Balance forward			\$1,099.57
	YTD Assessments Received	46,402.50		47,502.07
	July Interest	1.14		47,503.21
	August Interest	1.29		47,504.50
	September Interest	10.43		47,514.93
	October Interest	34.18		47,549.11
	November Interest	21.24		47,570.35
09/09/04	CSU First Qtr		11,600.62	35,948.49
	CSU Second Qtr		11,600.63	24,347.86
	CSU Third Qtr		11,600.63	12,747.23
	CSU Fourth Qtr		11,600.63	1,146.60
TOTAL		\$46,470.78	\$46,402.51	\$1,167.84

**WESTERN DIRECTOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FY 2005**

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ASSESSMENTS	FY05 Assessments	Outstanding FY04	Payment Received	Balance Due
Alaska	841.00		841.00	0.00
American Samoa	200.00		200.00	0.00
Arizona	841.00		841.00	0.00
California	841.00		841.00	0.00
Colorado	841.00		841.00	0.00
Guam	841.00		841.00	0.00
Hawaii	841.00		841.00	0.00
Idaho	841.00		841.00	0.00
Micronesia	200.00		200.00	0.00
Montana	841.00		841.00	0.00
Northern Marianas	200.00		200.00	0.00
Nevada	841.00		841.00	0.00
New Mexico	841.00	780.16	1,621.16	0.00
Oregon	841.00		841.00	0.00
Utah	841.00		841.00	0.00
Washington	841.00		841.00	0.00
Wyoming	841.00		841.00	0.00
Assessment Total	\$12,374.00	\$780.16	\$13,154.16	\$0.00

INCOME/EXPENSE

Date	Transaction	Income	Expense	Balance
07/01/04	Balance forward			\$168.03
	YTD Assessments Received	13,154.16		13,322.19
	July Interest	0.11		13,322.30
	August Interest	0.13		13,322.43
	September Interest	4.22		13,326.65
	October Interest	14.87		13,341.52
	November Interest	11.39		13,352.91
	December Interest	6.10		13,359.01
	January Interest	6.63		13,365.64
	February Interest	6.19		13,371.83
	March Interest	7.32		13,379.15
	April Interest	7.61		13,386.76
9/9/04	CSU First Qtr		3,093.50	10,293.26
	CSU Second Qtr		3,093.50	7,199.76
	CSU Third Qtr		3,093.50	4,106.26
	CSU Fourth Qtr		3,093.50	1,012.76
TOTAL		\$13,218.73	\$12,374.00	1,012.76

**WESTERN DIRECTOR'S SPECIAL ACCOUNT
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FY 2005**

ASSESSMENTS

	NO ASSESSMENT FOR FY2005		
		Payment	Balance Due
Alaska	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Arizona	0.00	0.00	0.00
California	0.00	0.00	0.00
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

INCOME/EXPENSE

Date	Transaction	Income	Expense	Balance
07/01/05	Balance forward			\$6,067.78
	Assessments			
	YTD Received	\$0.00		6,067.78
	July Interest	8.83		6,076.61
	Aug Interest	7.72		5,321.35
	Sept Interest	8.25		6,084.86
	Oct Interest	9.20		6,094.06
	Nov Interest	9.75		6,103.81
	Dec Interest	11.44		6,115.25
12/30/04	Robert Thawley		\$847.01	5,268.24
	Jan Interest	11.09		5,279.33
	Feb Interest	10.05		5,289.38
	Mar Interest	11.89		5,301.27
	Apr Interest	12.36		5,313.63
				5,313.63
				5,313.63
Total		\$100.58	\$847.01	\$5,321.35

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 5.0 USDA-CSREES Report

Presenter: George Cooper

Background:

CSREES Summer Update to Partners

Presented by George E. Cooper

Western Association Joint Summer Meeting

July 11-13, 2005

Proposed SAESCP

A draft implementation plan for the proposed State Agricultural Experiment Station Competitive Program (SAESCP), which was included in the Administration's Fiscal Year 2006 budget plan funded at \$75 million, was published on the CSREES Web Site (SAESCP Implementation Plan – 06/22/05 version 4.0), and sent via e-mail to all agency partners. The draft is written in the form of a Request for Applications (RFA) by an agency team comprising program leaders from throughout our organization under the leadership of Dennis Kopp, Assistant Administrator for Program and Analysis, and Gary Cunningham, Associate Administrator. The plan is available at http://www.csrees.usda.gov/newsroom/news/csrees_news/05news/saes_plan.pdf.

CSREES needs to have a program implementation plan in place and staff positioned to manage the effort should Congress appropriate funds for the program. Although that seems unlikely for 2006, based on appropriations action in the U.S. House of Representatives, we hope this draft will generate a great deal of discussion about how we might approach designing a competitively awarded grants system that would capture the strengths of the SAES system, while meeting a high standard of stakeholder input, peer review, and a balance of stability in program management and responsiveness to critical issues. Please carefully review and comment on the plan. Contact Dennis Kopp – dkopp@csrees.usda.gov

CSREES HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS REQUESTED

Last year we established a CSREES Hall of Fame. Inductees into the CSREES Hall of Fame worked, coordinated, or supported activities exemplifying CSREES' synergy of excellence in any combination of research, education, and extension approaches on local, regional, national, or international levels, and demonstrated a measurable and positive impact on the Agency. Ten members of the CSREES Hall of Fame were inducted last year during the Agency's 10th anniversary celebration.

We are seeking nominations from Staff and CSREES Partner Organizations (Land-Grant and partner institutions), and individuals. Nominees may be living or deceased. A Committee will review the nominations and recommend deserving nominees for final selection by the CSREES Administrator. New recipients will be inducted into the CSREES Hall of Fame during our annual awards ceremony this October, pending identification of at least one qualified nominee.

Nominations and endorsement letters must be emailed or faxed to us by 5:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time, August 12, 2005. Email submissions go to: jspurling@csrees.usda.gov Fax number: 202-720-8987. For evaluation criteria information and nomination package go to the CSREES [Web Site](#).

PROPOSED 2007 - 2011 PLAN OF WORK GUIDELINES PUBLISHED

CSREES published the proposed Guidelines for State Plans of Work for the Agricultural Research and Extension Formula Funds in the Federal Register on June 7, 2005, (70 FR 33055-33062). These guidelines prescribe the procedures to be followed by the eligible institutions receiving Federal agricultural research and extension formula funds under the Hatch Act of 1887, as amended (7 U.S.C. 361a et seq.); sections 3(b)(1) and (c) of the Smith-Lever Act of 1914, as amended (7 U.S.C. 343 (b)(1) and (c)); and sections 1444 and 1445 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977, as amended (7 U.S.C. 3221 and 3222). The recipients of these funds are commonly referred to as the 1862 Land-Grant Institutions and 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, including Tuskegee University and West Virginia State College. To read the proposed guidelines go to the CSREES [website](#). For more information contact BART HEWITT, Program Analyst, Planning and Accountability Staff, at 202-720-0747 or bhewitt@csrees.usda.gov.

NRE RECRUITMENT ACTION

CSREES will be recruiting a National Program Leader for Rangeland and Grassland Resources. This position will consolidate a number of duties spread throughout the agency, and join range and grass together as has been done in several other USDA agencies (e.g. NRCS and ARS, and in DoI).

LISTENING SESSION PAPER TO BE PUBLISHED

The final report from the September 2004 Agricultural Water Security Listening Session in Park City, Utah, will be posted on the CSREES website as a ~60 page .pdf file on or about July 11, 2005. The report captures the strengths, opportunities, gaps & barriers, and bold steps for water supply and availability related to the Research, Education, and Economics (REE) mission area of USDA, which includes CSREES, ARS, ERS, and NASS.

FINANCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM

Rural entrepreneurship often is fueled by household assets. "America Saves/Cooperative Extension" is operating in 20 states via 31 local coalitions. In the last two years, nearly 18,000 low- to middle-income savers have built wealth by an estimated \$7.5 million. The NASD Investor Education Foundation just announced nearly a half-million in grants to multi-university teams for educating youth and first-time employees. The nationwide Land-grant University System is positioning to obtain funding from \$52.5 million in Wall Street settlements designated for personal financial education, and to provide financial education to bankruptcy filers required by the 2005 bankruptcy reform act. A "Financial Security for All" pioneer Community of Practice application is pending with eXtension. For more information, contact Jane Schuchardt, 202-690-2674, jschuchardt@csrees.usda.gov.

Community Mapping Program

Community Mapping Programs have been launched in 175 communities in 44 states. Youth and Adult teams are using Geospatial technology (GIS GPS and Remote Sensing) to Map social, economic and environmental needs that will result in community improvement and natural resource management. CSREES partners are seeking additional communities to consider Community Mapping programs in their state.

For more information contact:

www.tnstate.edu/iager/gisgps/main.htm

www.csrees.usda.gov/informationtechnologyeducation.html. Contact: Tom - ttate@csrees.usda.gov.

CSREES SOLICITING TOPICS FOR 2006 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS' MEETING

Just a reminder -- we are still soliciting topics for the 2006 CSREES Administrative Officers' Meeting breakout sessions or agenda items. Next year's meeting will be hosted by South Dakota State University in Rapid City, SD, and will be held April 30 - May 4, 2006. If you would like to suggest a topic, ideas for a breakout sessions, or agenda items please e-mail BRENDA BARNETT, Budget and Fiscal Specialist, Office of Extramural Programs, at bbarnett@csrees.usda.gov. Suggestions will be forwarded to the 2006 Program Planning Committee for review and approval.

NEW ON-LINE MASTER'S DEGREE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO BEGIN FALL 2005

The North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (NCRCRD) announces the launching of a new Community Development On-line Master's Degree Program. Two three-credit courses will be offered in the Fall 2005: Community and Natural Resource Management and Introduction to Native Communities. Three of six participating universities are approved to offer these courses: Iowa State University, South Dakota State University, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Students should contact the graduate college at the institution of their choice. Other participating universities to offer courses in later semesters include Kansas State University, North Dakota State University, and the University of Missouri-Columbia. JOHN PHILLIPS, USDA liaison to the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, will teach as an adjunct professor for the University of Missouri. According to Phillips, the program "brings a respectful, participatory and holistic approach to community development in Indian Country. It starts by acknowledging Native American strengths such as sovereignty, culture and history, and then provides the appropriate tools to develop stronger and healthier communities." For more information about the degree program and an informational brochure see the NCRCRD web site at: <http://www.ncrcrd.iastate.edu/distancedegree/index.htm> Contact SUSAN FEY at NCRCRD at (515) 294-6250 or susanfey@iastate.edu , or SALLY MAGGARD, National Program Leader, Economic and Community Systems - smaggard@csrees.usda.gov.

FSLI ANNOUNCES 2005 SCHOLARS

The Food Systems Leadership Institute (FSLI), a partnership between the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, (NASULGC) and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, hosted by the University of North Carolina, announced a select group of participants for its inaugural leadership institute. These scholars will participate in a program dedicated to advancing and strengthening the food system by developing strong and effective leaders prepared to bring cultural change to food system organizations, with a special focus on our nation's land-grant universities.

The FSLI is designed for experienced leaders motivated to further advance their knowledge and skills in leadership and food systems. A rigorous curriculum will develop their individual leadership, their ability to act as agents of change within their organizations, and their appreciation for broad and holistic perspectives on food systems.

The University of North Carolina System is the host institution for the FSLI. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, and University of Vermont, Burlington, VT, are also partners in the FSLI, providing their expertise in leadership and food systems to the FSLI curriculum. Each of these three universities will host intensive residential sessions for the scholars.

The 2005 Food Systems Leadership Institute Scholars:

DR. ANITA AZARENKO, Department Head, Horticulture, College of Agricultural Sciences, Oregon State University
DR. CRAIG BEYROUTY, Professor and Head, Department of Agronomy, College of Agriculture, Purdue University
DR. WILLIAM BOGGESS, Department Head, Agriculture and Resource Economics, College of Agricultural Sciences, Oregon State University
DR. JO BRITT-RANKIN, Assoc. Dean and Program Director, Human Environmental Sciences Extension, University of Missouri
DR. CLYDE CHESNEY, Administrator, Cooperative Extension Program, Tennessee State University
DR. DAN CLAY, Director, Institute of International Agriculture, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Michigan State University
DR. GEORGE COOPER, Deputy Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service--Science and Education Resources Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture
DR. JOSEPH DIPIETRO, Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Florida
DR. KENNETH ESBENSHADE, Associate Dean and Director of Academic Programs, College of Agriculture & Life Science, North Carolina State University
DR. JOHN FLOROS, Department Head and Professor of Food Science, College of Agricultural Sciences, Penn State University
DR. RORY FRASER, Director, Center for Forest Ecosystems Assessment, School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Alabama A&M University
DR. DOUGLAS O. LANTAGNE, Interim Director, UVM Extension, University of Vermont
DR. GARY LEMME, Dean, College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences, South Dakota State University
DR. LINDA C. MARTIN, Assistant Dean for Academic Programs, College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources, Oklahoma State University
DR. ROB MILLER, Director, Healthcare Professional Products, Ross Products Division, Abbott Laboratories
DR. MELISSA MIXON, Associate Vice President, Division of Agriculture, Forestry, & Veterinary Medicine, Mississippi State University
DR. MICHAEL OUART, Associate Vice Provost for Extension and Associate Director for University Extension, Iowa State University
DR. KEITH SMITH, Associate Vice President for Agriculture Administration, Director of University Extension, and Associate Dean, College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, The Ohio State University
DR. LINDA SNETSELAAR, Chair, Preventative Nutrition Education, and Professor, -- Department of Epidemiology College of Public Health, University of Iowa
DR. SUSAN SUMNER, Department Head, Food Science and Technology, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Virginia Tech University
DR. LARRY W. TURNER, Director of Cooperative Extension and Associate Dean for Extension, College of Agriculture, University of Kentucky

FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE – APPLICATION TO USE THE 4-H NAME AND EMBLEM

The 4-H Name and Emblem is a Federal mark, protected by 18 U.S.C. 707, and entrusted by Congress, to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Secretary has delegated responsibility for the proper use of the 4-H Name and Emblem to the National 4-H Headquarters within the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service in USDA. The process for submitting an application to use the 4-H Name and Emblem may be found on the CSREES web site at <http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov> This notice is a renewal of the Application Form and the information collected is used to determine whether the proposed use of the 4-H Name and Emblem reflect the high standards of 4-H and its educational goals and objectives. To see Federal Register Notice go to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/05-10209.htm>. Comments on this notice must be received by July 22, 2005.

RURAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACROSS NORTH DAKOTA MEETING SET FOR JULY 12

“Rural Entrepreneurship across Indian Country: A Listening Session on Programs, Strategies, and Possibilities” is set for July 12, 2005, at United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, North Dakota. The meeting is co-sponsored by the North Central Regional Rural Development Center, the Western Rural Development Center, and North Dakota State University, with funding from the Northwest Area Foundation. It is part of a National Rural Entrepreneurship Initiative underway with leadership from the four USDA-CSREES Regional Rural Development Centers and Washington State University Professor James Zuiches. Listening sessions are scheduled across the country through summer 2005 to bring together researchers, rural development practitioners, community organizations, local development agencies, and private sector peers. Over 142 organizations in 44 states will participate. In addition to CSREES base program funding to the Regional Centers, the Initiative has received \$150,000 from W.K. Kellogg Foundation, \$25,000 from Northwest Area Foundation, and \$20,000 from Farm Foundation. At CSREES Sally Maggard, National Program Leader for Rural Sociology, and Jill Auburn, National Program Leader for Sustainable Agriculture, are working with Dr. Zuiches. For additional information contact James Zuiches, WSU Department of Community and Rural Sociology at (509) 335-8540 or zuiches@wsu.edu; Sally Maggard at (202) 720-0741 or smaggard@csrees.usda.gov; or Jill Auburn at (202) 720-5384 or jauburn@csrees.usda.gov.

For additional information on the July 12, 2005 session contact Mary Emery, Associate Director, North Central Regional Rural Development Center at (515) 294-298321 or memery@iastate.edu, or John Allen, Director, Western Rural Development Center at (435) 797-9732 or Johna@ext.usu.edu. Registration for July 12 is available at the meeting website: <http://www.ncrcrd.iastate.edu/projects/listening/index.html>.

CSREES FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

* National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program - Various topic areas

Closing date: See individual grant program

URL: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/fundview.cfm?fnum=1112>

CSREES contact: Various contacts; see individual grant program

*Small Business Innovation Research – Air, Water, and Soils

Phase I -- Limited to \$80,000

Closing date: September 1, 2005

URL: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/fundview.cfm?fnum=1063>

CSREES contact: CHARLES F. CLELAND (202-401-4002 or ccleland@csrees.usda.gov)

*Small Business Innovation Research -- Animal Production and Protection

Phase I -- Limited to \$80,000

Closing date: September 1, 2005

URL: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/fundview.cfm?fnum=1068>

CSREES contact: PETER BURFENING (202-401-5823 or pburfening@csrees.usda.gov)

*Small Business Innovation Research – Animal Waste Management

Phase I -- Limited to \$80,000

Closing date: September 1, 2005

URL: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/fundview.cfm?fonum=1221>

CSREES contact: RICHARD HEGG (202-401-6550 or rhegg@csrees.usda.gov)

*Small Business Innovation Research – Aquaculture

Phase I -- Limited to \$80,000

Closing date: September 1, 2005

URL: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/fundview.cfm?fonum=1071>

CSREES contact: CHARLES F. CLELAND (202-401-4002 or ccleland@csrees.usda.gov)

*Small Business Innovation Research – Food Science and Nutrition

Phase I -- Limited to \$80,000

Closing date: September 1, 2005

URL: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/fundview.cfm?fonum=1089>

CSREES contact: SIVA SURESHWARAN (202-720-7536 or ssureshwaran@csrees.usda.gov)

*Small Business Innovation Research – Forests and Related Resources

Phase I -- Limited to \$80,000

Closing date: September 1, 2005

URL: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/fundview.cfm?fonum=1090>

CSREES contact: CHARLES F. CLELAND (202-401-4002 or ccleland@csrees.usda.gov)

*Small Business Innovation Research –Industrial Applications

Phase I -- Limited to \$80,000

Closing date: September 1, 2005

URL: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/fundview.cfm?fonum=1097>

CSREES contact: WILLIAM GOLDNER (202-401-1719 or wgoldner@csrees.usda.gov)

*Small Business Innovation Research –Marketing and Trade

Phase I -- Limited to \$80,000

Closing date: September 1, 2005

URL: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/fundview.cfm?fonum=1105>

CSREES contact: SIVA SURESHWARAN (202-720-7536 or ssureshwaran@csrees.usda.gov)

*Small Business Innovation Research –Plant Production and Protection

Phase I -- Limited to \$80,000

Closing date: September 1, 2005

URL: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/fundview.cfm?fonum=1121>

CSREES contact: WILLIAM GOLDNER (202-401-1719 or wgoldner@csrees.usda.gov)

*Small Business Innovation Research –Rural & Community Development

Phase I -- Limited to \$80,000

Closing date: September 1, 2005

URL: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/fundview.cfm?fonum=1126>

CSREES contact: SIVA SURESHWARAN (202-720-7536 or ssureshwaran@csrees.usda.gov)

*Small Business Innovation Research –Small Business Innovation Research: Small and Mid

Sized Farms (New 2006)

Phase I -- Limited to \$80,000

Closing date: September 1, 2005

URL: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/fundview.cfm?fonum=1440>

CSREES contact: CHARLES F. CLELAND (202-401-4002 or ccleland@csrees.usda.gov)

*Small Business Innovation Research – Wildlife

Phase I -- Limited to \$80,000

Closing date: September 1, 2005

URL: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/fundview.cfm?fonum=1136>

CSREES contact: PETER BURFENING (202-401-5823 or pburfening@csrees.usda.gov)

* Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Programs - Special Experiential Learning Grants

Closing date: September 30, 2005

URL: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/fundview.cfm?fonum=1109>

CSREES contact: AUDREY TROTMAN (202-720-2193 or atrotman@csrees.usda.gov)

* Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate Fellowships Grants Program - Special International Study or Thesis/Dissertation Research Travel Allowances

Closing date: September 30, 2005

URL: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/fundview.cfm?fonum=1180>

CSREES contact: AUDREY TROTMAN (202-720-2193 or atrotman@csrees.usda.gov)

** CSREES currently advertises all of its funding opportunities through "Find Grant Opportunities" on the www.grants.gov/Find Web site. This site is searchable and contains summary information on all federal funding opportunities with a link to the full announcement. Users can search announcements by topic, funding agency, and date, as well as also subscribing to an e-mail notification service based on these parameters.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 6.0 ARS Report

Presenter: Bob Matteri

Background:

ARS REPORT

- Pacific West Area
 - Directors - Dwayne Buxton, Andy Hammond, Bob Matteri
 - Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington
- Northern Plains Area
 - Directors – Will Blackburn, Larry Chandler, Eric Roos
 - Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming
- Southern Plains Area
 - Directors - Charles Onstad, James Coppedge
 - Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas (Panama)

FY2006 Budget

- President's Budget
 - FY06 - \$996,107 (\$105M decrease from FY05)
 - Program Increases - \$87.9 M
 - Emerging and Exotic Diseases, Food Safety, Invasive Species, BSE, Obesity, Air and Water Quality, Biobased Products/Bioenergy, Information Technology, Climate Change, Genetic Resources, Genomics, National Plant Disease Recovery System, Agricultural Information
 - Pay Costs - \$9.3 M
 - Program Decreases - \$203 M
 - Unrequested earmarks (FY01 – FY05)
 - Base projects
 - Buildings and Facilities (\$64.8M)
 - National Centers for Animal Health – Ames, IA - \$58.8M (\$450M total)
 - National Ag Library – Beltsville, MD - \$3M
 - Foreign Disease, Weed Science Laboratory – Ft. Detrick, MD - \$3M
- House Report – <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/approp/app06.html>
 - \$1,035,475,000
 - \$66.5M less than FY05
 - \$39.4 more than FY06 President's Budget
 - Program restorations
 - Program increases
 - Buildings and Facilities
 - \$88.8M
 - 9 facilities projects -

California, Davis: Grape Genomics Research Center - \$3,625,000

California, Salinas: U.S. Agricultural Research Station - \$3,625,000

Illinois, Peoria: National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research - \$3,625,000

Iowa, Ames: National Centers for Animal Health - \$58,800,000

Louisiana, Houma: ARS Sugarcane Research Laboratory - \$3,625,000

New York, Geneva: Center for Grape Genetics - \$3,625,000
New York, Ithaca: Center for Crop-based Health Genomics - \$3,625,000
Washington, Pullman: ARS Research Laboratory - \$3,625,000
Wisconsin, Marshfield: Nutrient Management Research Laboratory - \$3,125,000

- Senate Report - <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/approp/app06.html>
 - \$1,109,981,000
 - \$8M more than FY05
 - Program restorations
 - Program Increases
 - Buildings and Facilities
 - \$160,645,000
 - 22 facilities projects and 5 feasibility studies
 - Western Projects -

US Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center, Hilo, HI - \$10,000,000
Animal Bioscience Facility, Bozeman, MT - \$12,000,000
Hagerman Fish Culture Experiment Station, Hagerman, ID - \$1,000,000
ARS Research Laboratory, Pullman, WA - \$4,000,000

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 7.0

BAA Policy Board of Directors

Presenter: H. Michael Harrington

Background:

Think Tank:

Endorsed a proposal of FBC Chairman Jeffrey D. Armstrong and BAC Chairman Fred A. Cholick to form a “think tank” subcommittee, which would report to the FBC, BAC, and then to the PBD. The committee has full representation from the NASULGC family.

Charge: The subcommittee will review and develop guiding principles and values as well as develop recommendations for the future of the local-state-federal partnership for possible use in the reauthorization of the Farm Bill and for future approaches to appropriations. The committee is to report to the family at the annual NASULGC meeting in November.

Membership: Fred Cholick, co-chair, Kansas State, Jeff Armstrong, co-chair, Michigan State, Lorenza Lyons 1890, Extension ED, Dan Dooley, CARET CA, Patrick Reid, Univ. Arizona, Randy Woodson, Purdue, Bob Steele, Penn State, Cathie Woteki, Iowa State, Jack Payne, Utah State, Milo Shult, Univ. Arkansas, Rodney Foil, emeritus, Mike Harrington, WAAESD, ED, Daryl Lund, NCRA ED (secretary)

The committee has developed a set of questions that have been broadly shared with the system to seek input (lead committee members):

- Is a partnership of federal, state and local funding a viable mechanism for supporting research and education needs of the food system including agriculture, natural resources, environment, food and nutrition, and family and community development (i.e. role of universities, CSREES, ARS, NIFA, other federal agencies, etc.)? Why or why not? (Rodney Foil, Dan Dooley)
- What are the fundamental principles and values of the current USDA/CSREES partnership formula funding program that should be preserved regardless of funding mechanism? (Cathie Woteki, Pat Reid)
- How does the land grant system work under a national agenda with a focus on local priorities? Who should control the agenda for food system and agricultural research? How do we promote cooperation across state borders but maintain local support for programs? (Fred Cholick, Mike Harrington, Jack Payne)
- What does the fiscal support structure need to be to ensure the best quality science? Who should judge the quality of the programs? (Randy Woodson, Jeff Armstrong)
- What are the characteristics of a formula funded program that makes it complementary to or superior to a competitive grants program? Are there funding programs that can be developed that encompass competition, peer review, stakeholder review and solid accountability? (Lorenza Lyons, Milo Shult)
- What funding mechanisms are employed to support research and education in other federal agencies and departments in support of the public good? Are these primarily driven by national or local priorities? What is the balance of intramural and extramural research in these programs? Are these mechanisms applicable to support research and education in USDA/CSREES? What is the appropriate balance between intramural and extramural research in USDA? (Daryl Lund, Bob Steele)

Formula Funds Task Force:

ESCOP and ECOP created a joint task force that was charged to formulate potential strategies for supporting the case for maintenance and / or increases to the federal formula funds portfolio and to think about possible use of information gained by the recent ECOP Survey and the ESCOP study of the impacts of formula funds (the counterfactual studies that resulted in the

ESCOP bulletin - Formula For Success) to market the need for continuation of formula funds as a component piece of the SAES/CES portfolio.

The PBD recommended that the current membership of the ESCOP-ECOP formula funds group be expanded and that the group be charged with looking at formula funding for the future, developing materials and recommendations for consideration by the Budget and Advocacy Committee for future appropriations requests, and reporting its findings back to the Policy Board of Directors.

National Institute for Food and Agriculture:

The PBD continues to support the NIFA concept. The PBD requested the Farm Bill Committee (FBC) to interact with William H. Danforth, Chair of the Research, Education, and Economics Task Force; William G. Leshner, Leshner & Russell, Inc.; and, Randy M. Russell, Leshner & Russell to advance the proposed Institute.

PBD Plan of Work:

Appointed a PBD subcommittee to look at the 2005 Work Plan and bring back recommendations to the PBD; the subcommittee will consist of: Kirk Kerr, Alton Thompson, and Dick Wootton

NASULGC Annual Meeting:

The Board on Agriculture Assembly and the PBD is responsible for the program at this year's program for the plenary session of the Commission on Food, Environment, and Renewable Resources (CFERR).

Directed the BAA Annual Meeting Program Committee explore the possibility of having Congressman Jerry Moran (R-KS), Chair, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, Committee on Agriculture, *U. S. House of Representatives* make a presentation on the reauthorization of the farm bill to the BAA at the NASULGC Annual Meeting.

New Academic Programs PBD Representative:

- Mary L. Albrecht, Associate Dean for Academic Programs, *University of Tennessee*, as the Academic Program Section (APS) Director to the Policy Board of Directors
- Dennis W. Nixon, Associate Dean, Environment and Life Sciences, *University of Rhode Island*, (Alternate)

Liaison Appointments:

- BAA Program at NASULGC Annual Meeting – Nancy Bull
- Budget and Advocacy Committee – Cathie Woteki
- CARET – Scott Angle
- Department of Energy – Dan Bartell
- Farm Bill Committee – Nancy Bull
- Science and Education Exhibition Planning Committee – Cathie Woteki
- SPARE – John Vreyens
- Food Systems Leadership Institute – Alton Thompson
- Assessments – Kirklyn Kerr

Next Meeting:

Sunday, July 24, 2005, 8:00 am in conjunction with the Joint COPs Meeting, Embassy Suites Hotel, Kansas City International Airport in Kansas City, MO.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 8.0 ESCOP Report

Presenter: H. M. Harrington

Background:

NASULGC-EERE/DOE Partnership

Based on the successes of the 2004 efforts, DOE has committed to a 3 year agreement to further establish and strengthen the relationships with NASULGC institutions. The agreement is worth approximately \$500,000 annually. In June 2005, the Steering Committee met with more than 50 staff members from the Department of Energy to enhance the understanding of our institutions and how we might partner. This meeting was very positive and opened doors to potential new joint efforts with EERE Program managers who have recently been assigned direct responsibility for “deployment” of DOE information and technologies. There are five specific project areas for the coming year: 1. Enhancing EERE program impact by increasing the working relationships between NASULGC regional associations and EERE regional offices. 2. Institutionalizing the Extension outreach capacity in EERE programs. 3. Increasing public education about energy by augmenting youth education in science and math with EERE-related interactive modules. 4. Workshops at the DOE Labs for Scientists from NASULGC Institutions and a Biomass/Bioproductions/Bioenergy Listening Session. 5. IPA Exploration and Development.

Germplasm Task Force

The task force has completed its review of the current status of the national germplasm efforts and transmitted the final report with recommendations to ESCOP Chair DC Coston.

Recommendations include:

1. Develop an ARS-CSREES–ESCOP Coordinating Committee reporting jointly to ARS, CSREES, and ESCOP, for reviewing and setting national scientific and service priorities as related to the role of germplasm in promoting the economic health and security of the agricultural system.
2. Operational priorities for the NPGS should continue to include the acquisition, preservation, characterization, evaluation, documentation, and distribution of germplasm.
3. The most important strategic issue facing the NPGS and the relationship between USDA-ARS and the SAESs is the need to make sure that the SAES Directors are informed of the existence, extent, impact, and importance of the NPGS to U.S. agriculture.
4. The ESCOP Germplasm Task Force recommends that ESCOP review its committee structure and current efforts with regard to plant breeding, genetics, and genomics.

A draft charge for the committee will be considered at the summer ESCOP meeting in Kansas City.

Formula Funds Task Force

In late 2004 DC Coston appointed members to a joint ESCOP-ECOP Task Force with Nancy Bull (ECOP) and Wendy Wintersteen (ESCOP) as co-chairs. The task force has held monthly conference calls and several face to face meetings, including staff at CSREES and OMB.

Specific goals include:

- Maintenance of formula fund levels to reflect inflationary increases
- Increase the efforts to document the accountability and impact of formula funds
- Position formula funds for effective advocacy

BAA-Policy Board of Directors Representative

Scott Angle, University of Maryland has recently been appointed Dean and Director at the University of Georgia. Scott plans to remain active in the ESS and will continue to serve as the Section’s Policy Board representative.

Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy Activities Report

July 2005

1. Task Forces Appointed

- a. Formula Funds Task Force, joint with ECOP
 - i. The Task Force is continuing work on formulating and recommending strategies for supporting maintenance and/or increases to the Federal Formula Fund portfolio.
 - ii. Outputs from this Task Force will be shared with the BAA Think Tank Subcommittee as well as ECOP, ESCOP, and the BRT.
- b. Germplasm Task Force
 - i. The ESCOP Plant Germplasm Task Force appointed by Dr. D. C. Coston in September 2004 completed its activities in May 2005 with the submission of its report to the ESCOP Executive Committee. ESCOP requested that the task force help map the SAES's future involvement with the National Plant Germplasm System, including programmatic involvement, administrative structures and financial support.
 - ii. The task force has recommended establishing in conjunction with ARS and CSREES a National Plant Germplasm Coordination Committee (NPGCC) reporting jointly to the SAES directors via ESCOP in addition to ARS and CSREES. The coordination committee should take responsibility for reviewing and setting national scientific and service priorities related to the role of germplasm in promoting the economic health and security of the agricultural system, and for developing materials to promote the value of these collections to the Nation's ability to maintain an economically viable agricultural system in the face of increasing international competition.

2. **Leadership Development for the 21st Century: Linking Research, Academics, and Extension** a. The new system wide leadership development program, LEAD 21, began its first class with 77 participants attending session I in Indianapolis in late June.

3. Research Involvement with eXtension

- a. ESCOP has appointed Eric Young (ED of SAAESD) as the liaison to the eXtension Advisory Council.

4. Science Roadmap for Agriculture

- a. As a follow-up to the Roadmap, published in 2001, ESCOP has conducted a survey of experiment station, extension, and academic programs directors. Results of this survey have lead to some recommendations for revision of the challenge areas and objectives of the original Roadmap. ESCOP will be considering these recommendations over the next few months.

5. National Institute for Agricultural Security

- a. NIAS is in the process of renewing memberships and recruiting new members for 2005/06. The annual member meeting will be held on September 27 during the SAES/ARD Workshop in San Antonio.
- b. NIAS activities can be seen on it's web site at <http://agriculturalsecurity.homestead.com>

6. National Information Management Support System (NIMSS)

- a. NIMSS continues to improve through modifications suggested by the Oversight Committee and various users.
- b. The URL is <http://www.nimss.umd.edu>. From this homepage, anyone can search for information on specific multistate activities, search for projects on a particular subject, or retrieve a project list for an individual faculty member or state experiment station without logging in.

7. Budget and Legislative Issues

- a. ESCOP established two priorities for FY 06 CSREES budget: (1) an increase in Hatch appropriations, and (2) increase for the National Research Initiative (NRI).
- b. ESCOP priority areas for federal funding in all agencies in FY 06 are as follows:

Primary Category	Rank	Sub Category	Rank
Environment	1	Water Quality and Quantity	1
		Invasive Species	2
		Global Climate Change	3
Food, Nutrition and Health	2	Food Safety	1
		Obesity/consumer behavior	2
		Functional foods/nutraceuticals	3
Genomics		Plant systems	1
	3	Animal systems	2
		Microbial genomics	3
Rural Community Vitality/Economic Development	4	Land use policy	1
		Biobased products	2
		Entrepreneurship and leadership	3
Homeland Security	5	Facility and personnel security	1
		Energy security	2
		Risk assessment	3
Facilities	6		

c. These priorities will be reexamined for FY07 during the SAES/ARD Workshop in September.

8. Planning Committee

- a. Elimination of the ESCOP Planning Committee will be recommended to the ESS at it's fall meeting. The Partnership Working Group in their multi-functional futuring effort is doing this committee's charge of long-range planning and ESCOP Budget & Legislative Committee is handling the short-range planning for budget initiatives.

9. Officers

- a. Chair — D.C. Coston
- b. Chair-elect Al Parks
- c. Executive Vice Chair — Eric Young

10. Future Meetings

- a. Experiment Station Section meeting and SAES/ARD Workshop September 25-28, San Antonio, TX
- b. ESCOP Executive Committee — November 14-15, Washington, DC
- c. ESCOP Executive Committee February 27, Washington, DC

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 9.0 NRSP Review Committee Report

Presenter: Lee Sommers

Background:

The NRSP Review Committee met in Minneapolis on May 25 to review input from the regional associations and to develop budget recommendation on the proposed NRSP Budgets. Specific comments are listed below.

NRSP 1

The NRSP Review Committee recommends accepting the FY 06 budget of NRSP-1 at \$306916. We were especially pleased to see incorporation of the NIMSS budget within the framework of NRSP-1 and the shared expense of NIMSS by the SAES system (75%) and CSREES (25%). We would encourage a rapid deployment of "One Solution" in a timely way for 5 year plans of work and annual reports.

NRSP 3

The NRSP Review Committee recommends accepting the FY 06 budget of NRSP-3 at \$84000. We were pleased to see that the project is maintaining its budgetary plan as originally adopted. Good progress is reported on the project.

NRSP 4

"High Value Specialty Crop Pest Management," also known as the IR-4 project, is a model NRSP project. It is truly a national project that encompasses responsibilities to support the development of pesticide clearances for over 100 commodities. The project does an excellent job of building partnerships with stakeholders. It has multiplied the SAES funding at an increasing rate annually to the current multiple of 30 to 1. The project does an excellent job of prioritizing its objectives. It follows its annual and long-term strategic plan and it operates within its budget.

The NRSP Review Committee unanimously approves the proposed FY06 budget.

NRSP 5

NRSP-5 has made the necessary program adjustments to comply with the planned reductions in NRSP funding. The submitted FY06 budget of \$146,000 is consistent with the NRSP committee recommendation. NRSP-5 is scheduled to be terminated at the end of FY-08.

NRSP 8

The NRSP-8 annual report demonstrates an excellent level of productivity and impact from this project. Leveraging of additional funds from other sources is also very commendable. The NRSP Review Committee noted that the types of activities performed by this project exemplify the intended mission of the National Research Support Project portfolio. The Committee recommends approval of the NRSP-8 FY '06 budget at the proposed level of \$400,000. The NRSP Review Committee also concurred with the recommendation to assign Colin Kaltenbach as lead Administrative Advisor.

NRSP 6

The NRSP Review Committee recommends a five year budget for NRSP-6 of \$150K for FY 06; \$110K for FY 07; \$75K for FY 08; and \$50K for FY 09 and FY 10. The NRSP Review Committee appreciated the effort of the project to reduce its budget by 5% in each year of the five year project but believes that base line support for this project should be set at \$50K per year. This is consistent with the action taken last year of NRSP-3.

**FY2006
NRSP Requests for off-the-top Funding**

Project	Request FY 2003	Authorized FY 2003	Request FY 2004	Authorized FY 2004	Request FY 2005	Authorized FY 2005	Request FY 2006	NRSP RC Recommendati on	Action needed
NRSP-1	240,800	218,915	218,915	218,915	269,707	269,707	306,916*	306,916	Final 1 yr budget recommendation
NRSP-3	116,143	112,762	116,145	112,762	115,390	96,000	84,000	84,000	Final 1 yr budget recommendation
NRSP-4	481,182	481,182	481,182	481,182	500,000	481,182	481,172	481,172	Final 1 yr budget recommendation
NRSP-5	268,005	247,786	296,000	247,786	247,786	247,786	146,000	146,000	Final 1 yr budget recommendation
NRSP-6	165,428	161,575	164,362	161,575	165,829	161,575	151,900	150,000	Project renewal, Final 1 yr budget recommendation
NRSP-8	380000	379,164	400,000	379,164	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	Final 1 yr budget recommendation

NRSP-1, Research Planning Using the Current Research Information System (CRIS) (* includes 75% of NIMSS)

NRSP-3, National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP)

NRSP-4, National Agricultural Program to Clear Pest Control Agents for Minor Uses

NRSP-5, Develop and Distribute Deciduous Fruit Tree Clones Free of Viruses and Virus-like Agents

NRSP-6, Inter-Regional Potato Introduction Project

NRSP-8, National Animal Genome Program

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 10.0 NIAS Report

Presenter: David Thawley/H. Michael Harrington

Background:

NIAS has served as a catalyst to help bring the issue of food and agriculture biosecurity concerns forward at the national level and then to keep these concerns “front and center” before federal policy makers. The NIAS Executive Director, Members of the NIAS Board of Directors, and NIAS members have met with White House staff, federal agency administrators and program leaders, and Congressional Committee Chairs, to work through the critical steps that need to be taken to protect our food system. NIAS has played a critical role in insuring that food and agricultural research and education concerns are being addressed as a critical component of the nation’s continually developing process to protect the country from possible acts of terrorism.

Activities:

- NIAS collaborated with Iowa State University and a consortium of universities to develop and submit a proposal to the Department of Homeland Security for a national Center for High Consequence Event Preparedness and response, which is presently under review.
- NIAS worked with the DHS National Center for Foreign Animal and Zoonotic Diseases (NCFAZDD) at Texas A&M in the development of a national conference on extending the work of the Center through a national academic network.
- NIAS collaborated with the National Center for Food Processing Defense and the NCFAZDD in developing a proposal for a *Conference on Food and Agriculture Analytical Methods*, which has been submitted to USDA/CSREES’s National Integrated Food Safety Initiative, which is currently under review.
- NIAS is an affiliated member of the DHS Food and Agriculture Council, participating in the Animal Agriculture Subcouncil and the Plant Agriculture Subcouncil.
- NIAS has taken the lead in implementing a project funded by CSREES through Oklahoma State University to develop management practices for handling hazardous non-select agents. NIAS has developed a prototype decision-making aid for managing these agents, which has recently been positively reviewed by personnel at APHIS, CDC and ARS.
- NIAS has provided requested private briefings to Congressional Committee Chairs and Ranking Members in the House and Senate regarding agricultural biosecurity concerns and has been asked to testify in upcoming Congressional Hearings. NIAS was asked to review and provide technical comments on draft legislation for the development of Bioshield II and draft legislation that will be introduced in the Senate to address agrosecurity concerns.
- NIAS has provided numerous presentations and participated in many conferences, workshops and meetings dealing with homeland security, biosecurity, and agricultural security. At these many events, NIAS has represented and described the role of the State Agricultural Experiment Stations, Extension, and the agricultural research and education system in addressing the challenges of homeland security.
- NIAS has worked with an array of its member institutions as they explore opportunities to address homeland security concerns. NIAS has worked with individual scientists, institutions and consortia as they develop proposals and programs.

Board Activities:

The Board holds monthly conference calls. Dues invoices will soon be sent and plans are being made for a meeting of the membership.

The NIAS Executive Director has held a number of meeting with a variety of federal agencies including:

A. White House

1. Homeland Security Council
2. Office of Science and Technology Policy

B. Homeland Security

1. National Response program staff,
2. Science and Technology Directorate
3. University Programs
4. HSARPA
5. Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection Infrastructure Coordination Division
6. Office of Disaster Preparedness FEMA

C. Health and Human Services

1. National Biosecurity Advisory Board
2. National Institute for Allergenic and Infections Diseases
3. Center for Disease Control
 - National Center for Infectious Diseases
 - Director, Select Agents Program
4. Food and Drug Administration
 - Office of Counterterrorism

D. Defense

1. Medical Biodefense Science and Technology
2. NORAD
3. Ft. Detrick

E. Justice - FBI

F. Agriculture

1. Secretary's Office: Homeland Security Director
2. Animal Plant Health Inspection Service
 - Senior Science Advisor
3. Food Safety Inspection Service
4. Research, Education and Extension
 - Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service
 - Agricultural Research Service
 - Economic Research Service

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 11.0
Executive Director Report
April - June, 2005

Presenter: H. Michael Harrington
Background:

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

WAAESD

AA's Virtual Notebook: Deployed the AA's virtual notebook on our website See: <http://www.colostate.edu/Orgs/WAAESD/VirtualNotebook/AANotebookOutline%20fn.htm>). We have made all files available for use by the other regions.

Western Region CSREES Grants Workshops: Worked with CSREES staff, Sandra Ristow (WSU), Greg Bohach (UI) and their staffs to organize the 2005 workshop to be held in Moscow, ID September 28-29. Based on feedback received at previous workshops, Tom Fretz and I have organized a second day session on "Writing Winning Grants" that will follow the CSREES session. The latter session will also be part of another CSREES grants workshop to be held Sept. 7-8 in Washington DC. For additional information see <http://arc.wsu.edu/USDAGrantwksp/index.htm>

Summer Meeting: Worked with Lee Sommers to organize the WAAESD meeting agenda and also with Karen Hinton and Annie King on the joint WAAESD-WED-WAPD agenda.

Western SARE Administrative Council: I serve as the Western Directors' representative on this activity. Reviewed proposals for State Grant and EIRP PDP proposals. Currently providing lead review comments for 16 preproposals for Chapter 1 Research and Education grant proposals and will review all preproposals submitted.

Western Extension Directors

Worked with Tony Nakazawa and others on the Pacific Northwest DOE project. Assisted with summer meeting agenda development.

Western Academic Program Directors

Western Region Teaching Symposium Assisted the Colorado State group with final planning for the 2005 symposium to be held at Pingree Park, September 30-Oct 1, 2005. Assisted with the distribution of preliminary notices and the final registration, agenda, and lodging information.

NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

PBD Think Tank: I was requested to serve on this activity representing the Western Region. The group has formulated a series of questions that have been circulated to all members of the LGC community for input and response. The "Think Tank" holds regular conference call and held a face to face meeting in Washington DC June 26-28.

CSREES Administrative Officers Meeting: Represented the Association at the meeting hosted by NCSU and NC A&T in Greensboro, NC. There were many informative topics that are covered in this annual meeting that might be of interest to the Directors. The meeting agenda and breakout session descriptions are at <http://www.continuingeducation.ncsu.edu/csrees/>. Organized a session on Partnerships between AES, CES and Academic Programs and made a presentation on Western activities. Made an invited presentation (with Tom Fretz) on the

impacts of the proposed changes in federal funding and comparison of the costs of food and health care with funding for agriculture and medical research.

ESCOP

National Multistate Coordinating Committee (NMCC):

This group consisting of all of the regional/national EDs (research, extension and academic programs) works to address issues within individual sections and facilitates interactions between the components of the LGU system. This group met in Washington DC May 2-5. The research EDs provided a response to an initial draft of the proposed SAES grants program. Both documents were shared with all western administrators earlier.

NASULGC-DOE Project:

The AES and CES regional EDs, as well as the NASULGC EDs are providing leadership in implementing the agreement's five sub-projects. Excellent progress has been made on each of the 5 projects. We are implementing a tracking database that will allow reports to be generated on status of the projects. We also have a website that should be released to the public soon.

NASULGC-DOE/EERE Partnership:

The BAA-Policy Board of Directors was charged with implementing the activities for this partnership effort. I represent the executive directors (both AES and CE) on the Steering Committee which provides guidance and oversight for the project. At its January meeting the committee approved a 3 yr plan of activities in the following areas:

- Enhancing EERE program impact by increasing the working relationships between NASULGC regional associations and EERE regional offices.
- Institutionalizing the Extension outreach capacity in EERE programs.
- Increasing public education about energy by augmenting youth education in science and math with EERE-related interactive modules
- Increasing the working relationships of EERE scientists and engineers with university faculty by expanding the joint university/EERE lab workshops to all EERE program areas.
- Developing methods to improve the formal exchange between EERE scientists and university engineers
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I serve as a co-chair on project 1 and also serve on project 4. Project 4 is an extension of the activities for which I provided leadership in 2004 and I developed the plan this project.

Specific details

- Project 1: Developing Collaborations between Regional Associations and DOE Regional Offices and EERE Program Managers. Tony Nakazawa (AK), Jake Fey (WSU), Roy Mink (DOE-EERE) and I are providing leadership for efforts that will use a combination of outreach/extension activities initially in the Pacific Northwest (AK, ID, OR, WA) followed by expansion region-wide in 2006. We also will be organizing a collaboration workshop for western extension directors, DOE regional office staff, EERE program managers and State energy office officials.
- Project 4: DOE Workshops for University Faculty. Eric Young (SAAESD), Bob Shelton (ORNL) Stan Bull (NREL) and I are leading planning efforts to conduct two workshops one on Wind Energy At the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden CO and a second workshop on Building Efficiency at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. We expect that the workshops will be held in the fall. Travel assistance will be available for early career faculty and faculty for minority-serving institutions. Memoranda will be sent to NASULGC member institutions via list serves soliciting faculty participation.

BAA-PBD

I serve as the ESCOP staff liaison to the Board on Agriculture Assembly Policy Board of Directors. I assist Scott Angle with development of ESCOP/ESS agenda briefs and other materials. Participated in several conference calls relative to the federal budget, creation of the Think Tank, the proposed LGU seminar series and the evaluation of BRT performance.

LGU Partnership Working Group: Serve as co-chair of this effort. Worked with Gary Cunningham to develop the agenda for the upcoming summer meeting in Kansas City. Worked with Pat Sobrero, George Cooper, Gary Cunningham and James Morrison to organize a Futuring conference.

Summary of Travel, April-June, 2005

Western Region-IPMC Steering Committee and Advisory Committee meetings, April 11-13, Portland, OR

DOE Workshop Planning Meeting, April 14, 2005, Golden, CO

CSREES Administrative Officers Meeting, April 22-28 Greensboro, NC

National Multistate Coordinating Committee Meetings, May 2-5, Washington DC

Futuring Workshop, May15-18, Roanoke, VA

ESCOP Communications and Marketing Committee, May 9-10, Washington DC

U-WY Strategic Planning Meeting, June 9, Laramie, WY

EERE-DOE/NASULGC Steering Committee Meetings, June 14-16, Washington DC

BAA-Think Tank Meeting, June 26-28, Washington DC

Action requested: For information

Agenda Item 12.0
Joint Meeting with WED, Spring 2006

Presenter: Lee Sommers

Background:

Sommers indicated that initial discussions had taken place with Extension on whether to meet jointly with Extension in March 2006.

The North Central Region AES directors had inquired about the possibility of meeting jointly with the Western Region AES directors for the 2006 Spring meeting. Each group would meet individually for a portion of the meeting and then jointly to discuss mutual issues.

After discussion, it was decided that, in keeping with the agreement with the Western Extension Directors to meet every even year, the 2006 Spring Meeting would be held jointly with Extension in mid-March. The Executive Committee is to work with Extension on the date and location. The Western Directors could meet with the North Central Directors in 2007, if they desire.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 13.0 Futuring Conference

Presenters: Lee Sommers, Mike Harrington

Background:

The Partnership Working Group organized a workshop entitled “Anticipating the Future of Research, Education, and Extension Programs in Land-Grant Colleges and Universities” held May 15-18 in Roanoke VA. The West was well represented with participants from the AHS, AES, and CES. The group of 60 participants learned how to use Futuring “tools” in small group discussions. Tools included identification of critical trends, identification of critical events including what might happen and signals that said events could indeed occur, developing scenarios using impact networks, implications of scenarios, and development of issue briefs based on the scenarios. Each group identified those items listed above and selected a major issue on which the group would develop an issue brief.

Issue Brief Topics:

- Regulation of nitrogen in agriculture as a non-point source pollutant
- Increase in Language and Cultural Diversity in the United States
- Public-Private Partnerships: A Model for the Land Grant University of the Twenty-First Century
- LGU Lose Hatch, McIntire-Stennis and Animal Health and Disease Formula Funding
- The efficacy of public-private partnerships to the land-grant mission
- Land-grant institutions can more effectively serve urban/metropolitan populations and address their issues while maintaining service to rural populations.
- An aging population will cause a shift in public funding from higher education (discretionary accounts) to focus on growing health care needs

For the agenda please see <http://horizon.unc.edu/projects/seminars/Roanoke/roanoke.asp>

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 14.0 Federal Budget

Presenter: Lee Sommers/All

Background:

Sommers indicated that there had been major concern among all of the Experiment Stations regarding the President's proposed budget.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 14.1 CSREES/SAES Competitive Grants Program

Presenter: Gary Cunningham

Background:

Cunningham reported that a group of NPL with a couple of Assistant Deputy Administrators have been working for several months to develop a process to proceed with the President's budget proposal to transition from formula funding to a competitive grants process. The plan was to eventually develop a joint working group composed of CSREES and members from the land-grant institutions.

CSREES questioned what the competitive grants program might look like if the President's budget proposal came to pass. The program would need to have a goal of addressing local, state, regional or significant national interest.

When the administration proposes something, the agency must respond. The BAA-PBD declined to participate in the competitive grants program development because they didn't want to give the perception that they were in favor of abolishing formula funding.

Currently, Congress has indicated that they are not in favor of the President's proposal to replace formula funding. However, the Administration may make a similar proposal in the next year's budget. So, CSREES must be able to respond under those conditions.

The first questions CSREES wanted to determine was what formula funds are used for and how a competitive grants program could be set up that met the needs and satisfied the demand for competitive funds.

Some necessary items that were identified are:

- Maintenance of infrastructure
- Ability to fund faculty
- Ability to offer startup funds to faculty
- Ability to maintain long-term studies
- Ability to respond to new and emerging issues
- Structure a program that would maintain a national system of agricultural experiment stations

CSREES wanted to set up a competitive program that would not be a winner-take-all program that could force some experiment stations out of the system. They wanted to make the grants for long enough terms to offer stability and to make sure that they address major issues that were of state and regional importance.

CSREES wanted the experiment stations to be the competitors - not the individuals in the institutions. Project directors would be experiment station directors. The grants would be multi-state. A group of experiment stations would focus on a problem and the cooperators would be determined by a method that is similar to the way they are currently chosen. The duration was hoped to be five years, but the current law allows for only a three-year grant period with the capacity for competitive renewal.

If the awardees are going to be experiment stations, a peer review system will need to be set up. The RFA would ask for what outcomes would be expected and what the objectives would be and how decisions would be made among the type of projects. The reviews would be evaluated by how they were structured and the relevant objectives and procedures. CSREES wants to ensure that many of the AES would be involved. There would be lead institutions for each grant.

There would be a limit on the number of programs that an institution could have as the lead institution.

The program is similar to NRI and similar to current regional research projects.

Concerns expressed are that the capacity of the institutions will increase. Many institutions pay tenured faculty salaries on Hatch funds. It was suggested that the institutions make an effort to shift from the practice.

Cunningham assured the group that CSREES would involve the participation of a large number of institutions and also institutions that would not be able to take the lead on their own.

The pressure for the change comes from the Washington, DC based research establishment: NSF, NSTP, OMB, NAS, and also from presidents and vice-presidents for research at the educational institutions, who have bought off on the idea that the way to have world-class science is to have competitively reviewed research.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 15.0 RCIC Report

Presenter: Chuck Gay

Background:

Regional Coordination Implementation Committee (RCIC) Report July 10, 2005

Attendance:

Chuck Gay (CES-UT), Chair
Don Snyder (AES-UT)
Tony Nakazawa (CES-AK)
David Thawley (AES-NV)
Charles Boyer (AES-OR)
Tony Koski (CES-CO)
John Winder (CES-OR)

Sandra Ristow (AES-WA)
Bob Matteri (ARS)
Others Attending:
C.P.P. Reid (AZ)
Roger Kjelogren (UT)
Rhonda Miller (UT)
H. Michael Harrington (ED)
Rang Narayanan (NV)

The following list of Western Multistate Research Projects/Coordinating Committees are currently scheduled to terminate on or before September 30, 2005.

- Requests were received for the March 21, 2005 RCIC meeting and are itemized in 1.0 below
 - Requests were received for the July 10, 2005 RCIC meeting and are itemized in 2.0 through 8.0 below
- Lack of an ● or ○ indicates that no request was received and the project/coordinating committee will terminate on September 30, 2005. (XX W501 is to be discussed to determine what action may be taken to continue the project.)

Project	Title
●○ W045	Mechanisms and Mitigation of Agrochemical Impacts on Human and Environmental Health
●○ W082	Reducing the Potential for Environmental Contamination by Pesticides and Other Organic Chemicals
●○ W150	Genetic Improvement of Beans (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.) for Yield, Disease Resistance, and Food Value
●○ W167	Family and Work Identities During Times of Transition
W195	Water Quality Issues in Poultry Production and Processing
XX W501	Management of <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> in U.S. Nurseries (see Item 13.2)
●○ NRSP6	Inter-Regional Potato Introduction Project
●○ WERA027	Potato Variety Development
●○ WERA039	Coordination of Sheep and Goat Research and Education Programs for the Western States
WERA067	Western Coordinating Committee for Sustainable Agriculture
○ WERA069	Coordination of Integrated Pest Management Research & Extension/Educational Programs for the Western United States & Pacific
● WERA097	Research on Diseases of Cereals
● WERA101	Assessing the Chinese Market for U.S. Agricultural Products
○ WERA102	Climate Data and Analyses for Applications in Agriculture and Natural Resources

●	WERA202	Climatic Data Applications in Irrigation Scheduling and Water Conservation
	WERA203	Animal Utilization of Products from Processing Agricultural Commodities
○	WERA204	Animal Bioethics
	WERA205	Integrated Water Quality Research and Extension Programs for the Western United States
	WERA206	Pacific Basin Tropical Agriculture

1.0 Items reviewed at **SPRING MEETING** – March 21, 2005

SUMMARY OF SPRING RCIC MEETING ACTIVITIES (RCIC recommendations follow summary)		
Outline or Petition	Title	W. AES Directors Recommended on 3/22/04
W_temp1461	Mechanisms and Mitigation of Agrochemical Impacts on Human and Environmental Health (from W45)	Approval of W1045 with minor revisions from 10/1/05 to 9/30/10
W_temp1341	Reducing the Potential for Environmental Contamination by Pesticides and Other Organic Chemicals (from W82)	Approval of W1082 with minor revisions from 10/1/05 to 9/30/10
W_temp1381	Genetic Improvement of Beans (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.) for Yield, Disease Resistance, and Food Value (from W150)	Approval of W1150 from 10/1/05 to 9/30/10
W_temp1281	Family and Work Identities During Times of Transition (from W167)	Major revisions - to be resubmitted for Summer Meeting
W_temp1187	Obesity: Assessment, Prevention and Intervention	Major revisions - to be resubmitted for Summer Meeting
NRSP_temp6	Inter-Regional Potato Introduction Project (from NRSP6)	Did not support renewal-to be provided to NRSP Committee
WERA_temp1402	Potato Variety Development (from WERA27)	Approval of WERA27 with minor revisions from 10/1/05 to 9/30/10
WERA_temp1243	Coordination of Sheep and Goat Research and Education Programs for the Western States (from WERA39)	Approval of WERA39 with minor revisions from 10/1/05 to 9/30/10
WERA_temp1401	Research on Diseases of Cereals (from WERA97)	Approval of WERA97 from 10/1/05 to 9/30/10
WERA_temp1141	Assessing the Chinese Market for U.S. Agricultural Products (from WERA101)	Approval of WERA101 from 10/1/05 to 9/30/10
WERA_temp1421	Climatic Data Applications in Irrigation Scheduling and Water Conservation (from WERA202)	Approval of WERA202 from 10/1/05 to 9/30/10
WERA_temp1441	Western Rural Development	Major revisions - to be resubmitted for Summer Meeting
WDC_temp1	Western Rangeland Partnership	Approval of WDC1 from 10/1/05 - 9/30/06
WDC_temp2	Mexican Gray Wolf	Approval of WDC2 from 10/1/05 - 9/30/06

RCIC recommends approval of the following proposals (submitted for review at the Spring Meeting and needing approval at the Summer Meeting):

W1150 “Exotic Germplasm Conversion and Breeding Common Bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) for Resistance to Abiotic and Biotic Stresses and to Enhance Nutritional Value (from W150)” to be approved for five years, from 10/1/2005 to 9/30/2010

WERA101 “Assessing China as a Market and Competitor” to be approved for five years, from 10/1/2005 to 9/30/2010.

WERA97 “Diseases of Cereals” to be approved for five years, from 10/1/2005 to 9/30/2010.

WERA202 “Climatic Data Application in Irrigation Scheduling and Water Conservation” to be approved for five years, from 10/1/2005 to 9/30/2010.

WDC1 “Western Rangeland Partnership” to be approved for one year, from 10/1/2005 to 9/30/2006, supported by H. Paul Rasmussen (UT) and C. Colin Kaltenbach(AZ).

WDC2 “Mexican Gray Wolf” to be approved for one year, from 10/1/2005 to 9/30/2006, supported by LeRoy Daugherty (NM) and C. Colin Kaltenbach (AZ).

(Action of WDA/WED/WAP: Proposals Approved for specified dates)

RCIC recommends approval of the following proposals that required editing and re-submission following the Spring Meeting:

W1082 “Evaluating the Physical and Biological Availability of Pesticides and Pharmaceuticals in Agricultural Contexts (from W82)” to be approved for five years, from 10/1/2005 to 9/30/2010. Minor revisions met the satisfaction of RCIC.

W1045 “Agrochemical Impacts on Human and Environmental Health: Mechanisms and Mitigation (from W45)” to be approved for five years, from 10/1/2005 to 9/30/2010. Minor revisions met the satisfaction of RCIC.

WERA39 “Coordination of Sheep and Goat Research and Education Programs for the Western States” to be approved for five years, from 10/1/2005 to 9/30/2010. Minor revisions met the satisfaction of RCIC.

WERA27 “Potato Variety Development” to be approved for five years, from 10/1/2005 to 9/30/2010. Minor revisions met the satisfaction of RCIC.

(Action of WDA/WED/WAP: Proposals Approved for specified dates)

2.0 Requests for Project Extensions

None

RCIC makes recommendations pertaining to the following proposals that were submitted for the Summer Meeting:

3.0 Requests for Project Revisions

- 3.1 W_TEMP1281 W1167 “The Changing Landscape of Women in America: Understanding Work, Family, and Personal Issues (from W167)” to be approved for five years, from 10/1/2005 to 9/30/2010.
- 3.2 NRSP_temp6 NRSP6 “Inter-Regional Potato Introduction Project “ to be approved for five years, from 10/1/2005 to 9/30/2010.
- 4.0 Requests For Establishment of New Projects
- 4.1 W_TEMP1187 WDC5 “Obesity: Assessment, Prevention and Intervention (from W_temp1187)” to be established for one year, from 10/1/2005 to 9/30/2006, to allow the group to develop two to three different projects, and supported by Linda Fox (WA) and Ron Pardini (NV). As presented, the proposal was too broad and ambitious to be accomplished during the proposed five-year time frame.
- 4.2 W_temp1361 “Animal Bioethics (from WERA204)” to be rejected. The proposal may be reformatted and re-submitted as a WERA. The proposal, as submitted, has objectives that are those of a WERA. The WERA proposal should provide details of specific activities that will be done.
- 5.0 Requests For Establishment of Ad Hoc Technical Committees
- 5.1 WDC_temp3 WDC3 “Benchmark soils to predict effects of climatic change in the western USA” to be established for one year, from 10/1/2005 to 9/30/2006, supported by LeRoy Daugherty (NM) and C. Colin Kaltenbach (AZ).
- 6.0 Requests for WERA/WCC Renewals or Extensions
- 6.1 WERA_temp1321 WERA102 “Climate Data and Analyses for Applications in Agriculture and Natural Resources” to be approved for five years, from 10/1/2005 to 9/30/2010.
- 6.2 WERA_temp1561 WERA69 “Coordination of Integrated Pest Management Research and Extension/Educational Programs for the Western States & Pacific Basin Territories” to be approved for five years, from 10/1/2005 to 9/30/2010. The group is encouraged to increase participation.
- 7.0 Requests for Establishment of New WERA/WCC’s
- 7.1 WERA_temp1441 WERA1005 “Western Rural Development” to be established for five years, from 10/1/2005 to 9/30/2010, supported by H. Paul Rasmussen (UT) and Rang Narayanan (NV). The committee is urged to expand the participation and to concentrate on reporting impacts.
- 8.0 Requests for Establishment of Development WERA/WCC’s
- 8.1 WDC_temp4 WDC4 “Curly Top Virus Biology, Transmission, Ecology, and Management” to be established for one year, from

(Action of WDA/WED/WAP: Proposals approved for specified dates or rejected per RCIC recommendations)

9.0 Follow-up of Development Research and/or WCCs/WERAs

No Development Committees are in effect currently.

10.0 Administrative Advisor Assignments

The following Administrative assignments are made, pending acceptance from the designated individuals:

- 10.1 WERA001 Beef Cattle Breeding in the Western Region - David Thawley (NV) to replace Don Kress (MT).
- 10.2 W1003 Parent and household influences on calcium intake among preadolescents - James Jacobs (WY) to serve as Lead-AA and Don Snyder (UT) to serve as Co-AA.
- 10.3 WERA021 Revegetation and Stabilization of Deteriorated and Altered Lands - Johann Du Toit (UT) as Lead-AA and Chuck Gay (UT) as Co-AA to replace Thomas L. Thurow (WY) and James Jacobs (WY)
- 10.4 W1004 Marketing, Trade, and Management of Fisheries and Aquaculture Resources - Brian Allee (AK) as Lead-AA and Tony Nakazawa (AK) as Co-AA to replace James Jacobs (WY)
- 10.5 WERA040 Rangeland Ecological Research and Assessment - James Jacobs (WY) as Lead-AA and Charles Boyer (OR) as Co-AA.
- 10.6 W1167 The Changing Landscape of Women in America: Understanding Work, Family, and Personal Issues (from W-167) - Karen Hinton (NV) to replace Linda K. Fox (WA)
- 10.7 WERA101 Assessing the Chinese Market for U.S. Agricultural Products - Tom Wahl, Director of International Marketing Program for Agricultural Commodities and Trade [IMPACT] - WA) as Lead-AA and Sandra Ristow as Co-AA to replace Vicki McCracken (WA).
- 10.8 WERA1001 Reduction of Error in Rural and Agricultural Surveys - Vicki McCracken (WA) as Lead-AA and Sandra Ristow (WA) as Co-AA pending action of the Directors (see 11.0 - Mid-Term Review recommendation).

11.0 Mid-Term Reviews

The specific RCIC review comments for all the mid-term reviews are available on NIMSS. The Administrative Advisors will be notified to view the review comments.

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:

Project/Committee	Title	Administrative Advisor
W1001	Population Change in Rural Communities	Fox (WA)
W1002	Nutrient Bioavailability--Phytonutrients and Beyond	Bray (OR)
W1003	Parent and household influences on calcium intake among preadolescents	Jacobs (WY)
W1122	Beneficial and Adverse Effects of Natural, Bioactive Dietary Chemicals on Human Health and Food Safety	Harrington (ED)
W1133	Benefits and Costs of Natural Resources Policies Affecting Public and Private Lands	Snyder (UT)
WERA001	Beef Cattle Breeding in the Western Region	Kress (MT)

RCIC has concerns regarding the following projects: **unless otherwise stated**, records indicate that the projects are missing **some or all** of their required reports. Annual Project/WERA/WCC reports are due within 60 days following the annual meeting. An annual report from the previous year is required before authorization of the current year's meeting.

Mid-Term Reviews		
Project/Committee	Title	Administrative Advisor
W1177	Enhancing the Competitiveness of U.S. Meats	Dutson (OR)
All required reports have not been submitted during the current cycle of the project - yet meetings have been held. RCIC recommends that the project be terminated.		
W1185	Biological Control in Pest Management Systems of Plants	Cooksey (CA-R)
No required reports have been submitted during the current cycle of the project - yet meetings have been held. RCIC recommends that the project be terminated.		
WERA060	Science and Management of Pesticide Resistance	Holtzer (CO)
All required reports have not been submitted during the current cycle of the project - yet meetings have been held. RCIC recommends that the project be terminated.		
WERA1001	Reduction of Error in Rural and Agricultural Surveys	McCracken (WA)
Reports have not been submitted during the current cycle of the project - yet meetings have been held. RCIC recommends that the project be terminated.		
<p>The Western Directors approved a motion that stipulates that all annual reports of the projects listed above must be brought up to date by August 31, 2005 or the projects will be terminated effective September 30, 2005.</p>		

Mid-Term Reviews		
Project/Committee	Title	Administrative Advisor
WERA1002	Managed Grazing Systems for the Intermountain West	Narayanan (NV)
RCIC commented that the committee has not been addressing all of the activities proposed in their outline. The AA will monitor the activities and submit documentation to RCIC for the 2006 Spring Meeting.		

12.0 Final recommendations on *Supplementary Guidelines for Western Multistate Research and Integrated Research/Extension/Teaching*

With assistance from members of the RCIC, the *Supplementary Guidelines for Western Multistate Research and Integrated Research/Extension/Teaching* have been revised to incorporate changes made to the multistate program at the national level. These include:

- Use of the NIMSS
- Revised activity nomenclature and definitions
- Administrative Advisor responsibilities and training
- General housekeeping modifications.

RCIC recommends approval of the revised *Supplementary Guidelines for Western Multistate Research and Integrated Research/Extension/Teaching* with a request that the Office of the Western Directors Association be allowed to make non-substantive changes as needed.

(Action of WDA/WED/WAP: Approved the revised *Supplementary Guidelines for Western Multistate Research and Integrated Research/Extension/Teaching* and the Office of the Western Directors Association will be allowed to make non-substantive changes as needed.

13.0 Other Business

13.1 Sandra Ristow was selected to serve as Chair of RCIC for 2006.

13.2 W501 Management of *Phytophthora ramorum* in U.S. Nurseries

W501 did not submit a proposal for continuation or a request for extension. However, the problem still is a concern to the Western Directors. The W501 committee is encouraged to submit a request as soon as possible for a Western Development Committee to encourage the scientists to continue meeting and collaborating on the issue.

Action Requested: Approval of recommendations embodied in the Report

Action Taken: See individual sections of report (or Summary of Actions, p. -i-)

Agenda Item 16.0
Academic Programs Update to AES/CES/AP

Presenter: Annie King

Background:

King updated the directors on the activities of the Academic Program Directors.

Colorado State University is hosting the 2005 Western Region Teaching Workshop September 30 - October 2 at their mountain campus, Pingree Park. The workshop theme is Building Maturity: Exposure, Experience and Expectation. The program will feature various sessions by award winning faculty from Colorado State University, Montana State University, Oregon State University, Utah State University, Washington State University and the University of Wyoming.

The ESCOP/ACOP Leadership program meeting is to be held 10/3-5/2006.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 17.0
WAAESD Update to AES/CES/AP

Presenter: Lee Sommers

Background:

Sommers reported that:

1. A report on the Impact on the loss of formula funds is available on the NASULGC web site.
2. The NIMSS has been upgraded.
3. NRSP projects are being reviewed and some may be required to find other sources of funding.
4. ESCOP is restructuring some of its committees and may terminate some.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 18.0
WED Update AES/CES/AP

Presenter: Karen Hinton

Background:

Hinton reported that the Western Extension Directors had advertised for and selected a one-quarter time Executive Director. The individual is: Lyla Houglum.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 19.0
Status: Integration of Western Region Multistate Programs

Presenter: H. M. Harrington

Background:

Harrington reported that, of the three regional activities identified at the 2004 Spring meeting, one (Obesity and Nutrition) had been submitted as a multistate research proposal that was given Western Development Committee status (WDC5) - to 9/30/2006; one (Western Rural Development) was submitted and approved as WERA1005; and the Sustainable Rangeland and Watershed Stewardship WERA is still in draft stage.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 20.0 Formula Funds Task Force and Think Tank

Presenter: Jack Payne/H. Michael Harrington

Background:

Payne reported that he had been requested by CSREES to participate on the Formula Funds Task Force. The basic information on the Task Force is contained in Agenda Item 7.0

Harrington reported that he had been requested by the PBD to participate on a Think Tank group. Information on the Think Tank is in Agenda Item 7.0

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 21.0 CSREES Portfolio Reviews

Presenter: George Cooper/Gary Cunningham

Background:

The following PowerPoint presentation was made:

**Planning and Accountability
Overview**

Presented by
George Cooper, Deputy Administrator
Gary Cunningham, Administrator
CSREES/USDA
Washington, DC 20250-2250
July 12, 2005

CSREES Mission and Functions

- Knowledge production and dissemination is key role
- Agency works through state and university partners via grants to solve national problems

External Requirements

- As shown in the next several slides, there are a **number of legal requirements for planning and accountability** at CSREES
- Through Your **reporting submissions**, you contribute to meeting requirements

Program Accountability Changes

- CSREES is taking a **"portfolio"** approach (inclusive of all the CSREES work) to global accountability for the agency.
- What follows is a quick summary of what we are trying to do.

**Why Do We Need to be
Accountable?**

- Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA);
- Agricultural, Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (AREERA);
- OMB requirements concerning performance assessments – Program Assessment Review Tool (PART) – <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/part/index.html> ;
- The President's Management Agenda (Budget & Performance Integration [BPI] & e-gov);
- Budget justifications;
- Other legal and managerial requirements as they arise (including audits by USDA OIG and GAO)

GPRA

- Strategic Plan (USDA, REE, & CSREES)
- Annual Plan
- Annual Reports

AREERA

- Plan of Work
- Annual Reports
- Multistate
- Integrated

OMB PART

- OMB's Program Assessment Rating Tool
 - Program Purpose & Design
 - Strategic Planning
 - Program Management
 - Program Results
- CSREES Goal 1 Portfolio reviewed 2004; Goals 3 & 5 in 2005; Goals 2 & 4 in 2006

Current fully aligned USDA-REE-CSREES Strategic Goals:

1. Enhance economic opportunities for agricultural producers
 2. Support increased economic opportunities and improved quality of life in rural America
 3. Enhance protection and safety of the nation's agriculture and food supply
 4. Improve the nation's nutrition and health
 5. Protect and enhance the nation's natural resource base and environment
- (visit WWW.CSREES.USDA.GOV)

Strategic Plan & Portfolios

- Strategic Plan on CSREES website (www.csrees.usda.gov)
- **Appendices** provide Problem Area Code structure and Portfolios

Federal Budget & Performance Integration (BPI)

- Budget submissions need alignment with goals & objectives, with funds distributed accordingly, along with quantifiable performance measures
- Congress also requires traditional budget submission

Explanatory Notes/ Budget Justifications

- Introduction: national problem, why important & how CSREES plans to solve problem
- How CSREES plans to spend funds
- What would happen if funding not received

Budget justifications (cont.)

- Draw on past accomplishments
- Identify performance measurements and evaluation plans
- Acknowledge and deal with environmental complexities
- Cover 57 funding lines (64 programs)

Evaluating Research & Education Efforts: Portfolio Approach

- OMB demands led to development of new portfolio assessment tool and measures; POW updates
- Portfolio analysis (meta-analysis) used to assess progress toward goals; guide RFAs/POWs
- Uses OMB R&D criteria (relevance, quality, performance)

“Portfolio” as a new concept

- Portfolio as unit of analysis is new concept -- Funding lines, programs, and organization of CSREES work units had not previously included portfolios
- Use Problem (knowledge) Area codes for all CSREES activities classification
- Allows numerous complex interrelated programs and funding lines to be described as they address objectives and goals of USDA

Portfolio Review Expert Panel (PREP) Process

- Focus on Agency outcomes
- Level of analysis is a portfolio inclusive of research, education, and extension work identified via Problem Area codes
- A Portfolio Review Expert Panel scores portfolio progress & this quantitative measure is then used in Budget and Performance Integration/Program Assessment Review Tool (BPI/PART); panel also provides recommendations for Agency

5 Dimensions of Relevance

- Scope
- Focus on critical needs
- Identification of emerging issues
- Integration of CSREES programs
- Interdisciplinary integration

4 Dimensions of Quality

- Significance of findings & outputs
- Stakeholder assessment
- Alignment of portfolio with current science
- Methodological rigor

5 Dimensions of Performance

- Portfolio productivity
- Portfolio completeness
- Portfolio timeliness
- Agency guidance relevant to portfolio
- Portfolio accountability

Logic Model



Source: University of Wisconsin Extension

What About Data from the States?

- **One Solution:** Work is underway to:
 - streamline data entry—one-stop, efficient
 - improve the quality and usefulness of data
- Will provide standardized measures to allow wider accomplishments analysis
- Will permit CSREES to articulate and answer evaluation questions

Advantages of POW Changes

- Ease burden on state Partners
- Easier to review
- Easier to track progress in addressing national problems
- Easier to apply standardized measures
- Easier and quicker to analyze data and answer questions of policy makers
- Easier to justify funding

Next Plan of Work Cycle

- 2007 – 2011
- Next new Plan due in spring 2006
- Arrange Plan and Annual Report around program logic model
- Articulate national problem addressed, vision, mission, goals, and measurable objectives
- Categorize entries around Problem Area (PA) classification codes

Annual Report of Accomplishments

- Stakeholder Input Process Section
- Program Review Process Section
- Evaluation of the Success of Multi and Joint Activities Section
- Multistate Extension Activities Section
- Integrated Research and Extension form(s)

Executive Summary

- Stress extension and/or research results supported with formula funds.
- Highlight successes and any significant change in program/ research direction, by State's own assessment.
- Document benefits to clientele and stakeholders.
- Explain total expenditures by source of funding and full-time equivalents (FTEs) for the Goal.

Required Information on your Stakeholder Input Process*

- Actions to seek stakeholder input to encourage participation
- Process to identify stakeholders and collect input
- How collected input was considered & used

(* Failure to comply with this requirement may result in withholding institution's funds and redistribution of funds to other eligible institutions.

Stakeholder Input

- "Stakeholders" would be interested partners and beneficiaries of the work of 1890 research and extension.
- AREERA – "Seek stakeholder input that encourages stakeholder participation and a brief statement of the process used to collect input."

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2. A brief statement of the process that will be used by the recipient institution to identify individuals and groups who are stakeholders and to collect input from them.

Method to identify individuals and groups (check all that apply)

- Use Advisory Committees
- Use Internal Focus Groups
- Use External Focus Groups
- Open Listening Sessions
- Needs Assessments
- Use Surveys
- Other (Please Explain Below)

Methods for collecting stakeholder input (check all that apply)

- Meeting with traditional stakeholder groups
- Survey of traditional stakeholder groups
- Meeting with traditional stakeholder individuals
- Survey of traditional stakeholder individuals
- Meeting with the general public (open meeting advertised to all)
- Survey of the general public
- Meeting specifically with non-traditional groups
- Survey specifically with non-traditional groups
- Meeting specifically with non-traditional individuals
- Survey specifically with non-traditional individuals
- Meeting with limited selected individuals from the general public
- Survey of selected individuals from the general public
- Other (please explain below)

Check Boxes

Write your brief statement here

Text box for

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P&A Contact Information

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- CSREES Web site: www.csrees.usda.gov
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THE END

Agenda Item 22.0 EERE/NASULGC Partnership

Presenter: Tony Nakazawa/H. Michael Harrington

Background:

The BAA-Policy Board of Directors was charged with implementing the activities for this partnership effort. The development of a meaningful partnership with our institutions has DOE support from David Garman (Under Secretary and Doug Faulkner (Acting Assistant Secretary for EERE), Jim Fischer (member of the EERE Board of Directors) and other senior level staff.

I represent the regional executive directors (both AES and CE) on the Steering Committee which provides guidance and oversight for the project. At its January meeting the committee approved a 3 yr plan of activities listed below with an annual budget of \$500,000. The Steering Committee met in Washington DC June 15 with more that 40 DOE staff members including EERE Program managers to discuss ways in which our "system" could be used to enhance DOE-EERE outreach objectives.

2005 Program areas:

- Enhancing EERE program impact by increasing the working relationships between NASULGC regional associations and EERE regional offices.
- Institutionalizing the Extension outreach capacity in EERE programs.
- Increasing public education about energy by augmenting youth education in science and math with EERE-related interactive modules
- Increasing the working relationships of EERE scientists and engineers with university faculty by expanding the joint university/EERE lab workshops to all EERE program areas.
- Developing methods to improve the formal exchange between EERE scientists and university engineers

I serve as a co-chair on project 1 and also serve on project 4. Project one will employ a demonstration project in the PNW (AK, ID, OR, WA) using extension to deliver energy education materials as a means to develop formal interactions with regional and national DOE staff. The WSU energy office will provide training and technical assistance. A regional workshop for personnel from CES, DOE regional offices will be held in early 2006 and a similar workshop will be held with EERE program managers. EERE Program managers have recently be assigned "deployment" as part of the principal responsibilities.

I developed the plan for Project 4 as an extension of the activities for which I provided leadership in 2004. Two workshops for faculty will be held: Wind Energy at National Renewable Energy laboratory, Golden CO (Spring 2006), and Buildings Efficiency at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN (December, 2005). In addition, a national listening session on Biomass is being planned for 2006.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 23.0 The Conservation Security Program: Achieving Consistency within Watersheds

Presenter: Dr. Carole Jett, Associate Deputy Chief for Programs, NRCS

Background:

The new Conservation Security Program (CSP) is intended for producers who have been historical stewards, have applied an effective conservation system, and practiced good management and record keeping. CSP sign-up is offered on a rotating 8-digit HUC watershed basis. Eligibility requirements stipulate that producers must meet a minimum level of conservation treatment for the national resource concerns of soil quality and water quality prior to actual program application.

Conservation programs such as the CSP must present an equitable opportunity for producers to participate and also insure the same level of rigor in eligibility requirements nationwide. This required the agency to make decisions regarding exactly how an applicant would show that they had sufficiently addressed water quality, specifically nutrients, when the competition is national, but nutrients standards are local, usually developed from Land Grant University (LGU) recommendations.

Watersheds typically bear no relationship to state lines. So following the LGU two different recommendations resulting from the same soils within a multi-state watershed becomes very problematic. This presentation discusses this issue with two examples and appeals to the audience for assistance in proposing a resolution.

We believe that a national assessment of the techniques and procedures recommended by LGU's is essential. The similarities and consistency of nutrient application rates needs to be evaluation. We need enough information to determine how significant the differences are for the major nutrients of concern: N, P, K, and others in the future.

Such an assessment and evaluation will help us determine what next steps might be needed to insure equitable program access and consistent eligibility criteria for program delivery across the nation.

The slides from the PowerPoint presentation follow:





Payments for Stewardship

- The new Conservation Security Program is intended for those producers who:
 - have been historical stewards
 - have applied an effective conservation system, and
 - can document good management through record keeping.

Offered in Watersheds

- CSP sign-up is offered on an 8-digit HUC watershed basis.
- Applicants must meet a minimum level of conservation treatment for eligibility for the national resource concerns of soil quality and water quality
- Stewardship must be done prior to application.



CSP Minimum Eligibility

- Must meet the minimum level of treatment for Soil quality and Water quality
- Identified for SQ as meeting a positive Soil Conditioning Index
- And for WQ meeting the National Quality Criteria in FOTG

Water Quality is a Nationally Significant Resource Concerns

- This means that all CSP participants with cropland – regardless of their Tier of participation, must have already addressed water quality criteria.

402.06 Nutrient Application Rates

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) standards are based upon Land Grant University recommendations.
- ... or standard industry practice(s) if recognized by the Land Grant University.

2004 CSP Dilemma - Example

- Differences arose in 2004 concerning the nutrient application rates between Iowa and Minnesota.
- Bottom line - producers on the Iowa side could apply as much as 120 # N and still meet CSP requirements, while producers on MN side were limited to 90# N – all based on University recommendations.
- * this is just an example – some cases were less extreme than this and some were even more glaring.

Why the differences?

- One perspective:
- Soils and climate within Iowa are considered to be quite similar and mostly homogenous – so generalized application rates pertain to broad areas.
- In contrast, soils and climate in Minnesota vary considerably and the climate extremes are more significant – so there are several more differences in the N application rates.
- Specifically, the MN Land Grant recommendations include a 'factor' for N mineralization, whereas that is not the case in IA. * this is just an example.

Different Procedures and Techniques

- Different technique procedures and different techniques will produce different results.
- With CSP and it's watershed based delivery, we are striving for greater consistency in nutrient application rates and eligibility requirements.

Our Challenge . . .

- Recommendations on Nutrient application rates that are consistent across states lines for similar agricultural areas.
- Conservation programs such as the Conservation Security Program (CSP) rely upon an equitable opportunity for producers to participate and meet the same rigor of eligibility requirements.

Example of a Success Story

- During 90's Michigan State, Ohio State and Purdue collaborated on nutrient management recommendations across the tri-state area.
- Resulted in similar and consistent recommendations for application rates that made sense to the producers who worked the three state area.
- Also provided a science basis for nutrient recommendations for monitoring of Great Lakes Water Quality concerns.
- A "level playing field" for all concerned.

Our Needs

- Conduct an assessment of the techniques and procedures used by Land Grant Universities and evaluate the similarities and consistency of the nutrient application rates.
- Enough information to see how significant the differences are for the major nutrients of concern: **N, P, and K** and ??

Needs

- At the conclusion of that assessment phase, then determine what next steps might be needed, depending how large the differences are and what is driving the differences.


Water Quality - Cropland

- How do we decide that an applicant has addressed water quality?
- In 2004, we said an applicant must meet Nutrient Mgmt. 590 & Pest Mgmt. 595.
- This proved difficult in practice to determine uniformly because States' nutrient standards vary in many instances.



Water Quality - Cropland

- The CSP rule says we judge water quality on cropland by the **Quality Criteria** for:
 - **Surface water**
 - Nutrients
 - Pesticides
 - Sediment
 - Salinity
 - **Groundwater**
 - Nutrients
 - Pesticides
 - Salinity



Water Quality - Cropland

- For CSP eligibility in 2005, QC for the 7 criteria were judged by considering the following:
 - Loss mechanisms
 - Sediment Detachment & Transport
 - Leaching
 - Drift
 - Volatilization
 - Plus
 - Application technique
 - Record keeping

CSP Comment period closes July 25

Contact me with any ideas at:
carole.jett@wdc.usda.gov

Questions?

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 24.0 Joint Spring Meeting

Presenter: Lee Sommers/Karen Hinton

Background:

Sommers and Hinton reported that, in keeping with the agreement between the Western Extension Directors and the Experiment Station Directors, the 2006 Spring Meeting would be held jointly with Extension in mid-March. The Executive Committee is to work with the Extension Chair on the date and location.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 25.0
State Issues

Presenter: Discussion Item

Background:

Each state representative commented on issues that are impacting their individual institutions.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 26.0
Election of Officers and Appointments

Presenter: Lee Sommers

Background:

Nominations for the slate of officers were recommended by the Executive Committee:

Chair - Donald Snyder (UT)

Chair-Elect - C. Y. Hu (HI)

Secretary - Greg Bohach (ID)

Treasurer - Jeff Jacobsen (MT)

At-Large Executive Committee - Sandra Ristow (WA) and Charles Boyer (OR)

RCIC - C. Colin Kaltenbach

No nominations were presented from the floor.

The following appointments were made:

ESCOP Chair-Elect - Ronald Pardini (NV)

ESCOP Budget and Legislative - Jeff Jacobsen (MT)

NRSP6 Technical Representative - Jeff Stark (ID)

Action Requested: Election of nominated slate of officers.

Action Taken: Approved nominated slate of officers:

Chair - Donald Snyder (UT)

Chair-Elect - C. Y. Hu (HI)

Secretary - Greg Bohach (ID)

Treasurer - Jeff Jacobsen (MT)

At-Large Executive Committee - Sandra Ristow (WA) and Charles Boyer (OR)

RCIC - C. Colin Kaltenbach

AGENDA ITEM 27.0 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 27.1 State Reports

HAWAII STATE REPORT

Presenter: C. Y. Hu

Background:

College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources
University of Hawaii at Manoa
Station Report for Western Directors Joint Summer Meeting, July 2005

University of Hawaii at Manoa

- **Flood:** On October 30, 2004, runoff from heavy rains flooded the Manoa campus, causing more than \$70 million in damages. Insurance claims cover \$25 million, and the state has contributed an additional \$22 million in assistance. We anticipate that the Federal Emergency Management Agency will assist the University of Hawaii in covering the remaining costs.
- **Change of Administration:** UH Manoa Chancellor Peter Englert will return to his faculty position on July 31, 2005. An interim Chancellor will be appointed.
- **Tuition Increase:** Over six academic years (2006–2007 to 2011–2012), tuition at UH Manoa will increase by approximately 130–140% from 2005–2006 levels for residents and non-residents, undergraduate and graduate students.

College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources

- **Enrollment:** The college's reorganized academic programs first appeared in print in 2002. Since the formal announcement of the college's reorganized programs, total enrollment in the college (undergraduate and graduate majors) increased by 13% in the first year and 14% in the second year. To offset any impact that the significant tuition increases noted above may have on future enrollment in the college, efforts are underway to increase recruitment and retention, broaden student opportunities for extracurricular learning, and further strengthen our academic programs.
- **2004 Legislative Session:** Prior to adjourning its 2005 Regular Session, the Hawaii State Legislature incorporated into the state budget an appropriation of \$500,000/year to the college to support nine faculty positions established in 2002 and a \$300,000 appropriation for the college to plan an agribusiness incubator. These funds are subject to approval by the Governor.
- **Grants and Contracts:** During fiscal year 2005, CTAHR faculty and staff members received 134 extramural awards worth more than \$16.6 million. Although these revenues do not equal FY2004's record of \$24 million received from a comparable number of awards, FY2005 reflects the college's third most productive year for extramural funding.
- **New Administrators:** Dr. Ching Yuan Hu was named Associate Dean/Associate Director for Research in January 2005. Dr. Charles M. Kinoshita was named Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs in March 2005 after serving in an interim capacity for 14 months.
- **Taro Research Agreement:** In May 2005, the Dean/Director of the college signed a statement summarizing the college's policy regarding the genetic engineering of Hawaiian taro. The statement affirms that CTAHR faculty members have agreed to refrain from genetically engineering Hawaiian varieties of taro until a research review forum is established through which members of the Hawaiian community can offer input

to the college on taro research. The research review forum is expected to form later this summer.

- Selected Extension Highlights for FY2005:

The Beef Industry Initiative Project is a collaboration of agents, specialists, researchers, and stakeholder advisors that prioritizes research and extension activities to enhance the sustainability of the Hawaii beef cattle industry. This effort was supplemented this year with a Tropical and Subtropical Agricultural Research (T-STAR) grant to develop best management practices for conversion of former sugarcane and pineapple lands to pasture production, including planned comparisons of conventional and organic pastures on Maui.

The Origin Inspection Program allows approved shipments of cut flowers to be exported with minimal inspection, providing expeditious movement of products to consumers and a higher standard of product cleanliness. The program is built on increasing and maintaining the knowledge and skills of growers through education, meetings, workshops, and increased use of information technology.

The Diabetes Awareness, Education and Screening Project offers people with diabetes medical screening of important health status parameters and education on diabetes management, including nutrition awareness, that can help project participants avoid the devastating complications of this disease.

The Hawaii Area-Wide Fruit Fly Pest Management program has eliminated the need for weekly applications of organophosphate, carbamate, and/or synthetic pyrethroid insecticides to control melon fly. Instead, cooperators use environmentally friendly materials and methods.

Oahu 4-H clubs, primarily military clubs, are including service-learning projects in club activities, with projects being implemented to serve senior centers, retirement centers, domestic shelters, homeless and transitional shelters, hospitals, and animal facilities, as well as to assist with the harvesting of taro.

An educational forum was held to provide extension agents with updated information on issues relating to agricultural biotechnology and genetically engineered crops.

OREGON STATE REPORT

Presenter: Jan Auyong
July 2005

Development

Oregon State University continues in the silent phase of its first capital campaign. The college has identified three areas of concentration in its campaign plan, namely:

- Scholarships
- Professorships and program endowments
- Facilities, although this is a minor facet of the campaign

Strategic planning

The college will focus on four areas for strategic emphasis in the future:

- Biobased products
- Ecosystem services
- Food, nutrition and health
- Water and watersheds

These foci are being used to help direct future investments into programs and future hires.

New positions

After almost four years of economic down turn in the state and eroding budgets, the college has approved over 40 new positions for searches. These positions represent 28 FTE. Resources were stretched by approving appointments at 0.75 FTE or less, leveraging endowment funds and partnering with other agencies. Since July 2001, the college has lost over 80 faculty FTE. Therefore, these hires will only partial restore faculty numbers to the 2001 level.

Of the positions listed in the March 2005 report, 15 have been filled (F), 13 are in negotiation (N), and the rest are searches either currently underway or will soon be advertised (S). As of June, 2005, the results of the searches are:

Agricultural and Resource Economics

- Agricultural Business Management (UG*, AES) -F
- Extension Community Economist (Ag. Ext.)-N
- Markets and Trade (UG, AES).-F

Animal Sciences

- Physiological Genomics: Reproductive Physiology (UG, AES)-N
- Beef Cattle Systems (UG, AES)-F
- Extension Beef Specialist (AES, Ext. Ag) -N
- Veterinarian Specialist (Ag. Ext.) - S
- Livestock/Range Extension, Baker County (Ext. Ag) -F

Bioengineering

- River EcoEngineer (UG, AES) –F, Desiree Tullos
- Well Water Protection & Water Quality Specialist (Ag. Ext.) – F, Gail Glick-Andrews
- Bioproducts Engineer (UG, AES) –F, (2 positions) Hong Liu, Yanzhen Fan

Botany & Plant Pathology

- Bioinformaticist - Plant Clinic (Ag. Ext.) – F, Sue Jepson
- Microbial Genomics (AES). F, Jeff Chang

Crop & Soil Science

- Potato Breeding & Genetics (UG, AES) -N
- Cereals Specialist (Ag. Ext., AES) – F, Mike Flowers
- Field Crops/Watershed Extension, Malheur (Ext. Ag) – F, Steve Norberg
- Field Crops Extension, Marion County (Ext. Ag). –F, Tom Silberstein

Environmental and Molecular Toxicology

- Cancer Biologist (AES). -N
- Pesticide Safety Education Program and Farm Safety Program Coordinator (Ext. Ag). -S

Fisheries and Wildlife

- Hatchery Research Center Director (UG, AES) -F, David Noakes
- Wildlife Ecologist–Agricultural Ecosystems (UG, AES). -N

Food Science and Technology

- Enologist (AES, Ext. Ag) -S

Horticulture

- Ecologist (UG, AES). -N
- Ecological Landscape (UG, AES) -S
- Extension Horticulturist, Coos/Curry Counties (Ext. Ag) -S
- Urban & Community Horticulturist Specialist (Ag. Ext.) -S
- Horticultural Entomologist (Ag. Ext.) -N
- Horticulturist, Umatilla County (Ag. Ext.) – on hold temporarily

Microbiology

- Pathogenic Microbiologist (AES) –S
- Immunologist (AES) -S

Rangeland Resources

- Rangeland Ecologist (AES, UG) -N

Statistics

- Statistics (AES)

Central Oregon Agricultural Research Center

- Crop Physiologist/New Crops (AES, Ext. Ag.) - S

Coastal Oregon Marine Experiment Station

- Marine Fisheries Ecologist (AES) -S
- Cetacean Biologist (UG, AES) -N
- Pinniped Biologist (AES) -N

Eastern Oregon Agriculture Research Center

- Sustainable Beef Production Systems (AES) waiting for next fiscal year to fill.

North Willamette Research & Extension Center

- Integrated Nursery Crop Production (AES) -S

Hermiston Experiment Station

- Entomologist, Eastern Oregon (AES, Ag. Ext.) -F, Silvia Randon

Multi-unit positions

- Dairy - Willamette Valley (.5) (Ag. Ext.) -N
- Livestock/Rangelands Malheur County (Ag. Ext.) – F, Marni Porath
- Natural Resource Management & Staff Chair Lincoln County (Ag. Ext.) -S
- Extension Small Farms – 4 positions (Ag. Ext.)
 - NWREC – S
 - Jackson Co. – S
 - Benton Co. – N
 - Central Oregon – in planning stages
- Sustainable Production Systems (Ag. Ext.)

WASHINGTON STATE REPORT

Presenter: Ralph Cavalieri

Background:

Personnel

On August 1, 2005, the College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences will welcome its new Dean, **Daniel J. Bernardo**, who will be returning to his *alma mater* after 20 years. Dr. Bernardo is leaving the position of department head of agricultural economics at Kansas State University. **R. James Cook**, will complete two years of service as Interim Dean and will retire from WSU on August 31.

Linda Kirk Fox was recently named Dean and Director of Extension, taking the position formerly held by **Mike Tate**, who is now the Vice-President for Equity and Diversity at WSU.

2005 Biennial Legislative Session

The 2005 Washington State Legislature battled through a \$1.7 billion revenue shortfall and \$500 million in court cases. The final result brought net benefits to students and faculty at Washington State University, including a 14.4 percent increase in the institution's operating budget during the next two years, salary increases, and a \$114 million construction budget. In addition, the legislature approved 905 newly funded undergraduate student FTE, provided authority to increase tuition by 7% each year of the biennium, and appropriated funding for faculty and staff salary increases of 3.2% effective September 1, 2005 and an additional 1.6% effective September 1, 2006. In addition, the university dug into its resources to add to the 3.2% increase to bring the total average faculty salary increase to 5% beginning this September 1. These funds are the first general faculty salary increase in four years.

The Legislature also passed the governor's *Academy of Sciences bill*, which creates a non-profit entity independent of government, tied to the research universities, to provide scientific analysis and recommendations to the Legislature and governor. The bill states that the presidents of UW and WSU shall jointly form and serve as the co-chairs of an organizing committee for the purpose of creating the Washington Academy of Sciences.

A significant new funding source for life science research was approved using anticipated tobacco lawsuit settlement funds. The Life Sciences Discovery fund is expected to provide around \$35 million per year in

new research funding in a competitive grants program. Agriculture was included in final program description for this fund, overcoming its early concept of being dedicated solely to human health (medical) research.

A new bioproducts "biorefinery" pilot plant facility was funded and will be located at the WSU Tri-Cities campus in Richland. It will be jointly operated by WSU and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. Nearby, at the WSU-Prosser Irrigated Agriculture Research and Extension Center, \$2.5 million were provided to build a facility for the Center for Precision Agricultural Systems (CPAS). \$300,000 was provided to upgrade the Public Agricultural Weather System (PAWS), which will become known as AgWeatherNet and will be operated by CPAS .

Not all was rosy, though. The second of the six buildings in the Life Sciences research complex in Pullman was not funded this biennium, despite vigorous support by many groups, including those from agriculture. Also, in a manner that is too familiar, the Legislature offset the benefit of the state appropriation increase for instruction and the added tuition funds by requiring a 1% reduction in the budgets of all "non-instructional" areas of the university. The Agricultural Research Center and university Extension are subject to these reductions.

Taken together, it was a better than average legislative package containing some really good news and some disappointing requirements.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 27.2

ESCOP Advocacy/Marketing Subcommittee Report

Presenter: Ronald S. Pardini

Background:

The ESCOP Communication and Marketing Committee met May 10, 2005 in Washington, D.C.
Notes:

1. Introductions and Review of the Agenda

Three items were added to the agenda:

- Update on the committee's activities from the last meeting – Tom Fretz
- The Land-Grant Series in Georgia – Jerry Arkin
- ESCOP Partnership Working Group publication – Mike Harrington

1: Update on the committee's activities

- A. The Formula for Success has been widely distributed throughout the country reaching numerous stakeholders and policymakers. The release was timely and well received in view of the issues surrounding the President's FY06 proposed budget. The publication was instrumental in supporting and winning our case to retain formula funds.
- B. A few institutions responded to our request for photos that enabled us to build a library with about a thousand photos. Tom Fretz developed thumbnails that were shown at the meeting. BRT had received copies of all the CDs. The LGU photolibrary should be updated every 2-3 years so they reflect current research activities. Jane Allen of CSREES will be supplied with the LGU photo library.
- C. A webpage has been created to house all documents pertaining to Land-Grant at <http://www.agnr.umd.edu/users/NERA/LandGrant/LandGrantExperience.html> Other materials that should be included should be forwarded to Tom Fretz at nera@umd.edu The Executive Directors will share the web address to regional stations.
- D. Tom Fretz drafted a set of questions regarding the Formula Fund. He asked the group if these are the right questions? Who will provide the response? This FAQ's can be a supplement to the Formula for Success publication. Tom Fretz will discuss this with the EDs after he has developed a more refined outline.

II: Congressional Update

We are definitely on a tight budget situation. The House allocation is expected to be the same as last year's. The President's budget diverted our attention from pursuing our other priorities, but we're still hoping that key priorities will be addressed. The battle may be over, but may resurface again next year. The Farm Bill Think Tank will deal with the underlying issues that brought about the President's proposal and will share their recommendations to the Board.

A discussion ensued about the importance of accountability. It would be ideal if program reports directly match the 57 funding lines. There is also a need to sell our programs to OMB. Get OMB out in the field to experience agricultural research firsthand. Fred Hutchison suggested taking them to states that can compete well for competitive funding but will still be significantly affected by cuts in formula fund, e.g. Iowa.

Fred Hutchison suggested a two-prong strategy:

- A Hill visit for three small states, starting for example with the Northeast region. Have scientists from Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire meet with congressional staff.

- BRT can arrange for this appointment.
- Get OMB, USDA officials and staffers to visit big institutions such as Texas A&M, Iowa or Idaho.

The committee thought these suggestions are worth pursuing but should be submitted as recommendations to the BAC who will in turn request BRT to implement.

Tom Fretz on behalf of the committee will submit a recommendation to ESCOP to endorse in principle the following concepts:

- Acquainting OMB staff to the SAES system via field visits
- Support for the BRT seminar series to be conducted bi-annually and rotating among the four regions. The seminar will focus on a single high priority national issue.

Suggested evaluation and changes in the format of the Ag. Science on the Hill starting in 2007.

III: Science on the Hill

There is general assessment that the Agricultural Science on the Hill Exhibit was not effective in getting the right people to the venue. The costs incurred for holding this event may be put to better use if the format is changed. Fred Hutchison suggested having a two-day event instead. One day will be devoted at the House side and another at the Senate's. Exhibits would still be set-up but there would also be short seminars (like the N-CFAR 45-minute seminars usually attended by 20-25 people) presented by research and extension scientists on the theme. The committee suggested having a specific theme for the event. Consider changing the timeframe, perhaps in April or May.

We discussed using the national event as a follow-on to the regional seminars as a venue to gather all the states that have significant stakes on the theme at hand, for instance "Water". The topic of "Obesity" also came up. How do we showcase the system and the critical issues? How do we demonstrate that we are working and pooling resources together, and that a diversified portfolio makes this all possible?

Planning for two seminars are underway on Water Quality (Milwaukee) and Water Supply (Wisconsin) on October and December, respectively. This may be a more effective strategy for building up our cadre of champions. The event will not only highlight specific issues, but also give the officials opportunity to connect with their stakeholders and hence be identified as the torchbearer for the selected issues. This is also the argument for making it regional instead of national. The key is selecting states that have congressional members who can be invited as keynote speakers and who can express strong support for agricultural issues in their states or region. Examples would be Texas A&M, Georgia, Connecticut or Pennsylvania.

These seminars cost a great deal to produce. The BRT is seeking endorsement for the concept and a financial commitment from the system since these seminars are not part of BRT's current contract. The committee will make a recommendation to ESCOP. Tom Fretz will draft the recommendation to ESCOP noting the need to broaden the communication and marketing efforts by the system. These efforts would include OMB visits to the field, the seminar series and reformatting the Ag. Science Exhibit on the Hill. Suggestions were also made to change the name of the Ag. Exhibit on the Hill to perhaps "Science on the Hill", "Science In Action" or "Land Grant System Addresses the Issues of _____". The event should also focus on a theme.

IV: CSREES Update from the Director of Communications

Janet Allen has just recently come on board as the new Director of Communications for CSREES. Her duties include both supervisory and mainly communicating what we do as a system and why it matters. She will look at how resources are used and would build a strategy to make sure that they are used to produce results. ***The committee asked Janet Allen to***

review the Impact Writing process in view of suggestions below to “write stories instead of impacts” on a rolling schedule about “hot topics” and disseminating them via a nationwide media blitz perhaps four times a year.

Communications and Marketing Subcommittee Discussions

The “Hot Topic List” generated last year by the system did not represent real “hot topics”. New hot topics identified this year were:

- Quality of life – related to obesity
- Soybean rust
- Avian flu
- Sudden oak death
- Honeybee crisis

One pager stories of how the system responds to the above issues would be more effective than writing impact statements. There are floating hot topics that may best be addressed by having a rolling deadline. These stories can be used as press releases to be released at the same time nationwide. Local twists can be added to suit local audience. Having the story fresh constantly will attract fresh response and interest. Tom Fretz will visit with the subcommittee (Janet Allen, Ron Pardini and Jim Spurling) to make a recommendation.

Mary Duryea solicited the help of the IR4 communications coordinator, Sherrilyn Novack, in organizing a marketing plan. The points will be helpful in setting up a marketing strategy on how the system should address issues that come up. A good learning experience is the system’s reaction to the President’s proposed budget. We have been successful, in part, because of the timely release of the Formula for Success publication. We should always be proactive, not reactive. Should we develop supplemental publications to the Formula for Success? Should the FAQ’s be refined so answers will also address the CSREES talking points supporting competitive funding? Is there an imminent need for a culture change in marketing the system? Or create a culture of marketing? How? Do we need to sell the system or just the SAESs? Who do we really need to market to: Congress, OMB, USDA, OSTP? Are we on the science radar screen? If not, why not? How do we increase our visibility and recognition that we do produce good, even better, science using formula funds and our diversified portfolio? What is our plan to sell ourselves as a science entity?

Mary Duryea and Tom Fretz will approach Bob Holm (IR4) to request for Sherrilyn Novack’s time to help with this activity. A subcommittee will be formed if necessary. The group will work with Wendy Wintersteen and Brian at Iowa for the layout of any publication that will come out from this activity.

V: Other business

Jerry Arkin gave a brief overview of the Georgia Farm Bureau (GFB) Land Grant University Lecture Series at the University of Georgia. The purpose of the seminar is to educate and to garner support for the land grant university concept and system. Tom Fretz will contact Gale Buchanan so materials related to this lecture series can be linked to the newly created Land-Grant website.

The ESCOP Partnership Committee being represented by Mike Harrington at this meeting was requesting the development of a research magazine similar to the ARS publication. The group will conduct a survey to assess the effectiveness of the current impact writing process.

Examples of these questions are:

- Do you currently have in your institution publications that highlight your success?
- Is there a need for a national publication?
- Should it be an electronic, web-based magazine?
- Can you volunteer editorial staff?

- Will you be willing to contribute to this effort financially?

The group was reminded to make sure that their institutions have stakeholders supporting formula funds present at the listening sessions to be attended by the USDA Secretary, and be able to express how valuable formula funds are. It maybe worthwhile to have copies of the ***Formula for Success*** distributed at these sessions.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 27.3
ESCOP Budget and Legislative Committee

Presenter: LeRoy Daugherty

Background:

The following information from Fred H. Hutchison of Fleishman Hillard Government Relations serves as information for the ESCOP Budget and Legislative Committee report. The Senate and House actions on appropriations to date are shown in the attached tables.

The Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee sent its spending bill for F.Y. 2006 on to the full Senate Appropriations Committee for consideration. This measure contains funding for programs administered by the USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES). Highlights of the Senate action are described below:

Highlights of Senate Bill

With few exceptions, CSREES line items in F.Y. 2006 would be funded at their F.Y. 2005 levels. The exceptions are set forth in the following table:

Research & Education Line Items	F.Y. 2005	Senate Mark	Change
Evans-Allen	36704000	37477000	+773,000
Special Research Grants	120314000	110281000	-10033000
National Research Initiative	179552000	190000000	+10,448,000
Alternative Crops	1186000	833000	-353000
Resident Instruction and Distance Ed. Grants	496000	0	-496000
Agrosecurity Education	0	750000	+750,000
Federal Administration	42546000	38193000	-4353000

Extension Line Items	F.Y. 2005	Senate Mark	Change
1890 Institutions Extension	32868000	33643000	+775,000
Expanded Food & Nutrition Ed. Program	58438000	62909000	+4,471,000
New Technologies for Ag Extension (eXtension)	0	2000000	+2,000,000
Federal Administration and Special Grants	21883000	22443000	+560,000

Integrated Activities Line Item	F.Y. 2005	Senate Mark	Change
Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative	8928000	10000000	+1,072,000

Discussion

The Senate, like the House of Representatives, has rejected the proposal in the President's F.Y. 2006 Budget Request to reduce by 50 percent funding for the Hatch and McIntireStennis formula fund programs and to eliminate funding for the Animal Health & Disease program.

With respect to the President's proposal to transfer Sec. 406 line items to the National Research Initiative (NRI), the Senate did not concur with the House. The Senate has rejected the consolidation of the Sec. 406 funding lines within the NRI.

The Senate, even in this tight budgetary year, was able to make modest increases to several of the line items singled out by the Budget and Advocacy Committee of NASULGC's Board on Agriculture Assembly for "priority attention." These line items included: (1) the NRI; (2) Agrosecurity Education; (3) EFNEP; (4) eXtension; and (5) the Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative. In addition, the Senate made increases to two other programs of importance to the 1890 Institutions: (1) Evans-Allen; and (2) 1890s Extension.

The only item on the BAC's "priority attention" list to receive a decrease under the Senate mark was the Resident Instruction and Distance Education Grants line item for the landgrants in the U.S. territories. However, the House did agree to continue funding for this important program at last year's level of \$500,000 and we will continue to fight hard for this line item when the House and Senate meet to reconcile differences between the two versions of the Ag Appropriations bill.

Also attached for information is a table showing the ESCOP FFY 06 Priorities for Federal Funding (All Agencies).

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 27.4 ESCOP National Impact Assessment Report

Presenter: Ronald S. Pardini

Background:

Impact 2005

The National Impact Team met in Washington, D.C. to prepare Impact 2005 March 14-18.

This year there were a total of 4171 submissions into the National Database, and 2521 were new submissions with 318 identified as "priority". There were 28 submissions for the "Multi-State" program which were limited to the North Central and West. The Northeast and Southern Regions did not submit any multi-state impact reports. North Central had 18, West had 8 and 2 were from NRSP's 5 and 8. The "Best of the West" Impact Writers provided editorial support for the Western Regional Multi-State Impact Statement submission.

A total of 13 sheets were prepared as follows:

1. Homegrown Security-safe, secure food system. (Bio-security)
2. Energy Abound on the Farm-bio-fuels are a gas, but plant based products touch many areas of life. (Bio-based products)
3. Extension Funding Allows for Flexibility and Rapid Response-a nation wide network addressing local and emerging needs. (Smith-Lever)
4. Education for Life-programs making a difference for people everywhere (LGU system)
5. Rural High Rise-small towns build better living. (Rural economic development)
6. Discovery-Past, Present and Future- Hatch Act supports collaborative, responsive research, trains tomorrows scientists. (Hatch)
7. Clean Air Quest-Striving for better air, brighter future (air quality)
8. Our Big Fat Health Problem-Obesity is on the rise and adding to disease and health care costs. (Obesity)
9. Border Crossing- States collaborate for common causes. (Multi-State)
10. The Power of Youth-Young people are empowered to make a difference. (4-H)
11. Lending a Hand-Volunteers improve our quality of life. (Volunteers)
12. Better Farms, Better Lands, Better Lives-1890's bring economic strength, healthy habits to economically disadvantaged. (1890)
13. Value Added Products-enhanced economic opportunities for agricultural producers. (Value added)

In addition to this years Impact 2005 development, we discussed the possibility of overhauling the system next year to align it closer with the "use patterns" identified for our decision-makers. The plan is to make "Science and Education Impact" a web based presence/delivery system that would have both a State and National presence. Each State would have its own impact site (skin) that would identify its own priorities which would be linked to/from the National page. We could include pictures, video clips, and sound bytes and tailor it to our own States needs and priorities. The National page would include rotating feature topics, State links, topic links, function links etc. This new system would be ideal for local use because one could tailor a State topical page for a specific decision-maker and send them the "link" to that skin which could be cross-linked to the original impact report submission, a specific department, the national priorities, multi-state activities, etc. It promises to revolutionize the impact process and removes the restrictions of the CSREES formatting rules for the impact sheets currently being used.

The LSU Ag Center has been contacted to house this new system.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 27.5
ESCOP Partnership Committee

Presenter: Lee Sommers

Background:

Sommers reported that the ESCOP Partnership Committee had been abolished. CSREES has established a Partnership Committee whose charge is comparable to the ESCOP Partnership group.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 27.6
ESCOP Planning Committee

Presenter: LeRoy Daugherty

Background:

The ESCOP Planning Committee has been inactive since the fall 2004 Experiment Station Section meeting in Oklahoma City. Most of the past activities of the committee have been assumed by other standing committees. A recommendation to discontinue the committee will be discussed at the July ESCOP meeting in Kansas City.

Action Requested: For information

**AGENDA ITEM 28.0
FUTURE MEETINGS**

**Agenda Item 28.1
2005 Fall ESS Meeting**

Presenter: H. Michael Harrington

Background:

The ESS Annual meeting will be held September 25-28, 2005 in San Antonio at:

The St. Anthony Hotel
300 East Travis
San Antonio, Texas 78205
210-227-4392

The rate will be \$99.00/day.

See: <http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/SATST/main.wnt?aff=wyn02>

Planning for the agenda is well underway and includes:

- ESS Annual Business Meeting
- Value of 1890 Institutions and Partnerships
- Focus on Civil Rights
- Identification of Research Priorities for the NRI
- Challenges for Rural America: New Opportunities for State Agricultural Experiment Stations
- POW Format and One solution

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 28.2
2006 Spring Meeting

Presenter: Lee Sommers

Background:

As was discussed in Agenda Items 12.0 and 24.0, Sommers reported that the 2006 Spring Meeting would be held jointly with Extension in mid-March. The Executive Committee is to work with Extension on the date and location.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 28.3
2006 Joint Summer Meeting

Presenter: Rick Standiford

Background:

The 2006 Joint Summer Meeting will be held July 9-12, 2006 at the Monterey Marriott, Monterey, California. Details will follow.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 29.0 Resolutions

Presenter: Greg Bohach/Jeff Jacobsen

Background:

Resolution #1:

WHEREAS Dr. Lanny J. Lund, having previously served as Assistant Vice President of Programs and Academic Personnel, State Leader for Cooperative Extension and Associate Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station at the University of California; and

WHEREAS Dr. Lund has had a distinguished teaching and research career in soil sciences; and

WHEREAS Dr. Lund has retired from the University of California; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors at its meeting in the Eldorado Hotel on July 13, 2005 expresses its sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Lund for the significant contributions he has made to the California Agricultural Experiment Station and to our organization; and be it further

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

Resolution #2:

WHEREAS Dr. James J. Jacobs, having served as Director and Associate Dean of the University of Wyoming Agricultural Experiment Station and College of Agriculture; and

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

WHEREAS Dr. Jacobs has had a distinguished career in agricultural economics and water resources; and

WHEREAS Dr. Jacobs has announced his upcoming retirement from his positions as Director and Associate Dean at the University of Wyoming; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors at its meeting in the Eldorado Hotel on July 13, 2005 expresses its sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Jacobs 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. Jacobs and that a copy be filed as part of the official minutes of this meeting.

Resolution #3

WHEREAS Associate Dean and Associate Director LeRoy A. Daugherty and Ms. Elizabeth Crabb from New Mexico State University were organizers and hosts for the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors at its meeting in the Eldorado Hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico on July 10-13, 2005; and

WHEREAS Dr. Daugherty and Ms. Crabb provided such hospitable surroundings in which to meet; and

WHEREAS Dr. Daugherty and Ms. Crabb were also outstanding hosts; and

WHEREAS Dr. Daugherty and Ms. Crabb and their colleagues arranged numerous interesting activities including joint meetings with the WED, WAP, WCARET, WAHS groups, and an informative tour to demonstrate agricultural and cultural aspects of the surrounding area and people; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors as its meeting at the Eldorado Hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico on July 13, 2005 expresses its sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Daugherty and Ms. Crabb and their colleagues for their significant contributions to a successful Directors' meeting; and be it further

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

Action Requested: Approval of Resolutions

Action Taken: Unanimously approved the resolutions for James Jacobs, Lanny J. Lund, and the New Mexico State University Agricultural Experiment Station meeting organizers.

**AGENDA ITEM 30.0
OTHER BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item 30.1
Formula Funds Discussion**

Presenter: All/Discussion

Background:

A discussion of the impact of reduction or loss of formula funds resulted in the expression of a need to inform CSREES, OMB and USDA of the crisis it would create.

Action Requested: Approval for the Executive Committee to work with Extension to compose a similar position statement as the Southern Region developed regarding the need to retain formula funds. The statement can include language to include the Animal Health Disease Program. The statement can also talk about what formula funds will do for the future of agriculture.

Action Taken: Approved the Executive Committee to work with Extension and compose a similar position statement regarding the need to retain formula funds as the Southern Region.

Agenda Item 30.2
SARE Report

Presenter: V. Philip Rasmussen

Background:

The following pages contain the SARE Report, which was circulated.

Action Requested: For information



Western SARE Report to the Western Joint (WED Section) Summer Meetings...July 2005

- Meeting Date:** July 10-14, 2005
- Presenter:** Deborah Young, WED's SARE Liaison
- Agenda Item:** **Western Region SARE Report**

The Western Region SARE Administrative Council met in Salt Lake City on March 1-3, 2005 for their annual budget and planning meeting. The Council approved funding for 74 grants out of 295 submitted for FY-2005 funding, for a total of \$2.43 million. The breakdown by grant category is outlined below:

- Research & Education Grants: 107 preproposals submitted electronically (more on that below); 25 preproposals selected for submission of full proposals; and, 12 funded for a total of \$1.45 million.
- Farmer/Rancher Grants (including Ag Professional + Producer Grants): 50 proposals submitted; and, 24 funded for a total of \$294,160. (In February 2004, the AC increased limits to \$10,000 from \$7,500 for individual farmers or ranchers and to \$20,000 from \$15,000 for groups of three or more farmers or ranchers.)
- Professional Development Program (Extension 3-d funds) Grants: 21 proposals submitted; and, eight funded for a total of \$508,921. In addition, 17 state and territory "PDP Coordinator" proposals will be funded.
- Specific lists of funded projects are available on the Western SARE web site.

Strategic planning revisited

The Western SARE Administrative Council undertook a MAJOR effort in long-term strategic planning at its March 2005 meeting. More information will be forthcoming regarding that significant effort.

Possible initiatives that will be discussed at Western SARE's summer meetings in August:

- Increasing \$\$ support to Western SARE State PDP Coordinators (tied to specific outcomes).
- New "Targeted" Calls for Western SARE Proposals including **Graduate Student Fellowships** and **Extension/Research Synthesis** calls.

On-going Evaluation of Measurable Outcomes

The West has previously completed an external evaluation of the PDP (Extension) program impacts; and, just completed an external survey/evaluation of the FRG (Farmer/Rancher Grants) program. The results are available on the Western SARE web site (<http://wsare.usu.edu>). One significant result of the survey showed that the majority of Western SARE grantees received their information on sustainability and the grants program from local **Extension** sources.

Evaluation of Host Institution and associated staff

The Western SARE Host Institution underwent a comprehensive financial, subcontract, and administrative audit by USDA-CSREES-OEP in mid-2004. Western SARE was given a **sterling commendation**. The Administrative Council will also be conducting an administrative review of the Host Institution (USU) in the next 12 months, as well.

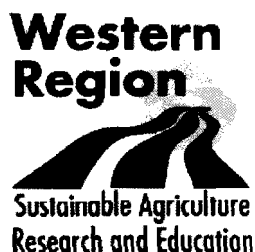
On-line submission and review continues to mature

The West, in its second year of accepting preproposals for Research & Education projects, initiated an electronic submission and review system for preproposals in 2004. The online process, from preproposal through review, succeeded with just a few minor glitches – learning events. While the 25 preproposals selected for full proposals were submitted and reviewed on paper, the West plans eventually to conduct the entire Research & Education Grant process online.

Western SARE Administrative Council changes

- **Deborah Young, associate director for Cooperative Extension with the University of Arizona in Tucson and AC member since 2003, was named as a member of the Western SARE Administrative Council's executive committee, representing the academic side of the program.**
- Mike Harrington continues to represent the WAAESD on the Council. He has provided leadership to a subcommittee that fully revised and reorganized our "Calls for Proposals" and our competitive review process.
- Mark Frasier began his two-year term as AC Chair during the Council's August 2004 meeting in Spokane. Mark, an AC member since 1999, is the business manager for Frasier Farms, his family cattle operation in east-central Colorado. He succeeds Susan Matsushima, a nursery operator from Hawaii.
- Karl Kupers, a farmer/marketer from eastern Washington, is the new chair-elect. An AC member since 2003, Karl is a 1996 recipient of a Western SARE farmer/rancher grant focusing on direct seeding. He currently focuses on marketing, notably "Shepherd's Grain," a sustainably grown wheat flour.
- Steve Jacobson, who volunteered as SAN representative from the West, is now working in both Vermont and Colorado (Horizon Dairy). However, he has retained his voting residence in Colorado. Hence, he remains a valued organic and agribusiness representative on the Council.
- Dan Long, a research scientist in soils and precision agriculture with USDA-ARS, joined the AC as the ARS representative. Dan was named research leader for ARS at its Pendleton, Ore., station in January 2004 after working 10 years at Montana State University. He succeeds Dale Wilkins on the AC.
- Rick Melnicoe, director of the Western Integrated Pest Management Center and University of California statewide pesticide coordinator, was appointed to the Western SARE Administrative Council as a member at large.
- Mary Jane Butters, the organic farmer representative on the AC, will publish her first book this spring, titled: "Mary Jane's Ideabook, Cookbook, Lifebook – for the farmgirl in all of us." However, due to the demands of the book, Mary Jane resigned in January of 2005. Hence, a new representative from this agricultural sector will be sought, through competitive applications, by the Administrative Council.

Action Recommended: NONE... This is primarily an information item...



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(For a listing of funded projects in your state or Pacific island protectorate, including brief descriptions of each project and contact information for grant recipients, please visit the Western SARE Web site, <http://wsare.usu.edu>. Click on Projects then 2005 Funded Grants)

Western SARE funds 44 grants for \$2.25 million

Logan, UT – Forty-four projects funded for \$2.25 million will explore sustainability in Western agriculture in the latest round of grants from Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program, or Western SARE.

Projects range from increasing shrimp production in Arizona to educating producers about energy alternatives to fossil fuels in California, from extending the season for producing raspberries in Utah to educating ag support professionals about aquaculture production on Guam, American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands. Western SARE, a competitive grants program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture funds projects like these to help agricultural producers remain profitable while protecting the environment and strengthening rural communities. Since the program began in 1988, Western SARE has funded nearly 900 such grants worth more than \$33 million.

“These grants enable scientists and producers to test innovative practices that can have profound impacts on agriculture,” said Phil Rasmussen, Western SARE coordinator and a soil scientist at Utah State University, which hosts the program. “Grant results, disseminated to wide audiences, improve soils, reduce pesticide use, refine marketing, increase profits and provide a host of biological cycles and processes that reduce costly inputs into agricultural operations.”

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program comprises four regions, Western, Southern, Northeast and North Central. The Western region includes Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Micronesia, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Northern Mariana Islands, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

The program funds competitive grants in three main categories: Farmer/Rancher grants provide up to \$10,000 for an individual farmer and \$20,000 to three or more farmers to conduct on-farm research. Research and Education grants provide from \$20,000 to \$200,000 to agricultural researchers, typically at land grant universities, to work with producers on sustainable research. Professional Development Program grants, ranging between \$30,000 and \$100,000 depending on number of years and geographic focus, are designed to help ag-support professionals train other professionals in sustainable agriculture concepts.

(A list of grants, locations, recipients and amounts follows.)

Western Region SARE Grants Awarded 2005
State-by-State or Island Protectorate

<u>State</u>	<u>Grant Recipient</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Alaska		Total Funding for Alaska	
		\$0.00	
American Samoa	Malo Paleso'o, producer	\$10,000.00	Tropical Ag
		<i>Total FRG</i>	
		\$10,000.00	
		Total Funding for American Samoa	
		\$10,000.00	
Arizona	Feng-Jyu Tang-Nelson, Univ. of Arizona	\$98,024.00	Ag Systems
	Richard Collins, producer	\$19,976.00	Range Science
		<i>Total R&E</i>	
		\$98,024.00	
		<i>Total FRG</i>	
		\$19,976.00	
		Total Funding for Arizona	
		\$118,000.00	
California	Creek Hull, Ecological Farming Association	\$68,208.00	Ag Systems
	Bill Burrows, producer	\$19,990.00	Animal Science
	Judith Redmond, producer	\$14,980.00	Ag Marketing
	Douglas Bush, producer	\$7,685.00	Water Quality
	Richard Smith/Stephen Pedersen	\$9,942.00	Organic
		<i>Total R&E</i>	
		\$68,208.00	
		<i>Total FRG</i>	
		\$52,597.00	
		Total Funding for California	
		\$120,805.00	
Colorado	Dennis Lamm, Colorado State University	\$144,511.00	Ag Marketing
	Jessica Davis, Colorado State University	\$59,927.00	Animal Science
	Michael Occhiato, producer	\$9,997.00	Animal Science
	Monty Smith, producer	\$9,922.00	IPM
	James Valliant/Brent Morris	\$9,353.00	Agronomy
		<i>Total R&E</i>	
		\$144,511.00	
		<i>Total PDP</i>	
		\$59,927.00	
		<i>Total FRG</i>	
		\$29,272.00	
		Total Funding for Colorado	
		\$233,710.00	
Micronesia	Aurora Del Rosario, Palau Community College	\$83,992.00	Tropical Ag
	Virendra Mohan Verma, College of Marshall Islands	\$37,362.00	Tropical Ag
		<i>Total R&E</i>	
		\$83,992.00	
		<i>Total PDP</i>	
		\$37,362.00	
		Total Funding for Micronesia	
		\$121,354.00	
Guam	Manuel Duguies, University of Guam	\$74,507.00	Tropical Ag
	David Crisostomo, University of Guam	\$90,000.00	Education
	John Benavente, producer	\$4,570.00	Water Quality
	Ernie Wusstig, producer	\$19,809.00	Tropical Ag
	David Crisostomo/Frank Cruz, producer	\$9,951.00	Ag Systems
		<i>Total PDP</i>	
		\$164,507.00	
		<i>Total FRG</i>	
		\$34,330.00	
		Total Funding for Guam	
		\$198,837.00	
Hawaii	Craig Elevitch, Permanent Agriculture Resources	\$59,777.00	Agroforestry
	Cerruti RR Hooks/Khamphout Chandara, producer	\$7,716.00	Horticulture
		<i>Total PDP</i>	
		\$59,777.00	
		<i>Total FRG</i>	
		\$7,716.00	
		Total Funding for Hawaii	
		\$67,493.00	

Idaho	Theresa Beaver, University of Idaho	\$160,056.00	Education
	Bryan Hopkins, University of Idaho	\$179,403.00	Ag Systems
	Glenn Shewmaker, University of Idaho	\$90,000.00	Ag Systems
	Kimberly McConnaghy, producer	\$3,422.00	IPM
	<i>Total R&E</i>	<u>\$339,459.00</u>	
	<i>Total PDP</i>	<u>\$90,000.00</u>	
	<i>Total FRG</i>	<u>\$3,422.00</u>	
	<i>Total Funding For Idaho</i>	<u>\$432,881.00</u>	
Mariana Islands	<i>Total Funding for Mariana Islands</i>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Montana	Fabian Menalled, Montana State University	\$98,819.00	Education
	George Reich, producer	\$19,795.00	Agronomy
	Eric Miller/Pohne Murnion, producer	\$20,000.00	Natural Resources
	Sharla Sackman/Clifford Householder, producer	\$9,960.00	IPM
	<i>Total R&E</i>	<u>\$98,819.00</u>	
	<i>Total FRG</i>	<u>\$49,755.00</u>	
	<i>Total Funding for Montana</i>	<u>\$148,574.00</u>	
New Mexico	Don Bustos, producer	\$9,683.00	Horticulture
	<i>Total FRG</i>	<u>\$9,683.00</u>	
	<i>Total Funding for New Mexico</i>	<u>\$9,683.00</u>	
Nevada	Staci Emm, University of Nevada	\$90,000.00	Education
	<i>Total PDP</i>	<u>\$90,000.00</u>	
	<i>Total Funding for Nevada</i>	<u>\$90,000.00</u>	
Oregon	Mike Gamroth, Oregon State University	\$63,565.00	Animal Science
	George Hoffman, Oregon State University	\$67,078.00	Agronomy
	Dan Sullivan, Oregon State University	\$196,067.00	Organic
	Sandy Macnab, Oregon State University	\$7,348.00	Soil Science
	Cameron Gillespie-Sasse, producer	\$9,981.00	IPM
	Maud Powell, producer	\$20,000.00	Organic
	Clark Seavert/Mel Omeg	\$19,585.00	Ag Systems
	<i>Total R&E</i>	<u>\$326,710.00</u>	
<i>Total PDP</i>	<u>\$7,348.00</u>		
<i>Total FRG</i>	<u>\$49,566.00</u>		
	<i>Total Funding for Oregon</i>	<u>\$383,624.00</u>	
Utah	Clark Willis, producer	\$2,310.00	Agronomy
	<i>Total FRG</i>	<u>\$2,310.00</u>	
	<i>Total Funding for Utah</i>	<u>\$2,310.00</u>	
Washington	Kimberly Morse, Whitman Conservation District	\$77,688.00	Education
	Christopher Tchudi, producer	\$2,419.00	Ag Systems
	<i>Total R&E</i>	<u>\$77,688.00</u>	
	<i>Total FRG</i>	<u>\$2,419.00</u>	
	<i>Total Funding for Washington</i>	<u>\$80,107.00</u>	
Wyoming	Steve Paisley, University of Wyoming	\$212,928.00	Ag Systems
	Clyce McCulloch, producer	\$19,370.00	Natural Resources
	<i>Total R&E</i>	<u>\$212,928.00</u>	
	<i>Total FRG</i>	<u>\$19,370.00</u>	
	<i>Total Funding for Wyoming</i>	<u>\$232,298.00</u>	