

Action Requested: Approval

Agenda Brief: **Western Association of Ag Experiment Station Directors**

Spring Meeting • Minutes

March 29, 2021 • 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. PST

Zoom

Attendees: Chris Davies, Scot Hulbert, Gene Kelly, Mark McGuire, Chris Pritsos, John Talbott, Glenda Humiston, Doug Steele, Rick Rhodes, Steve Loring, Milan Shipka, Mary Burrows, Suzanne Stluka, Sreekala Bajwa, Caron Gala, Walter Bowen, David Gang, Bret Hess (WAAESD Executive Director) and Saige Zespy (WAAESD Recording Secretary)

Agenda

1. WAAESD Business Meeting
 - a. Call to Order & Welcome - McGuire
 - b. Roll Call by Station - Zespy
 - c. Approval of Business Meeting Agenda - McGuire
 - d. Approval of Minutes of 2020 Fall Meeting Minutes -Talbott
 - e. Interim Actions & Executive Committee Report - McGuire
2. Agricultural Research Infrastructure- Humiston
3. Climate Research Capacity- Rhodes
4. ESCOP Committee Reports
 - a. Budget & Legislative - Humiston
 - b. Diversity Catalyst -Hess/Rhodes
 - c. Science & Technology -Davies
 - d. Communications & Marketing - Loring
 - e. National Impacts Database -Loring
 - f. NRSP1 -Loring
 - g. Research Reporting Workgroup-Hess
5. Treasurer’s Report- Kelly
6. WAAESD FY22 Budget Approval- Kelly
7. MRC Actions & AA Replacements- Hess
8. WAAESD Goals for FY22- Davies
9. Future Meetings
 - a. Western Region Joint Summer Meetings (WRJSM) 2021 & 2022- Humiston
 - b. Joint COPS- Hess
 - c. Experiment Station Section Annual Meeting- Pritsos
 - d. Western Region Administrative Officers- Hess
 - e. 2022 WAAESD Spring Meeting- Hess
10. Preparation for the Joint Session- Davies
11. ED Evaluation- Pritsos
12. Adjournment for the day

Agenda Item	Description	Presenter	Minutes
1	WAAESD Business Meeting		
a	Call to Order & Welcome	McGuire	Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting.
b	Roll Call	Sage Zespy	Saige copied the lists of members from the Zoom participants list.

c	Approval of Business Meeting Agenda	Mark McGuire	Milan moved to approve the agenda. Sreekala seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
d	and Minutes from September 24, 2020	John Talbott	John presented the minutes from the previous meeting, with a few minor edits. Milan moved to approve the minutes; Glenda seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
e	Interim Actions & Executive Committee Report	Mark McGuire	<p>Mark reviewed the report. This is a seconded motion from the executive committee. Motion approved unanimously.</p> <p>Bret reviewed the seconded motion from the executive meeting on the Western Water Network. The first part is inclusion of \$30,000 to support the Western Water Network, which will be presented in the proposed budget. The second part is to support the creation of a 500 series rapid response committee to formalize the Western Water Network.</p> <p>Mark, Bret, and Gene met with the director from Arizona. Mark gave a brief update on the meeting with Arizona. The executive committee has a goal to bring Arizona back to the group. Arizona has failed to pay their dues for at least 5 years. Arizona is interested in coming back and are supportive of WAAESD's initiatives. Arizona is structured differently than any other group, and their budget comes solely from tuition. There was discussion about Arizona having the capability to pay past dues, and therefore payment might be a hinderance of bringing Arizona back on. Topic tabled for later discussion.</p>
3	Agricultural Research Infrastructure	Glenda Humiston	<p>The full recording and power point slides are available for the ag research and infrastructure advocacy webinar.</p> <p>Glenda reported that APLU, Cornerstone, and other parties involved are still in conversation with offices about champions. There was a meeting with the White House Office of Science and Technology, kicking off the release of the Gordian report. This was done in conjunction with the Rebuild Rural Coalition. The case was made for agricultural research facilities being considered critical infrastructure, and there appears to be some strong support. At this point we are waiting to see what comes in the Infrastructure Bill. The preferred action is to be included in the infrastructure package the White House and new Administration puts out rather than try to make this part of the Appropriations or to place in the Farm Bill.</p>

			Mark asked if there is any announcement about it being included in the Bill. Glenda reported that it has not been excluded, which is good news.
4	Climate Research Capacity	Rick Rhodes	<p>There is a new urgency in Washington revolving around Climate Change.</p> <p>Rick presented his power point. It was noted that Land Grant Universities were mentioned when President Biden spoke about climate change being an existential threat.</p> <p>Rick states that we are all better together and have a great opportunity to move the needle together.</p>
5	ESCOP Committee Reports		
a	Budget & Legislative	Glenda Humiston	<p>Conversations have been predominantly about appropriations and preparing for CARET meetings. The CARET meetings happened virtually; many thought the meetings were the best meetings thus far. The group decided to go with One Ask, which was an ask of 8% across the board.</p> <p>The infrastructure bill was another topic of conversation. The major question right now is what would a climate smart strategy look like?</p>
b	Diversity Catalyst	Rick Rhodes	The call for nominations has gone out. Rick updated that this year is different because the committee decided to give two awards, one for a group and another for an individual.
c	Science & Technology	Chris Davies	<p>Recent conversations have revolved around the ESCOP and APLU infrastructure initiative.</p> <p>Most recent work has been done on the agenda brief: land-grant agricultural research facilities are distributed throughout the country to solve multiple challenges in food and agriculture.</p> <p>The idea is that each experiment station should append specific state information to use when discussing with local, state, or national decision makers. Please send any updates back to Chris Davies or Bret so they have measurables.</p>
d	Communications & Marketing	Steve Loring	Karla Trautman, the Extension director for South Dakota University will be the chair. J.F. Meullenet, the experiment station director for the University of Arkansas is the incoming chair. Steve will serve out the remainder of the term for the past chair.

			<p>The position announcement for AVP has been released. The goal is to have a start date of July. Doug added that the position will be open until filled by a qualified candidate. There will also be a support staff position that will be posted soon after the AVP position is filled.</p> <p>FTP developed draft BAA Strategic Roadmap.</p> <p>FTP will work with new AVP for a transition period.</p> <p>FTP developed a draft content calendar for social media announcements.</p> <p>CMC is looking for improved internal communications as well as external communications.</p> <p>The roadmap will consider future membership of CMC and its role. Doug added that making CMC a standing committee of the policy board has been challenging since the bylaws require a ¾ majority vote of eligible members. They have not received enough votes to reach the required majority of eligible members.</p>
e	National Impacts Database	Steve Loring	<p>The National Land-Grant University Impact Database Communications team conducted a virtual impact writing session on Feb. 4 & 5, 2021. Ninety-three products were developed to highlight impacts from the national database. These stories and summary sheets can be found at the National Land-Grant University Impact website: https://landgrantimpacts.org/</p> <p>Faith Peppers, NIFA’s Director of Communications, has told the NIDB Oversight Committee that the NIDB is one of her “go-to” sources for quality impact stories in a hurry. The impact stories submitted are getting used and seen. Please submit any impact statements that you have to NIDB.</p>
f	NRSP-1 Management Committee	Steve Loring	<p>The current chair is Keith Owens from Oklahoma State. Paula Agudelo (Clemson) has agreed to serve as the SAAESD representative on the committee immediately after Keith’s retirement on June 30th and is willing to assume the Chair from Keith.</p> <p>Sara Delheimer has done an excellent job of producing impact statements for select multistate research projects. The Management Committee approved a change to her position from Impact Writer to Program Coordinator, effective March 9, 2021.</p>

			There will be a renewal proposal in 2022.
g	Research Reporting Workgroup	Bret Hess	<p>February 28 was the last day to use the old system. The new system was going to be live in mid-March. The roll out has been put on hold indefinitely based on recommendations from the working group. Future roll-outs will be better vetted.</p> <p>Currently the group is determining which positions will be authorized to input information and what level of access each position will have. The goal is to launch late spring or summer depending on the quality of the information used to build the module.</p>
6	Treasurer's Report	Gene Kelly	<p>Gene reviewed the FY2021 financial statement, most assessments have been received and there was little travel or activities due to COVID-19.</p> <p>A poll was conducted to approve the treasurer's report. The FY21 budget was approved, with one abstention.</p>
7	WAAESD FY22 Budget Approval	Gene Kelly	<p>The Executive Director salary was budgeted slightly lower due to furlough at UNR, and that has been adjusted. Contracted events and recording secretary are increased due to the increased activity. There is a \$33,000 deposit to reserve the Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows resort for the fall ESS meeting.</p> <p>\$30,000 has been added for the Western Water Network. The ED travel budget has been reduced because travel is still restricted. The ESS excellence in leadership has been increased to support last year and this year's winners. The carry over funds from FY21 that were applied to FY22 resulted in a 34% reduction in operating expenses.</p> <p>Bret states it is anticipated to recoup the \$33,000 in registration fees from attendees.</p> <p>The \$30,000 was requested of WAAESD from the Western Water Network to facilitating bringing participating groups together.</p> <p>The budget was a forwarded motion from the executive committee. A poll was conducted and the budget was approved.</p>
8	MRC Actions & AA Replacement	Bret Hess	<p>MRC's last meeting was held on March 25th. The majority of proposals were to renew. There was one new project proposal: W_TEMP_1196. Most proposals were excellent, a few projects were sent back for major revisions.</p>

			<p>WDC_WERA_NEW_97 was sent back last time and was approved this time.</p> <p>WERA_TEMP_20 was not approved and recommended that it convert to WDC.</p> <p>WERA_TEMP_102 was given an opportunity to address some major revisions. If not completed it will be converted back to WDC.</p> <p>The MRC decided to move forward with W4188: Soil, Water, and Environmental Physics to Sustain Agriculture and Natural Resources as the regional multi-state award winner.</p> <p>The other strong application was W4003 and they will be invited to resubmit next year.</p> <p>Thank you to Mary for agreeing to take on some projects and taking over for Laura when the renewal is accepted.</p> <p>Bret and Milan asked Leslie if she would serve as the administrative advisor for the W4112. Leslie agreed to serve.</p> <p>W_TEMP_2194: needs a new administrative advisor, Sereana from Guam recently filled the role. Mike Gaffney was recommended to fill that role. Bret asked for any other recommendations.</p> <p>W3010: Kelly Crane agreed going to replace Ashely Stokes.</p> <p>Asking for recommendations for WERA1021.</p>
9	WAAESD Goals for FY22	Chris Davies	<p>Chris reviewed the goals: Strategic Direction 1. Strengthen functional relationships with regional and national partners. 2. Foster multistate collaborations. 3. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.</p> <p>Glenda moved to accept the proposed goals; Scot seconded the motion. A poll was conducted. Motion approved.</p>
10	Future Meetings		
a	Western Region Joint Summer Meetings (WRJSM) 2021 & 2022	Glenda Humiston	<p>You will see an agenda similar to last year, as it will be conducted virtually again. Recommendations have been taken into consideration to shorten some meetings.</p> <p>It is the intention to host everyone in California for 2022.</p>

			The group discussed options for the rotation of locations. It is recommended that Wyoming and Alaska both be skipped, and the next location would be Washington.
b	Joint COPS	Bret Hess	The Joint COPS meeting was originally scheduled to be in Kansas City, but has been transitioned to a virtual format on July 19-21, 2021. Usually this is attended by the chair, chair elect and past chair, however with the virtual format the meeting will be open to all members.
c	Experiment Station Section Annual Meeting	Chris Pritsos	This meeting is scheduled to be in person in Olympic Valley on the last week of September 2021. An informal poll showed positive results that individuals are interested in attending.
d	Western Region Administrative Officers	Bret Hess	This meeting will be held virtually again for 2021. The University of Idaho offered to host, but the contract will go to UCANR for the technical support because they did such a great job last year.
e	2022 WAAESD Spring Meeting	Bret Hess	Bret asked if there are interested parties to host for 2022? Bret recommends Reno as a possibility. The commitment to Idaho had a COVID clause, and travel was still restricted, therefore we were able to get out of that commitment. Anyone interested in hosting, please notify Bret.
11	Preparation for the Joint Session	Chris Davies	<p>There is a proposal to develop a rapid response multi-state project. The Western Water Network would also like to encourage participation by all experiment stations and Extension units to prioritize water efforts for the next year. Funding has already been approved, and this comes as a seconded motion from the executive committee. A poll was conducted. It was approved to support the 500 series rapid response committee to formalize the Western Water Network.</p> <p>Chris noted that an agenda item is to increased engagement of the 1994's. This will be discussed Tuesday. Please think of ideas on how to better engage the 1994's. Chris' recommendation is to encourage participation in multi-state projects. Please also consider questions for discussion during the upcoming presentation. For example, what can the 1862's do to support the 1994's?</p> <p>An additional item from the executive committee is how to bring Arizona back on board. The executive committee does not believe that Arizona will reengage if 2 years of</p>

			<p>back pay is required with the addition of payment for the current year is required. A motion was made by the executive committee to allow Arizona to rejoin WAAESD in FY22, by simply paying the FY22 dues in July 1, and that all back payments will be forgiven.</p> <p>Discussion ensued. Glenda moved to amend the motion that Arizona would rejoin by paying the current FY2022 dues and one additional year, additional back payment would be forgiven. A poll was conducted. Motion passed.</p>
12	ED Evaluation	Chris Pritsos	In January 2021 a survey was sent out, and 13 responses were received as a review of Bret in his role of executive director. Chris met with the executive committee to discuss results. Chris then reviewed the evaluation with Bret.
13	Adjourn for the Day		Motion made to adjourn, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

- Review the agenda brief for land-grant agricultural research facilities are distributed throughout the country to solve multiple challenges in food and agriculture. Update with local information and send a copy to either Chris Davies or Bret so they have measurables. (All)
- Send any impact statements that you have to NIDB. (All)
- Think of questions and ways to increase engagement of the 1994's.

Next Agenda

- Options for the rotation of locations for future meetings.

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Attendees Day 2: Chris Davies, Gene Kelly, Mark McGuire, John Talbott, Glenda Humiston, Doug Steele, Gregory Perry, Suzanne Slutka, Caron Gala, Lauren DeNinno, Bill Whitacre, Mitch McClaran, Mike Gaffney, John Phillips, Milian Shipka, David Gang, Bret Hess (WAAESD Executive Director) and Saige Zespy (WAAESD Recording Secretary)

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- 14. Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Funding- Gregory Perry
- 15. Adjournment for the day

Agenda Item	Description	Presenter	Minutes
	Welcome	McGuire	Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Gregory Perry from Colorado State University.
	Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Funding	Gregory Perry	<p>Gregory Perry presented trends and funding sources via PowerPoint.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The group reviewed Hatch funding and state experiment station support. 2. Discussion ensued about possible factors influencing experiment station funding. 3. The group reviewed the variables presented by Dr. Perry and discussed whether universities are competing with experiment stations for state funding. 4. Dr. Perry presented factors influencing cooperative extension funding. 5. Research supported by industry and federal grants was presented as the next area Dr. Perry plans to pursue. <p>The group discussed providing Dr. Perry more accurate data for each state to help him build a stronger dataset. It</p>

			<p>would be helpful if he had more complete data from each state.</p> <p>Bret asked, on average, what is the ratio between state support for experiment station verses total Hatch dollars received. Greg stated that it is approximately a 6:1 ratio. Bret continued, NIFA wants to be able to show that this is a good investment for Congress to make. The recent TEconomy report commissioned by NIFA indicated the ratio was only a 1.3:1 ratio. It is common for states to under report the state contribution, i.e., the SF425 is different than what may be received through state appropriations.</p> <p>Greg again requested cooperation from each state to have statistically consistent data across all states. The group proposed taking this forward to NIFA.</p>
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Action Items

- Attempt to obtain consistent and current funding contributions from each state. Send Bret accurate information on state contributions and other sources of funding to support the experiment station.

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Attendees Day 3: Chris Davies, Scot Hulbert, Gene Kelly, Mark McGuire, Chris Pritsos, John Talbott, Glenda Humiston, Milian Shipka, David Gang, Justin Derner, Robert Matteri, Nicole Kaplan, John Hendrickson, Michael Arnold, Larry Chandler, Walter Bowen, Barry Sims, Jackie Tinetti, Bret Hess (WAAESD Executive Director) and Saige Zespy (WAAESD Recording Secretary)

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1. Call to Order, Welcome, Roll Call -Mark McGuire
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Legacy Livestock Performance Data Partnership -Justin Derner
4. ARS Long-Term Investment Strategy- Robert Matteri, Michael Arnold, Larry Chandler
5. Programs- Robert Matteri, Larry Chandler
6. Research Center and Administrative Society (RCAS)- Barry Sims
7. Council of State Governments- Jackie Tinetti

9. Passing the Gavel, New Chair Comments, and Adjournment

Agenda Item	Description	Presenter	Minutes
1.	Welcome	Mark McGuire	Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2.	Approval of Agenda		
3.	Legacy Livestock Performance Data Partnership	Justin Derner, USDA-Agricultural Research Service, Fort Collins, CO	Justin delivered a PowerPoint presentation on: Legacy Livestock Performance Data Partnership- Where to Find It? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of the project 2. Data efforts with WAAESD <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. UNR- Gund Ranch b. MSU- Sheep and Cattle Data c. NDSU- Cattle Data d. ARS research station- Mandan, ND & Nunn, CO Lessons learned: each set of data came in a different format and studied different species. Publishing data creates a legacy.

			<p>3. Workshop at the society for Range Management (SRM) annual meeting. Had 80 pre-registrants, and 45 in attendance (southern snowstorm). Other possible data sets: Agri-Food Canada, Noble Research Institute, private ranchers, SDSU, and breed associations.</p> <p>4. Next steps: continue working with current partners, initiate efforts with new partners, publish DOIs, upcoming paper to be submitted with Great Plains steer production data.</p> <p>Justin asked Experiment Station Directors to reach out to Bret with ideas and contact information for people who might have suitable datasets. In bringing data together, Derner emphasized that it must be findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable, ensuring that all credit is given to researchers, and it can be understood and used in its context.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>ARS Long-Term Investment Strategy</p>	<p>Michael Arnold, Robert Matteri, Larry Chandler</p>	<p>In 2012 ARS began the process of generating a capital investment strategy report that was enacted by Congress and the Secretary at the time. The goal was a long-term funding and investment strategy for ARS-owned and operated facilities and projects. A prioritization list was generated, those with the highest priority projects and facilities in poor condition were moved to the top of the list. Starting in 2015, Congress has appropriated \$1.1 billion for ARS faculties and program. There are 24 active projects that have been funded with the appropriated dollars thus far.</p>

			<p>Additionally, another report was requested by Congress to address any buildings/scientists that were co-located. Approximately \$400 million dollars from the \$1.1 billion in appropriations are allocated to either building or plans for building 7 new facilities.</p> <p>Congress has given 180 days to generate another long-term capital plan.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Updates to the 2012 capital investment report has been completed and is currently being communicated with the current administration. 2. Co-location report- This process has not begun. ARS is working on generating a process to gather information and data. <p>Robert noted that new facilities are going up in Salinas, CA; Pullman, WA; Davis, CA.</p> <p>Larry noted that they do not have any new buildings currently being planned. However, this year there is design money for Lincoln NE and some Agri-Life locations in Temple and Kerrville, Texas.</p> <p>Bret asked Michael if Experiment Stations can help with the process. Michael stated that the best step is to stay in touch with the area directors to share that information.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Programs</p>	<p>Robert Matteri, Larry Chandler</p>	<p>A stakeholder meeting on invasive species is in play. Some of the national program leaders are beginning to organize, and it will likely be in the next fiscal year. With virtual platforms, there is the opportunity for a wider reach.</p> <p>An additional effort is focusing on different species in their natural environments compared with other</p>

			<p>ecosystems where the plant is considered invasive.</p> <p>Bret mentioned the extensive network of IPM experts across the nation. It is a highly organized group that would be a great resource.</p> <p>Larry updated the group regarding the status of funding for FY21. Funding will support one project in Mandan, ND, and a collaboration with the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.</p> <p>The Square Artinian initiative was established in the early 2000's and is run in Fargo, ND. It covers the northwest region. This has been a very successful program, and more information will be released soon.</p> <p>The pulse crop initiative, established two years ago, is going into its third year of funding.</p> <p>The climate hubs will be receiving some more resources this year. Larry emphasized that ARS appreciates the relationships.</p> <p>Robert and Larry both stressed the importance of communication in the ability to move these initiatives forward.</p> <p>Hemp is highly collaborative and continues to get support.</p> <p>Pulse crops received a bump in appropriations. Disease resistance is an area of focus. This program is also highly collaborative.</p> <p>Rangeland precision livestock management received renewed funding</p>
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			<p>at three ARS locations, all of which have partnering universities.</p> <p>Funding for a satellite climate hub is highly collaborative with the University of California.</p> <p>Larry noted that area program leaders always try to attend our experiment station regional meetings.</p> <p>Bret asked whether the direction of funding was towards research or more of the outreach component.</p> <p>Robert stated that California was a sub hub, and marginally funded, this will rise to the same level as the other locations. Otherwise, the funds will be used for technology transfer and outreach. Research is not the primary component. Larry noted that research is not the primary for their stations, the focus will be tech transfer and outreach.</p> <p>Walter Bowen questioned which region covers the Pacific Islands. Larry verified the Southwest hub covers Hawaii and US-affiliated Pacific Islands.</p> <p>Gene Kelly asked about the funding for LTAR programs. Larry commented that the LTAR's all started without permanent funding. Over the years they have continued to gain funding. Approximately 3-4 programs are partially funded at this time. Some members of congress are supportive of petitioning to get those few fully funded. Once an appropriation is made then a California location will be established.</p> <p>Glenda asked about the infrastructure plan that was just released from the</p>
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			White House. Michael said that preliminary support of research and development infrastructure is present, approximately \$40 billion dollars have been included. Those funds will be used to update research labs at both the federal and university levels.
6.	Research Center and Administrative Society (RCAS)	Barry Sims	<p>Barry Sims, University of Tennessee, shared a PowerPoint presentation on What is RCAS, what are we about? http://www.thercas.org/</p> <p>RCAS meets twice a year and is looking to expand its membership and have representation in all 50 states. The goal would be to learn from each other with common opportunities. Attending any meeting and paying the registration fee automatically qualifies you for a three-year membership with all rights and privileges of the society.</p> <p>Bret asked about the typical registration fees. Barry stated that the fees are very reasonable and approximately \$300. Barry will send follow up information with upcoming meetings and recent registration costs. Bret will forward all information received.</p>
7.	Council of State Governments	Jackie Tinetti	<p>Jackie is with CSG-West, their mission is to strengthen and support Western Legislatures. Their intent is supporting the exchange of information, providing professional development training, facilitating regional cooperation, and providing research and technical support. This is done with organizations like WAAESD.</p> <p>The annual meeting is one of the biggest events that CSG organizes.</p>

			<p>Jackie highlighted the Energy & Environment and Agriculture & Water Policy Committees that are most germane to WAAESD.</p> <p>There are several issues that have been high on the agenda for the Council on River Governance: agricultural, environmental, and water issues. Jackie would love to create a partnership with individuals working in those areas. Jackie offered an open invitation to help frame the conversation and inform the discussion.</p> <p>The Colorado River Forum is just getting kicked off. Appointed legislators from the 7 basin states are going to come together to discuss the current status and future governance of the Colorado River. So much of the Colorado River has a nexus with agriculture. Many WAAESD representatives are currently working on some of these issues. Again, Jackie extended an open invitation to collaborate.</p> <p>Professional development programs offered to members include the highly competitive Western Legislative Academy, which is held annually and limited to legislators in their first 4 years of office. The second program is the WESTRAIN Program that provides customized trainings at the request of the State.</p> <p>An important aspect of CSG is bipartisanship. There is always a range of opinions and interpretation of what the science is telling us.</p> <p>CSG published a newsletter, and the goal is to expand the content around</p>
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			agriculture and research. There is an invitation to WAAESD to share any articles that could be spotlighted.
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Action Items

- Experiment station directors reach out to Bret with ideas and contact information for people who might have datasets.
- Stay in touch with the ARS area directors to share information and better understand if Experiment Stations can help with the process of planning for ARS facilities.
- There is an invitation to WAAESD to engage with CSG-West.

Next Agenda