

MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXPERIMENT STATION
DIRECTORS OF THE ELEVEN WESTERN STATES,
ALASKA AND HAWAII

Statler Hotel, Washington D.C.
November 12 and 14, 1950

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 A. M. November 12 by Chairman Besse, Oregon, in Room W724 and the chair introduced Nichols of New Mexico, Wadsworth and Henke of Hawaii and Briggs of Wyoming. Others in attendance were Curry of New Mexico, Sharp of California, Kraus of Idaho, Henney of Colorado, Buchanan of Washington, Fleming of Nevada, McKee of Montana, Walker of Utah, McGeorge substituting for Burgess of Arizona, and Elting of the Office of Experiment Stations.

McKee requested that he be relieved of the secretaryship of the meeting and it was moved by Buchanan that Briggs be elected temporary secretary. The motion was seconded by McKee and carried.

It was moved by Walker that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be omitted. The second was by Curry and the motion carried.

Item No.
on Agenda*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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Curry reported that the Committee of Nine had met in June, or since the last meeting of the Western Directors, and that Sharp and others had acted as hosts for the meeting which was held at Berkeley, California; this was the annual "field meeting" of the committee. The hosts arranged an inspection tour of commercial poultry areas, grape production areas, and wineries. The Committee of Nine also met just prior to the land grant meetings and actions of the two sessions were combined in giving the report. It was reported that allocations to projects had been made and carryovers had been discussed; it was particularly pointed out that projects WM-5, WM-6 and W-1 would need to be discussed at the current meeting. Carryovers for publications were mentioned and it was reported the Committee of Nine prefers not to follow the policy and wishes to so report to the Directors. The committee wishes to warn that 9b3 carryovers are to be expended by June 30, 1952 and hence should be guarded against; carryovers should be avoided because they leave a false impression as to the need for funds.

Elting pointed out that other Section 9 money besides 9b3 was being carried over and that carryovers in 1950 exceed those of 1949.

Chairman Besse pointed out that if manuscripts can be readied that he felt the policy of not supporting publications should not apply. Curry concurred.

*Refers to agenda of meeting as prepared by Chairman Besse and sent to Directors prior to meeting.

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Curry reported that the Southern Directors had proposed another method of allocating 9b3 funds but that he did not know whether or not they intended to use the proposed method in their region. The method would allocate funds to the states as they are on the 9b2 formula. It was recommended that no official action be taken on the matter by the Western Directors. The matter had previously been referred to Dr. Trullinger but his reactions did not favor the change and he expressed similar views to those held by a majority of the Committee of Nine.

Discussion followed on the Southern Directors proposal and Sharp mentioned that most members of the Committee of Nine felt the plan undesirable and that it largely defeated the apparent intent of the Research and Marketing Act and doubted if Congress would look with favor upon the proposed changes.

Henney moved that "The Western Directors not support the proposal of the Southern Directors to allocate 9b3 funds on the same formula as 9b1 and 9b2 funds and so instruct their representatives on the Committee of Nine." Second by Buchanan. Discussion followed by Henney in which he pointed out the background of the act and reasons why the formula should not be changed. Walker mentioned that if funds are allocated on 9b1 and 9b2 basis in the South it would not be long until the same procedure would be requested of the rest of the country. Buchanan commented he felt the Western method of distributing 9b3 marketing funds should not be thought of in same terms as other 9b3 funds when talking of a formula and pointed out reasons for his view. Elting commented upon the viewpoint of O.E.S. The motion carried.

Sharp warned carryover balances will be considered by the Committee of Nine in allotting 1951 funds. Walker requested we come to the spring meeting prepared to suggest probable portions of allotments that will not be used so they can be reallocated. Kraus felt such information should be available to Committee of Nine in February. Sharp instructed that the information should come through regular channels (clear through the Technical Committee with an excess of funds and the one with two little and then come to Committee of Nine via Chairman Besse with his approval).

It was moved by McKee that, "The unexpended balance in the trust fund for planning and coordination in connection with W-1 be transferred to Montana's W-1 project for use during fiscal year of 1950-51." Walker seconded and the motion prevailed.

Kraus moved that "The \$1500 originally allocated to Idaho for 1950-51 be put back in the Regional Marketing fund and re-allocated on

Marketing projects in the Western region." Buchanan seconded the motion which passed.

Buchanan moved that, "The \$1500 balance in WM-5 from Idaho be added to the trust fund at Wyoming for regional expenditures on WM-5 as recommended by the Technical Committee." Henney seconded and the motion carried.

Kraus moved that, "The carryover of \$824.58 on Idaho allocation of regional funds for WM-6 be put in a trust fund at Idaho to be used for publication of regional publications." The second was by Henney and the motion passed.

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Dr. Parker, Associate Chief BPISAE reported on the Salinity Laboratory and stated they had felt it was a laboratory for the eleven Western States and Hawaii but that other areas, particularly those of the Missouri Basin, were raising questions and that the Great Plains States would like the territory extended. The Bureau would like to include the states from North Dakota through Texas in the group to make seventeen states and Hawaii and that the name of the laboratory be The U. S. Salinity Laboratory.

Henney thereupon moved, "The Western Directors go on record as favoring the inclusion of six additional states (North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas) as a part of the newly designated U. S. Salinity Laboratory territory." Curry seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. Parker then continued that the present advisors of the laboratory lacked balance in the subject matter fields as they were all soils men. He suggested that Director Hayward be consulted in the future before appointments are made so that the subject matter fields of Plant Nutrition and Physiology as well as Agricultural Engineering be represented on the Advisory Committee. He mentioned that states can change their recommendations each year.

It was suggested to Dr. Parker that Director Hayward ask each Station Director for a list of three names every three years and then he pick one from the suggestions of each state. As an alternative Dr. Parker suggested that one-third of the states in the region review their collaborators every three years and that a memorandum to that effect be sent to the directors. Dr. Parker announced the organization of a station at Brawley, California to study desert problems of the southwest.

The session was adjourned at 12:20 P. M.

The session reconvened at 1:45 P. M. and Dean Price of Oregon and Director Irwin of Alaska were introduced and welcomed to the group of Western Directors. This was the first time Alaska had officially attended the meetings.

2. McKee reported on the meeting of ESCOP and mentioned the Consolidation Act and the following table gives the proposed allocations the act will provide and the offset figures suggested by the U.S.D.A., after the proposal of the Land Grant Association.

<u>STATE</u>	<u>ALLOCATION</u>	<u>MATCHING REQUIREMENT</u>
Arizona	\$169,000	\$ 79,000
California	373,000	283,000
Colorado	201,000	111,000
Idaho	179,000	89,000
Oregon	203,000	113,000
Montana	178,000	88,000
Nevada	-----	-----
New Mexico	177,000	87,000
Utah	161,000	71,000
Washington	234,000	144,000
Wyoming	150,000	60,000
Alaska	-----	-----
Hawaii	-----	-----

Elting explained the proposed allocations included all Hatch, Adams, Purnell, Bank-head-Jones, and \$10,000,000 of Section 9 funds, now being received, merged into one fund.

It was mentioned that a report to ESCOP showed that many states reported considerable numbers of projects but that few states had shown the value of research results when replying to a questionnaire.

McKee reported that Dr. Trullinger had quoted Sec. Brannon as saying he appreciated help from the stations in preparing information for the Bureau of the Budget.

It was pointed out that a sub-committee of the Experiment Station Editors is making a study of what should be included in a station annual or biennial report to make such reports more worthwhile.

McKee reported that Macy (Director at Minnesota) had indicated progress in the study to determine what policy should be adopted relative to sending publications to foreign countries. Likewise, Volk (Indiana) had reported progress on the endeavor to get a uniform policy concerning joint employees of the U.S.D.A. and the states and especially to get a uniformity of procedure when states are working with the different

Bureaus. Brief mention was made of the Grasslands Project that had been described by representatives of the Secretary of Agriculture's office. McKee also mentioned the possibility of ESCOP meeting more frequently than once a year as the Extension Organizational Policy group meets quarterly. McKee remarked that Dr. Trullinger had warned of carryovers in Section 9 funds.

McKee further reported that Dr. Trullinger had mentioned that O.E.S. was being requested to name a high class Sociologist to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Youngblood. He also added that Dr. Morgan had reported to ESCOP for the nutrition committee and that a move seems to be underway to require certification of nutritionist; among the requirements is a fee of \$35 and an M. D. degree or a Ph. D. in biological science. The origin of the advocacy is not known.

Walker reported on regional publications and said all states had agreed on the procedure of using only State Numbers on Regional Publications except those of the North Central Region. When the North Central group had insisted on also having a North Central number the Southern group had decided to use a regional number if such policy was to be followed by the North Central group.

Walker further reported that Dr. Cardon had mentioned the State Department was developing a new science division to function through the embassies and keep in touch with scientific research in foreign countries and that such should be a useful contact. Dr. Cardon had mentioned that the Bureau Chiefs welcomed the opportunity to meet in joint session with the Regional Directors at their spring meetings and coordinate programs.

McKee reported that Dr. Treelogan had announced a Marketing Workshop to be held at Michigan State College, July 12-20, 1950 and that invitations would be issued to prospective participants.

Walker mentioned that the Committee on Land Utilization had met and wants ESCOP or the Land Grant College Group to take action to get more publications out on Soils Survey (many reports are finished but not published). The soil survey men feel that Experiment Station Directors should be represented if the soil survey policy is to be changed.

Walker moved that, "The Western Directors go on record as approving the recommendations of the ESCOP subcommittee on Soil Survey, Land Mapping and Land Use Activities; (1) that ESCOP support increased appropriations for the publication of soil survey reports; (2) that if consideration is to be given to changes

in policy for the cooperative soil survey program in the U. S. that representatives of the experiment stations be invited to participate in the considerations." The motion was seconded by Sharp and carried.

Henney moved that, "The directors of the western region enter, through the office of Experiment Stations, an invitation to the Bureau Chiefs of the Department of Agriculture involved with research programs to meet officially with the Western Directors at their own official Western Directors meetings wherever and whenever these meetings may be held. That the invitation be of a cooperative nature whereby they will participate in; (a) preparing the agenda, (b) agreeing on time and place of meeting, and (c) voting privileges with respect to resolutions and programs where both groups are involved." McKee seconded the motion and it carried.

3 Chairman Besse called on Elting for comments, but he stated he would rather comment later in the agenda as specific items were discussed in which O.E.S. feels particularly concerned.

Fleming raised the question of time for the spring meetings so we could avoid conflict with the annual Experiment Station Inspections. Elting mentioned such schedules were prepared about January 1. Chairman Besse suggested late April or early May as they had hoped to meet on the coast after assembling the group at Corvallis and inspecting a ply wood mill enroute. The plans are to rent a hotel at \$125 per day--families are invited and meeting is to provide recreational opportunities.

Buchanan moved that, "Oregon go ahead with arrangements for the meeting in the spring of 1951." Second was by Fleming and the motion passed.

Fleming moved that, "The spring meeting of the Western Directors start at Corvallis on the evening of April 30 and continue through May 4, subject to revision by the chairman of the western group." After second by Fleming the motion carried.

Did Fleming have to second his own motion?

REGIONAL PROJECTS

1 Considerations of adjustments for 1951-52 Regional Project Budgets was opened for discussion by Chairman Besse who read a motion and report from the Technical Committee of Project W-3 concerning "Dairy Structures". Discussion followed regarding the action the directors should take relative to the requests in the items read.

*Correction
Should be W-3*

Buchanan moved that, "A sum of \$6,000 be added to ~~W-3~~ for 1951-52 to be obtained as follows: (1) \$3,000 from W-9; (2) \$1,000 from W-6 and (3) \$2,000

from W-1." Henney seconded. After discussion Kraus offered an ammendment that, "Oregon be allocated \$3,000 now for publications plus \$3,000 to come from sources as follows: (1) \$1,000 from W-1 and \$2,000 from W-9." The ammendment was second by Henney and carried. The motion then carried. Adjustments were made in the 1951-52 budget in accordance with the voted changes.

2 A discussion of regional projects for 1952-53 with determination of priority and budget estimates, including 10b funds, was passed until the spring meeting.

3 Advisors for WM-5 and W-15 were mentioned. Walker moved that, "Briggs be named administrative advisor of the Wool Marketing Project." Curry seconded and the motion carried. Kraus moved that "Henke be appointed administrative advisor for project W-15 to replace Director Beaumont." Curry again seconded and the motion passed
(No action)

4 A discussion of "Time Schedules" was inaugurated and Elting suggested tentative plans from spring meetings would suffice and that annual reports should be made according to "Manual of Procedure for the Development of Regional Projects". Consensus of opinion was that two meetings a year was all that would be necessary in the future.

6 Buchanan mentioned he appreciated Henney as an alternate on Title II Committee. The committee is developing a manual which will serve as a guide to Title II subcommittees and they feel such will reduce confusion which heretofore has existed.

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It was decided we should adjourn (5:00 p.m.) and reconvene at 8:00 p.m. in the Potomoc Room, Statler Hotel, following the dinner of Experiment Station Directors to be held in the Burlington Hotel. Meeting was again called to order at 8:00 p. m.

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7 The suggestion of using more money on fewer projects was brought up. When Elting was called upon to comment he suggested there had been a tendency in the past to get too many participants in some regional projects and that experimental objectives could well be sharpened in some instances.

8 Chairman Besse read a letter from Professor Fred Briggs, Agronomy Department, University of California, concerning a resolution by the Western Section of the American Society of Agronomy that a Western Regional Forage Crop Improvement Committee be appointed. Buchanan then read a resolution on the same subject from

the Forage Crop Improvement Conference and a letter from B. R. Bertramson, Chairman of Agronomy Department, Washington State College, urging a committee be appointed to coordinate forage crop work in the Western States.

Buchanan moved that "A Regional Forage Technical Committee be appointed for the exchange of information and coordination of research efforts in forage improvement. Committee will meet at time of Western Section of the American Society of Agronomy or the Western Grass Breeders Conference." Curry seconded the motion and it carried.

Director McKee was selected as the administrative advisor of the Western Regional Forage Crop Improvement Committee.

9 A letter from Director Macy (Minnesota) was read concerning the development of inter-regional projects. The problem has been referred to ESCOP and will be brought before the general sessions on November 13.

10 The chair asked what action should be taken concerning funds for Inter-Regional Potato Introduction Station since funds have not yet been designated as the Western Directors had felt funds allocated them were for Western Region use without further deductions for inter-regional projects. Hence all funds were allocated to western regional projects.

Walker moved that, "We approve the proposal to accept the recommendation on the proposed budget for the National Potato Project. It is understood that a proportionate amount of the original budget set up for the National Potato Project be added to the allocation of 9b3 funds to the Western Region." Buchanan seconded the motion and it carried.

11 (No further action taken)

12 Question of publishing regional contributions was temporarily passed until Henney was present and was reopened on Tuesday P. M. Henney opened the subject of a state publishing a portion of the results from a regional project. Chairman Besse asked about a state publishing results of work done on state funds on a subject similar to a regional project. The consensus of opinion was that this was province for State Directors decisions regarding such projects where other states are not listed as cooperators and project has not cleared channels prescribed for regional projects. Curry suggested revisions of projects used as contributions to regional projects be filed only with O.E.S. Elting suggested that administrative advisors "ride herd" on technical committees to determine just what state projects are being considered contributions to regional projects.

GENERAL STATION PROBLEMS

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Buchanan moved that, "Kraus be asked to serve as a committee of one to survey publication policies and procedures and report at next meeting." Curry seconded, motion carried.

Kraus volunteered to report at next meeting not only on Experiment Station publication policies but also those of Extension Services in a special session devoted to publication policies.

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Price was called upon to discuss the Resources Development Council of the Pacific N.W. Land-Grant Institutions and reported the U.S.D.A. is making a study of the entire program for the Columbia River Basin and that an extensive study of the various agencies involved is underway. The Land Grant Colleges have been asked to designate a man to help with the study and he should have authority to speak for the group he represents. A budget has been prepared on a formula basis for the participating states, and a man has been selected and the proposal is to be presented to the presidents of the respective Land Grant Colleges.

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Chairman Besse reported that through the medium of correspondence the states of Montana, Wyoming and Colorado had been released to the Great Plains Council for cooperative research considerations.

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Curry commented he had heard of no new developments or cooperative relationships with the Bureau of Reclamation. Walker mentioned studies that are now underway in the Weber Basin of Utah. Briggs reported President Humphrey, University of Wyoming, had called a meeting of all agencies operating in Wyoming at Laramie on November 20. Kraus reported the Bureau had announced plans for repayment of the Black Canyon area and their institution had been asked for approval. McKee and Briggs mentioned memoranda of agreement were in progress in Montana and Wyoming respectively for studies in which the Bureau of Reclamation was to provide funds for studies to be conducted by experiment station staff.

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Walker requested we nominate a member to the Committee of Nine and a member to the Marketing Research Committee before adjournment as these were needed at the business meeting of directors to be called November 13 at 9:00 A. M.

Curry was nominated to the Committee of Nine by Fleming and a second was by McKee. Walker mentioned that a year ago it was a feeling these assignments should be passed around. Vote was called for and Curry was unanimously voted a nominee.

Walker nominated Buchanan as a member and Henney as an alternate on the Marketing Research Committee; McKee seconded and the men were voted nominees.

Kraus moved that Buchanan be retained as alternate on ESCOP; Sharp seconded and motion carried.

Curry moved that Burgess be retained as alternate on Committee of Nine. McKee seconded and motion prevailed.

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Meeting adjourned at 10:05 A. M. and reconvened at 2:30 P. M. in Room W 724, Statler Hotel

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10 McKee discussed the subject of how the Experiment Stations can participate in the National Science Foundation Act of 1950. He mentioned there were 24 members, seven of which were distinctly connected with Land-Grant Institutions (one of the seven represents colored Land-Grant Schools). The provisions of the Act (Public Law 507-81st Congress; Senate Doc. 247, approved May 10, 1950) were outlined, discussed and summarized.

15 Sharp discussed the implications of the Farm Housing Act and pointed out that while the attendance of California staff was requested at a meeting that upon attendance they were told what would happen and they felt work would be centered in extension services and that duplication of existing facilities and staff would result. Sharp did not suggest the directors take action at this time.

A discussion was started on the importance of "selling research" and getting the results into the hands of the public. Sharp mentioned a plan being followed in California of summarizing projects now under study in the various subject matter fields and placing such in the hands of county agents and other persons in positions where they are likely to receive questions from the public. The statements are to be such that the general public can understand them.

The chair suggested we need a committee to study methods of publicising research and present their findings at the next meeting. Henney described a "farm handbook" that Colorado was in the process of developing. Chairman Besse appointed a committee consisting of Sharp (chairman), Walker, and Briggs to prepare a report for the spring meeting.

16 Elting reported that the "Grants-In-Aid" committee was involved in a study but that O.E.S. had not been called on for any information.

Price reviewed the topic of air and stream pollution as it applied to Oregon and other states. It was reported that virtually all states had laws on air and stream pollution. A special appropriation that had been made to the Oregon Station to study the problem was mentioned and research is already started. At least \$10,000,000 in lawsuits is now pending in the Oregon courts; research findings are being used in the courts and the opinion exists that the research workers have done an excellent job of fact finding. Industrial interests as well as farmers are looking to the Oregon Station for facts. Committee action was discussed and proposed legislation was described that will protect vested interests of industry, agricultural producers, and cities. Cooperative steps between the states of Washington and Oregon were briefly outlined.

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Henney moved the Western Directors send Dr. Fromme a flower token or other gift indicative of our wishes for a speedy recovery. The second was by Walker and the motion carried; the money collected was turned to Elting who volunteered to make the purchase and presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 P. M.

H. M. Briggs
Acting Secretary

