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TO : Western Directors

FROM : Leo R. Gray, Recording Secretary *LRG*

SUBJECT: Minutes of Spring Meeting, March 7-11, 1966

Attached are the Minutes of your recent meeting. I apologize for the tardiness of this report - it was due to illness.

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MINUTES OF WESTERN DIRECTORS'
REGULAR SPRING MEETING

Room 219, Home Economics Building
University of Arizona
Tucson, Arizona
March 9-11, 1966

Call to Order
and Attendance

Chairman Bohmont called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
Those present during all or part of the meeting included:

H. E. Myers	Arizona
R. K. Frevert	Arizona
D. F. McAlister	Arizona
D. S. Metcalfe	Arizona
C. F. Kelly	California
E. G. Linsley	California
A. M. Boyce	California
D. F. Hervey	Colorado
C. P. Wilson	Hawaii
J. E. Kraus	Idaho
J. A. Asleson	Montana
D. W. Bohmont	Nevada
R. E. Ely	Nevada
P. J. Leyendecker	New Mexico
M. L. Wilson	New Mexico
G. B. Wood	Oregon
R. W. Henderson	Oregon
K. W. Hill	Utah
M. T. Buchanan	Washington
L. C. Ayres	Wyoming
N. F. Farris	CSRS
H. C. Knoblauch	CSRS
M. M. Kelso	Arizona
W. M. Seabron	Assistant to Secretary, USDA
L. R. Gray	Recording Secretary

Introductions and
Announcements

Henderson introduced G. B. Wood, the new Director of the Oregon Experiment Station and Associate Dean of Agriculture. Henderson indicated Wood was anxious to demonstrate his good faith to all members of the group, since he had been properly indoctrinated regarding his new responsibilities as a neophyte member of the Association.

Knoblauch introduced W. M. Seabron, Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Frevert announced plans for the field trip to the Sahuarita Ranch of the Farmers' Investment Company, and the two scheduled dinner meetings.

Bohmont appointed the RRC as a Nominating Committee for the selection of an alternate member of RRC. He also appointed a Resolutions Committee for this meeting, consisting of D. F. Hervey, Chairman, and M. L. Wilson.

Amendment and Approval of November 1965 Minutes

Gray - Minutes of the November 1965 meeting should be amended by adding to the RRC Report the following item on page 9:

12. W-49, "Endocrine Mechanisms Controlling Bovine Reproduction."

No action taken - forward to Chairman of Western Directors for approval.

Henderson moved, Ayres seconded, adoption of these Minutes as amended. Passed.

Equal Opportunities Statement

The Western Directors heard a special report on: "Equal opportunities for all people to receive the benefits of research," by William M. Seabron, Assistant to the Secretary, USDA. A summation of Mr. Seabron's report is included as an Appendix to these Minutes.

Comments of CSRS Representative

Knoblauch made comments that might be grouped under twelve brief headings, namely: 1) 1967 Budget summary; 2) Hearings; 3) Program planning and budgeting; 4) Costs of research supported by Federal Grants; 5) Legislative developments; 6) Water pollution; 7) Civil Rights; 8) Inventory of Non-expendables; 9) Information storage and retrieval; 10) Periodic checking of mailing lists; 11) Experiment Station Story; and 12) Pesticide evaluation.

1. 1967 Budget Summary

- a. Adjustments needed in the available 1965-66 appropriations to CSRS to arrive at the President's budget request for fiscal year 1967 are summarized below:

Table 1 - CSRS Budget: Summary of Year-to-Year Adjustments to get FY 1967 Estimate

<u>Item</u>	<u>1966 Available</u>	<u>Year-to-Year Adjustment</u>	<u>1967 Estimate</u>
Payments to the agricultural experiment stations Hatch Act	\$46,893,221	\$(-)8,245,000	\$38,648,221
Contracts & grants for scientific research	2,000,000	(+)2,910,000	4,910,000
Grants for facilities.	2,000,000	(-)2,000,000	-0-
Federal Administration	1,523,779	(-) 152,000*/	1,371,779
All Other.	<u>2,810,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>2,810,000</u>
Total	\$55,227,000	\$(-)7,487,000	\$47,740,000

* Includes an adjustment of \$13,000 to cover increase in payroll costs.

b. Comments suggested for consideration in regard to the above adjustments included:

- (1) Evaluate current research programs and projects to determine their past contribution and possible future contribution in relation to their need.
- (2) Recommend that projects with low level of past performance and future potential be discontinued.
- (3) We do not think you can assume a position of wait and see what happens, since as Directors you may need to submit a program on the basis of the reduction.
- (4) This possibility is very real that because of the previous history of late action on any appropriation bill, Legislative action may be in the next fiscal year.
- (5) In the evaluation by areas, departments, and disciplines every effort should be made to concentrate on major problems with maximum effective scientific and financial support.
- (6) In general, we would request that special consideration be given to the \$2,000 to \$10,000 projects that might be closed or consolidated into larger compatible units.
- (7) Several station Directors and department heads have indicated that the preparation of the inventory for the long-range study has revealed projects that are out of date and should either be revised, closed or consolidated with other current efforts in the area.
- (8) If your program contains projects that have been inactive for a year or more, we would recommend removing them from the program.

2. Hearings:

a. Hearings before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations for the Department of Agriculture were held February 17, 1966. The Subcommittee members were:

- (1) Jamie L. Whitten, Mississippi (Chairman)
- (2) William H. Natcher, Kentucky
- (3) W. R. Hull, Jr., Missouri
- (4) Thomas G. Morris, New Mexico
- (5) Robert H. Michel, Illinois
- (6) Odin Langen, Minnesota

b. These Hearings covered:

- (1) General nature of the Department's program
- (2) Examples of research progress
- (3) Exhibit material

c. Use of 1965 funds expended on major research program areas of Agricultural Experiment Stations were detailed as follows:

Table 2. Use of 1965 Funds Expended for Major Research Program Areas of Agricultural Experiment Stations in the United States

Current Fund Use	1965 Funds Expended (in millions)		
	Federal Grant	Non- Federal	Total
Conservation, development and use of our natural resources	\$ 3.7	\$ 14.2	\$ 17.9
Development of human resources	0.8	2.4	3.2
Protection of man, plants and animals	12.4	35.2	47.6
Efficient production of quality products	17.9	79.6	97.5
Product development and processing	2.3	7.7	10.0
Efficient marketing	6.2	6.4	12.6
Human nutrition and consumer satisfaction.	1.4	2.4	3.8
Evaluation of public programs, services, etc.	0.3	0.7	1.0
	5		
Total	\$45.0	\$148.6	\$193.6

d. Long range study ideas were presented.

e. Areas of new research were presented by the total number of projects in each area, grouped as follows:

<u>Area of New Research</u>	<u>No. of Projects</u>
(1) Reducing Cost of Production of Cotton	26
(2) Development and Conservation of Water Resources	13
(3) Reducing Cost of Production of Soybeans	15
(4) Air (12) and Water (23) Pollution	35
(5) Utilization of Plant Proteins	16
(6) New Uses for Agricultural and Forest Products	19
(7) Marketing Cooperatives	7
(8) Mycotoxins	14
(9) Salmonellosis	11
(10) Efficient Production of Plant Proteins	13
(11) Human Nutrition	10
(12) Human Resources Research	20

f. The proposals to be recommended for approval will be transmitted to the House Subcommittee about March 20, 1966.

3. Program Planning and Budgeting:

This subject was discussed to indicate:

- a. Missions and research relationships;
- b. Basis for association of Department missions and research justification; and
- c. Current inventory does not reflect an association of research resources in relation to size of the Department mission in the area.

4. Costs of Research Supported by Federal Grants:

When discussing participation in costs of research supported by Federal Grants, reference was made to Bureau of Budget Circular A-74. This circular replaces BOB Circular A-21 Rev. 3/3/65 - Costs Applicable to R & D Under Grants with Educational Institutions.

5. Legislative Developments:

Dr. Beacher prepared a summary of legislative items relating to CSRS programs that are being considered by the 89th Congress, 2d Session.

Copies of this summary were distributed at the meeting - you might direct your attention to the committee investigations being planned.

6. Water Pollution:

The subject of water pollution was presented as related to Executive Order 11258. This covered major areas on facilities grants. Regulations have not been completed that cover loan, grant, or contract practices designed to reduce water pollution. CSRS is sending a copy of this Executive Order with each facility grant.

7. Civil Rights:

- a. Knoblauch commended Mr. Seabron for his excellent presentation, and indicated that it was well received by the group.
- b. The official transfer of responsibilities in the area of Civil Rights was covered in Secretary Freeman's letter of February 21, 1966 to Honorable John W. Gardner, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. Excerpts from this letter follow:

"Pursuant to the authority of 7 C.F.R. 15.12(c), I hereby assign to you the responsibilities listed below of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and of the responsible USDA official under Title VI and

the USDA regulations issued thereunder 7 C.F.R. Part 15 with respect to institutions of higher education.

- "1. Compliance reports, including the mailing, receiving, and evaluation thereof under 7 C.F.R. 15.5(b);
- "2. Other actions under 7 C.F.R. 15.5;
- "3. All actions under 7 C.F.R. 15.5(a), 15.6, and 15.7, including periodic compliance reviews, receiving of complaints, investigations, determination of recipient's apparent failure to comply, and resolution of matters by informal means.

"The U. S. Department of Agriculture specifically reserves to itself the responsibilities for the effectuation of compliance under 7 C.F.R. 15.8, 15.9, and 15.10."

8. Inventory of Nonexpendables:

a. Questions have been raised as to:

- (1) What system is being used in the "Inventory of nonexpendable personal property purchased by Federal-Grant funds for the use of the Experiment Station."
- (2) Are nonexpendable items given a State Agricultural Experiment Station label or number?
- (3) Does the University use these items of equipment purchased from Hatch funds in determining overhead? Also, if such equipment is sold, are the receipts returned to the Station?

b. Knoblauch promised to send the Western Directors a letter on types of inventory of nonexpendable property being maintained by the Universities or the Stations.

9. Information Storage and Retrieval:

a. The Department is continuing to develop a system that will provide fiscal and technical information on current research programs (Current Research Information System - CRIS).

- (1) The system will include both USDA and State Agricultural Experiment Stations.

- (2) The National Agricultural Library Scientific Information System which covers completed and published research will be closely coordinated with CRIS and have compatible units.
- (3) The objective of the CRIS system will be to provide information for directors and research managers and to scientists.
- (4) The CRIS will be compatible with the Science Information Exchange (SIE).

b. A comprehensive study of the Science Information Exchange made by the Battelle Institute will be given consideration by the SIE Advisory Board about March 20.

10. Periodic Checking of Mailing Lists:

What is the procedure in your Station for the periodic checking of mailing lists on reports and publications of the results of research?

11. Experiment Station Story:

The Experiment Station Letter No. 843, dated March 4, 1966, reported on the publication of Kellogg and Knapp's book: "The College of Agriculture: Science in the Public Service."

What is needed now is a story on what Experiment Stations have accomplished over a long period of time. Knoblauch requested each Director to send him at least a good outline for a story on one or more outstanding contributions of their station that have benefited our society.

12. Pesticide Evaluation:

Knoblauch distributed a statement entitled: "Proposed Coordinated System for Pesticide Evaluation."

Reports of
Committees:

ESCOP

Frevert - The next meeting of ESCOP will be April 28-29, 1966.

ESCOP
Legislative
Subcommittee

Frevert - The Legislative Subcommittee met November 23, 1965 and again on February 4, 1966. They heard varying points of view from USDA officials regarding the potential budget reductions for Fiscal Year 1967. Since the situation differs for each State, the actions taken by each

State with their respective Legislators, regarding the budget for Fiscal Year 1967, ought to be approached differently.

The Senate Committee will hold Hearings during the week of March 21, 1966.

The House Committee has scheduled Hearings for March 23.

The Legislative Subcommittee will have a man from each of the four regions at each of the Hearings.

ESCOPE
Long Range Task
Force Planning
Committee
(LRTFPC)

1. Development of categories and collecting of inventories information - We now have a better system of categories than the earlier one that was developed in 1937.
2. Projections of research needs - LRTFPC got bogged down here for awhile, but it is now moving ahead.

We have not received the clearance to ask for and get access to the same budgetary information as is available to the USDA people.

Frevert reporting on a phone call received from Coit Wilson, indicated that LRTFPC would like to have the comments of Western Directors on the following points:

1. There should be a continuing program of the nature of LRTFPC, with a representative from each region to form a committee that would be available to work with counterpart representatives from USDA. These four people would represent the States in their respective regions nationally.

George Browning will be taking a year's leave of absence from Iowa State and go full time with this committee as the North Central Region's representative. The Northeast and Southeast Regions will apparently also send a man to such a committee on a full-time basis.

What is the Western Region going to do with regard to providing a man as its representative on this continuing committee?

2. There is also the possibility of having a full-time man stationed in Washington, D. C. to represent all of the Experiment Stations.

Henderson recommended that the West have a man stationed in Washington, D. C.

Frevert informed the Western Directors that he would not be available for this job.

Bohmont appointed the following committee to come up with a recommendation as to whether or not Western Directors should support a man full time in Washington: Asleson, Chairman; Buchanan; and Kraus.

[At a later session, after due deliberation by the committee, Asleson moved, Myers seconded, that Western Directors go on record as agreeing with the establishment of a position of a Western Regional Research Planning Director in principle, and that each Director consider the legal and financial feasibilities of each State supporting the budgeted expenses of such a position. Passed.]

State support for such a position, expressed as an assessment from each State per \$10,000 budgeted, would be:

<u>State</u>	<u>Assessment per \$10,000 Budget</u>
Arizona	\$ 830
California	1,630
Colorado	1,130
Hawaii	410
Idaho	680
Montana	760
Nevada	410
New Mexico	460
Oregon	1,100
Utah	810
Washington	1,130
Wyoming	<u>650</u>
Total	\$10,000

It was pointed out that each region should have a man available to be on call to go to Washington to help fulfill the broad requirements for regional liaison with Congress and other Governmental agencies. He might also function as a regional representative contact for commodity or other special interest groups of various descriptions. If such a person gets too close to a position of seeking to influence Federal appropriations, he would be prohibited if Federal funds were contributing to the support of his position. Thus, the way these positions seem to be developing, it appears they ought to be supported solely with non-Federal funds.

Knoblauch promised to look into the legal ramifications of such a regional director and notify each of the Western Directors of his findings.

He also indicated he would send a proposed draft of a job description and a Memorandum of Understanding that would

provide a legal basis for a cooperative agreement among the Western States to support a man in a position of such a regional director. This draft may be similar to the one set up for Browning's position with the North Central Region.

Kraus suggested that since this is something that warrants serious consideration, the Chairman of Western Directors ought to invite George Browning to come to our July meeting to discuss the kinds of things he and the North Central Regional Association of Directors are thinking of doing. The group concurred.

Following the Legislative Subcommittee report, a brief round-table report was made on what has been done in each State in relation to the proposed budget cuts.

Committee of
Nine (C/9)

Asleson - This committee met in Minneapolis, November 16-17, 1965, after the Land-Grant College meetings.

- A. A special meeting was held with USDA officials to discuss coordination of research needs.
- B. C/9 requested CSRS to prepare a statement as to what should be included in the Minutes of technical committee meetings, for distribution to administrative advisers and CSRS representatives.
- C. After some modification, C/9 adopted as an alternative procedure the proposal by the North Central Directors' Association for review and approval of regional projects.
- D. C/9 adopted procedures for the establishment and use of contingency funds for regional research.
- E. Disposition of the Contingency Fund of \$250,000 for Fiscal Year 1966 was as follows: \$50,000 to the Northeastern Region for a project on apple harvesting, if approved; \$10,000 to the C/9 Travel Fund to pay the necessary expenses of a panel in conducting a workshop on the needs for swine research; and the balance of \$190,000 to the State Stations, under established procedures.
- F. C/9 agreed that the important issue regarding the status of IR-3 should not be the funding procedure but rather the project design and participation. This project has been revised and will be considered at the April 12-15 meeting of C/9. The makeup of the technical committee is the main change in the revision.

C/9 advised the Chairman of the Administrative Advisory Committee for IR-3 of its strong support for continued

funding of regional or interregional research in the field of agricultural policy.

Marketing
Committee

Wood - A prepared statement by R. M. Alexander was distributed to Western Directors. This statement summarized the actions of three meetings that relate to the area of marketing and to the activities of the Marketing Advisory Committee.

WAERC

Buchanan - The Council expressed the hope that arrangements could be made for them to present to the Directors a regionally oriented digest of individual state problem areas needing economic research attention, to consider in depth the changing structure of agriculture in the region and its relationship to other sectors of the economy, and to explore together the affect of structural changes on research in agricultural economics.

Following considerable discussion, Buchanan moved, Asleson seconded, that a meeting of WAERC representatives and Western Directors be arranged. Passed./

Kraus, favoring a meeting with wider representation, then moved, and Frevert seconded, to amend Buchanan's motion and substitute: "A meeting of all WAERC representatives, Western Experiment Station Directors, and Western Extension Directors will be held during our regular spring meetings next March. This joint meeting will be a symposium on "Emerging Problems in Agriculture." Passed./

Buchanan - The Chairmen of the other advisory groups to Western Directors, (namely: WSSC, WSWRC, and WHEAL) should be invited to attend this symposium.

Bohmont - Buchanan and Wood will be responsible for handling the direction of this symposium.

Bohmont will see that the Chairman of Western Extension Directors is informed of the group's desire that they meet jointly for this symposium.

WSSC

Buchanan - A research proposal statement was distributed to Western Directors. It was entitled: "Expectations Concerning Present and Future Roles of the College of Agriculture." This statement can be used as a starting point if any Directors want to pursue it further, either as a single State, or as a regional project with two or more States. If Western Directors are interested in carrying this statement further as a regional project, contact Buchanan.

WSWRC

Frevert - Western Directors were mailed a copy of a WSWRC statement on their Organization and Operating Policies that was prepared in 1961. Other actions of the Directors pertained mostly to Work Group Meetings.

Frevert questioned the appropriateness of his writing up a statement of the functional and structural relationship of WSWRC to Western Directors, since it is an advisory group to RRC just as WAERC, WSSC, and WHEAL are also advisory groups to RRC.

Frevert supports action of WSWRC Executive Committee to work up a statement of functional responsibilities and structural relationships somewhat modified from the statement submitted to Western Directors. This statement would stress the need for Department Head representation at WSWRC meetings, and perhaps a reduction of the frequency of meetings. Also, efforts of WSWRC to meet at the same time as some of the technical committees would help reduce some travel costs.

The discussion following Frevert's report was quite varied. There was some argument for WSWRC and its Executive Committee meeting separately from the technical committees to help reduce the bulge of eight technical committees meeting at the same time.

Questions were also raised as to whether or not WSWRC is making a useful contribution as it now functions. This point was countered with support for retaining this committee, but encouraging it to alter its mode of operation. WSWRC could perhaps be called upon to meet intermittently as called upon by RRC.

It was then argued that RRC should be charged with determining what they would like in the way of advice from WSWRC in order to strengthen regional research and the functional and structural relationship of WSWRC to RRC. This point was followed by a suggestion that both WSWRC and Western Directors should have representatives present when RRC makes its determination of functional relationships.

Bohmont - There appears to be confusion as to the responsibilities and the membership of WSWRC.

RRC is hereby requested to come up with a policy statement on what they want advisory committees to do, and guidelines as to what they expect to be the functions of these advisory committees and report to the summer meeting of Western Directors.

WSWRC is not made up of Department Heads as are WAERC and WHEAL. If functional guidelines drawn up by RRC are incompatible with the existing structure of WSWRC, then WSWRC should be reconstituted.

Kraus - These advisory committees have a function the same as any of the technical committees, so if RRC feels it needs advice on any new proposals, WSWRC could be called upon for advice by RRC just as could any other committee.

Asleson - RRC should keep in mind that while both WSWRC and WAERC have subcommittees, there is a significantly different situation between these two groups. WAERC is drawn together by an academic discipline, whereas WSWRC is drawn together by commodity type interests.

Bohmont - It is the responsibility of Administrative Advisers to determine when, where, and how their technical committees are to meet. This is not the responsibility of the Western Directors, nor RRC, nor WSWRC, nor any of the other advisory committees to the Western Directors.

Kelly - Minutes of some technical committee meetings need more information as to what took place during those meetings.

WHEAL

Bohmont - This group met in San Francisco on February 4-5, 1966. There will be a correction in the minutes of this WHEAL meeting.

Home Economists feel they are being left out of the Experiment Station Section of the Annual Land-Grant College meetings. They want time set aside at the Experiment Station Section meetings to consider problems and research findings of Home Economists.

Bohmont distributed a statement, dated February 9, 1966, that was prepared by a national representation of home economists. This statement concerns a proposal to facilitate the coordination of Experiment Station home economics research at the national level.

If approved, it would be the only research section approved to have an administrators meeting at the annual LGC meeting.

Extension Home Economists already have sought and received permission from Extension Directors to meet separately.

After considerable discussion, Buchanan moved, Wilson seconded, that this subject - Proposal to Facilitate the Coordination of Experiment Station Home Economics Research - be referred for consideration by ESCOP, and that the Western Directors' representatives on ESCOP be so guided by this discussion. Passed.

The Consensus of the Western Directors on this matter is:

1. We are in favor of the objectives of Home Economists, but have serious reservations as to this procedure.

2. This subject will be discussed by the other three regions prior to the meeting of ESCOP, and ESCOP has the responsibility to make a policy decision on this matter.

The Western Extension Directors should be notified of this action.

Myers - Home Economics Administrators have responsibilities comparable to those of the average Department Head at most Experiment Stations in the Western Region, except for Oregon and Colorado. Why not send these administrators from Oregon and Colorado to the regular ATR sessions for Directors?

/Hill moved, Kraus seconded, that Western Directors go on record as not favoring a special Home Economics Administrators Training Session. Passed.

/Kraus moved, Buchanan seconded, that Hill's motion be amended to add: ". . . until such time as a decision is made by ESCOP regarding the first proposal of Home Economists." Passed.

Hervey - This does not preclude a Director sending his Home Economics Administrator to a regular administrators training session for Directors.

Some of the Directors commented that there is an apparent need for CSRS representatives to meet with Home Economists on either a national or regional level to talk on this subject.

Bohmont suggested that since he has served as Administrative Adviser to WHEAL for three years, perhaps it is now time to rotate this assignment so that some other Director may be given an opportunity to broaden his experience. However, after Asleson read a report from WHEAL that praised the performance of Bohmont as their Adviser, the consensus of the Western Directors was to continue the status quo.

Ad Hoc Committee
on Wildlife and
Recreation

Wood - A prepared statement by R. M. Alexander was distributed to Western Directors. This statement indicated Alexander's judgment that "the objectives of this Ad Hoc Committee have been fulfilled and its assignment should be considered completed."

RRC Report

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL RESEARCH
to
The Western Directors
Tucson, Arizona
March 8, 1966

Chairman Leyendecker called the RRC meeting to order at 9:15 a.m., March 7, 1966. Those in attendance were:

P. J. Leyendecker, Chairman
 R. W. Henderson
 K. W. Hill
 N. F. Farris
 C. P. Wilson (Alternate)
 L. R. Gray, Recording Secretary

A. PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS

The following recommendations are made by RRC for administrative adviser assignments or reassignments for the projects or committees specified below:

<u>Administrative Adviser</u>	<u>Project or Committee</u>
Alexander	WM-55 (formerly WM-26) WM-33 WM-47 W-97
Asleson	W-48 W-68 W-85 W-87
Ayres	W-56 W-83
Bohmont	W-52 W-77 W-80 WHEAL
Buchanan	WM-48 WAERC WSSC
Ely	W-46 W-93 W-98 WM-57 (formerly WM-46)
Ensign	W-40 W-58 W-61 W-96
Frevert	W-51 W-65 WSWRC
Hervey	W-89 W-90 W-38 W-81

<u>Administrative Adviser</u>	<u>Project or Committee</u>
Hill	W-45 W-67 W-86 WM-53 IR-4
Hilston	W-94 (formerly W-34) W-91 (formerly W-44) W-95 (formerly W-49) W-57
Kelly	W-24 WM-51
Kraus	W-64 IR-1 IR-2
Leyendecker	W-79 WM-49
Linsley	W-92 (formerly W-37) W-97 (formerly W-74) W-84
Meyer	W-1 W-50 W-78
Pritchard	W-27 W-35 W-41 W-88
Thorne	W-66 W-82
C. P. Wilson	W-54 WM-44 IR-3
M. L. Wilson	W-6 WM-54
Wood	WM-35 WM-52 WM-56
Zivnuska	W-71 WM-50

/Leyendecker moved, C. P. Wilson seconded, for approval of these recommendations. Passed./

RRC further recommends that R. W. Henderson be relieved of all duty assignments with Western Directors in accordance with his request.

/Leyendecker moved, Ely seconded, that this recommendation be accepted. Passed./

B. REVIEW OF INTERIM ACTIONS

1. W-34 - "Range Livestock Nutrition."

RRC assigns the replacement project number W-94.
(No action required.)

2. W-49 - "Endocrine Mechanisms Controlling Bovine Reproduction."

RRC assigns the replacement project number W-95.
(No action required.)

3. W-40 - "Utilization of Heterosis of Forage Crops."

This project is a revision as authorized and, as such, retains the same number, W-40. RRC appreciates the critical review and encourages the technical committee to prepare, without delay, the proposed regional research publication. (No action required.)

C. PROPOSALS FOR NEW PROJECTS

1. WM-49 - "Variations in Producer Prices of Western Cotton."

RRC recommends that the committee be authorized to proceed with the drafting of a new project proposal in the area of "Adjustment of Cotton Processing Utilization in Response to Prospective Changes in Cotton Production" and that the proposal be submitted to WAERC for review and recommendation at their 1966 summer meeting.

/Leyendecker moved, Hill seconded, adoption of this recommendation. Passed./

2. WM-50 - "Intraregional Competition in Lumber and Plywood Marketing in the Western United States."

RRC recommends that the committee be authorized to proceed with the drafting of a new project proposal in the area of "Demand for Pine Lumber Used in

Manufacturing," and that the proposal be submitted to WAERC for their review and recommendation at their 1966 summer meeting.

/Leyendecker moved, Ely seconded, adoption of this recommendation. Passed./

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW AND REVISED REGIONAL PROJECTS

1. Recommended for Activation

- a. W- , "Bacterial Diseases of Beans," (formerly Halo Blight of Beans).

RRC recommends approval of this proposed area of research, and that the project outline be submitted to the Chairman of Western Directors. RRC further assigns this project the number W-96, and that Ensign be the Administrative Adviser. RRC commends Director Ensign for his excellent work in organizing this technical committee.

/Leyendecker moved, Kraus seconded, adoption of these recommendations. Passed./

- b. W- , "Big Game Resources, Their Recreational Values and Land Use Conflicts."

RRC concurs with and calls Alexander's attention to the comment of WAERC, via Buchanan, namely: "That the objectives of this project indicate a major focus upon economics and recommends that faculty from the departments of agricultural economics participate fully in the planning and conduct of this project."

/Harvey moved, Buchanan seconded, that this proposal be developed as a marketing project. Passed./

RRC suggests that the technical committee give consideration to rewording the title, and recommends approval of this proposed area of research and that it be assigned the number WM-58.

/Leyendecker moved, Buchanan seconded, adoption of this recommendation. Passed./

- c. W- , "Alfalfa Seed Insects in Relation to Plant Resistance."

RRC recommends this as a proposed area of regional research, assigns it number W-97, and that Linsley be the Administrative Adviser.

RRC further encourages Linsley to request that the CSRS representative circulate this project proposal to other states and agencies that might be interested in participating in this regional project.

/Leyendecker moved, Linsley seconded, adoption of these recommendations. Passed./

d. W- , "The Relationship of Clothing Behavior to Awareness of Clothing Norms."

RRC recommends this as a proposed area of regional research, assigns it number W-98, and that Ely be the Administrative Adviser. RRC encourages Ely to organize a technical committee and seek to broaden the project proposal by giving states in other regions an opportunity to review and participate in the project.

RRC further suggests that the Administrative Adviser review with WHEAL the policy of the Western Directors for project proposal reviews and approval procedures. (These procedures were restated in the WD Minutes of November 1965, page 10.)

Farris - the Administrative Adviser should be reminded to see that a CSRS representative gets on the technical committee developed for W-98.

/Leyendecker moved, Wood seconded, adoption of these recommendations. Passed./

e. W- , "Water-Based Recreation Demand."

RRC believes that there is considerable research underway which can provide guidance in the development of regional research in this area. RRC recommends that the Chairman of Western Directors authorize Buchanan to organize a conference of interested personnel to discuss the subject. Travel of Western State representatives to the conference would be reimbursable from the RRF Administration Project. If the conference group concludes that a regional research approach is desirable, a specific proposal should be prepared that would also indicate the extent of participation expected from within and outside the region.

/Leyendecker moved, Wood seconded, adoption of this recommendation. Passed./

2. Recommended for Deferral

- a. "An Evaluation of the Influence of Management on Production and Economic Efficiency in Agriculture."

RRC recognizes this as an area worthy of regional research, but due to the regional research funding uncertainties, RRC does not recommend funding from regional sources at this time. (No action required.)

- b. "Analysis of Intraseasonal Demand for Western Fruits and Vegetables."

RRC recognizes this as an area worthy of regional research, but due to the regional research funding uncertainties, RRC does not recommend funding from regional sources at this time. (No action required.)

E. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

WM-44, "The Economics of Expanding Markets for Agricultural Products Through Promotion and New Methods of Utilization."

RRC recommends that the termination date of this project be extended to 6/30/68.

/Leyendecker moved, Henderson seconded, adoption of this recommendation. Passed./

F. REGIONAL FUND ALLOCATIONS

1. Trust Fund Requests:

RRC reviewed requests for trust funds to finance regional services and facilities. It reminds advisers that there is no provision for regional trust funds to finance interregional and specialist travel.

RRC recommends adoption of the trust funds shown in Column 5 of Table 3 for 1966-67.

/Leyendecker moved, Hervey seconded, adoption of this recommendation. Passed./

In the case of W-45, if another state came in, the total trust fund allotments would have to be recomputed. The redistribution would be made by Western Directors.

2. Travel Allotments:

RRC recommends an increase of 15 percent over the initial RRF allotments for P&C to allow for increases in transportation and per diem costs in 1966-67. A review of the initial allotments did not reveal sufficient shifts in technical committee assignments among the

Table 3. 1966-67 Regional Trust Fund Allotments Requested of and Recommended by Western Directors - March 7-11, 1966

Project	State	1965-66	1966-67 Funds	
		Allotment	Requested	Recommended
W-6	Arizona	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	Hawaii	750	750	750
	Montana	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Oregon	500	500	500
	Washington	<u>41,431</u>	<u>42,795</u>	<u>42,795</u>
	Subtotal	\$ 44,681	\$ 46,045	\$ 46,045
W-45	Arizona	\$ 5,125	\$ 5,125	\$ 5,125
	California	10,240	10,240	10,240
	Colorado	5,120	5,120	5,120
	Hawaii	5,120	5,120	5,120
	Idaho	5,120	5,120	5,120
	Nevada	5,120	5,120	5,120
	Oregon	5,120	5,120	5,120
	Utah	5,120	5,120	5,120
	Washington	<u>5,120</u>	<u>5,120</u>	<u>5,120</u>
Subtotal	\$ 51,205	\$ 51,205	\$ 51,205	
W-84	California ^{1/}	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000
WM-48	Washington	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
RRF				
Admin.	Montana	\$ 8,800	\$ 8,840	\$ 8,840
W-35	Arizona	-	\$ 400 ^{2/}	-
W-49	Washington	-	\$ 300 ^{2/}	-
W-57	Arizona	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
W-88	Idaho	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 280^{2/}</u>	<u>-</u>
	TOTAL	\$133,186	\$135,570	\$134,590

^{1/} Special "off-the-top" allocation to be continued through FY 1969. (See Western Directors Minutes, November 1964, page 9.)

^{2/} For interregional or specialist travel.

states to warrant a recomputation of the base formula that was established for 1963-64.

/Leyendecker moved, Henderson seconded, adoption of this recommendation. Passed./

3. FY '67 RRF Adjustment:

In the event of a reduction in regional research funds for FY 1967, RRC recommends that each Station be responsible for adjusting its own program to meet such a reduction, with special attention being given to low priority research areas. (No action required.)

G. GENERAL

1. RRC recommends approval of the following Western representatives to the National Foundation Seed Planning Committee, as proposed by the W-40 technical committee:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
1966	Harold Finnell - Idaho	Melvin Schonhorst - Arizona
1967	Harold Finnell - Idaho	Melvin Schonhorst - Arizona
1968	Melvin Schonhorst	To be selected
1969	Melvin Schonhorst	To be selected

/Leyendecker moved, Frevert seconded, adoption of this recommendation. Passed./

2. RRC recommends that C. P. Wilson succeed R. W. Henderson as an active member of RRC, and that E. G. Linsley succeed Wilson as the alternate member of RRC.

/Leyendecker moved, Henderson seconded, adoption of this recommendation. Passed./

3. RRC reviewed the proposed regional research project classification shown on the next page, and calls it to the attention of the Western Directors for further review and study. This classification scheme was developed by the Regional Research Office of the CSRS.

RRC recommends that each Administrative Adviser appraise and classify his projects according to these criteria, and submit his classifications to the Recording Secretary before the July meeting. The results will be studied by RRC, and a report made to the Western Directors. (No action required.)

REGIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT CLASSIFICATION *

Group A -- Regional Project Centered

1. Closely coordinated, unified or concerted study - one or two distinct phases with definite centering of leadership and assignment of responsibilities to committee members - definite plan toward completion of objectives within limited time period - usually marketing research on specific commodities and urgent problems which are amenable to the application of known principles (developmental research) - completion of objectives likely.
2. Well-coordinated series of subprojects or studies each with unified planning, uniform schedules and procedures - specific assignment of responsibilities - definite plans toward completion of objectives all contributing toward solution of a general problem, development of knowledge of a specific phenomenon, or explanation of an event - adapted to programming in definite time period - completion of objectives likely.
3. Central facility with "coordinated" program or collaborators - co-operators conducting related or supplementary lines of investigation which may or may not be focused on project objectives which are usually broad - little or no attempt to program - often criticized as "self-perpetuating" - completion of objectives uncertain or unlikely.

Group B -- Contributing Project Centered

4. Generally related group of studies with some group evaluation, concerted effort, or uniform procedural development but without adaptation to definite plan for completion of objectives - often basic research not adapted to programming - completion of objectives fortuitous but possible.
5. Separate lines of investigation relating to a general subject or discipline - no effective unified planning or procedural development - principle benefits of exchange of information, control of duplication, stimulation of ideas, training, competitive challenge, improvement of quality and quantity of research - often dubbed "umbrella" or "Mother Hubbard" projects - no attempt to program - completion of objectives uncertain or unlikely.

* This classification is not intended as a measure of individual contributions to a regional research project but is to be used as a guide in judging the effectiveness and quality of the overall regional research project with particular reference to regionality and coordinated effort.

Miscellaneous

I. Regional Research Project Classification

The Recording Secretary will send out notices by May 1, 1966 reminding Administrative Advisers to send in their reports on regional research project classification by June 1, 1966.

II. Use of P&C Funds

Regarding the use of P&C Funds when a Station is not participating in a regional project: It is the prerogative of the Station Director to sanction the use of P&C Funds for travel of a Station representative to attend a meeting of a regional technical committee of which the station is not a participating member, as long as the technical committee is meeting on a regional project.

III. Directors' Travel Fund

Asleson reported the Western Directors' Travel Fund has a balance of \$3,811.71 as of March 1, 1966. The Financial Report is as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Balance - July 1, 1966	\$2,153.15
Income:	
State Allocations	<u>3,437.50</u>
	\$5,590.65
Expenditures:	
ERS	\$1,200.00
R. K. Frevert	<u>578.94</u>
	\$1,778.94
Balance	\$3,811.71

IV. Regional Publications and Policy

W-60 and W-78 are both coming out with regional publications. W-48 is distributing a regional manuscript on phenology to Western Directors for review and concurrence in publication.

In regards to a general question concerning State as opposed to Regional publications, the consensus of the Directors was that if we err on the basis of designating a regional project report, we should err on the side of it being a Regional rather than State publication.

Farris will see that all Directors receive a copy of the regional publications policy of the North Central Region.

V. Certificates for Past Directors

Leyendecker requested Western Directors to check to see that all appropriate certificates for their respective Stations have been issued, and notify him if any are missing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Association of Experiment Station Directors request ESCOP to seek methods whereby the State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors can participate in the formulation of the budget for research submitted by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Resolution No. 2

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Agriculture is charged with the responsibility to " . . . encourage and assist in the establishment and maintenance of cooperation by and between the Stations and the United States Department of Agriculture . . . "; and

WHEREAS, it is evident that the Joint USDA-SAES Committee, making a long-range study of agricultural research, must be able to function in such a manner as to give representatives of the State Experiment Stations equal access to information and equal voice in planning and policy decisions;

THERE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Association of Western Directors recommend that ESCOP take steps necessary to seek the assistance of the Secretary of Agriculture in developing procedures to fully accomplish effective cooperative long-range planning and coordination of agricultural research in and between the Department and the State Stations to meet the total needs.

/Buchanan moved, Hill seconded, that Resolutions 1 and 2 be accepted in principle and so notify ESCOP. Passed.

Western Directors raised the following points for their representatives to stress to ESCOP: 1. They want full participation of Experiment Stations in: Long-range planning; current budget cooperation; the administration of Hatch Act Funds in research; and 2. They want the resolutions of ESCOP to be positive.

Resolution No. 3

WHEREAS, Director Emeritus P. V. Cardon of Utah passed away on October 13, 1965; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cardon served from 1928 to 1935 as Director of the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Association extend to Mrs. Cardon the deep sympathy of its members and express to her their sincere regret at his passing.

/Hervey moved, Leyendecker seconded, adoption of this resolution. Passed.

Resolution No. 4

Hervey moved that we the Western Directors and CSRS representatives hereby resolve to acknowledge the excellent hospitality of the University of Arizona in planning for and carrying out this meeting. It was seconded by a rising round of applause and Passed.

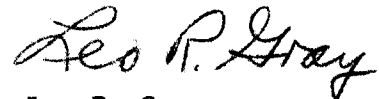
Resolution No. 5

Hervey moved, and there was unanimous approval, that the Recording Secretary write to W. M. Seabron to express the Western Directors' appreciation for his taking the time to come, and for the fine presentation he made at this meeting. Passed.

Adjournment

Chairman Bohmont adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m. on March 11, 1966.

Respectfully submitted,



Leo R. Gray
Recording Secretary

APPENDIX

Equal Opportunities for All People to Receive the Benefits of Research

William Seabron

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 has 11 titles, one of which (Title VI) pertains to the Federal financial assistance and benefits derived therefrom. This title directly affects the U. S. Department of Agriculture. CSRS is one of the ten agencies to which Section 15.3, "Rules and Regulations," applies.

Title VI money does not go direct to individuals. Instead, it is appropriated to an intermediary agency (e.g., CSRS) that passes on the benefits to individuals through the results of grants and research aids that are allocated to an Experiment Station. Thus, we should refrain from making information available to a few people when that information is not available to all without regard to race, color or national origin.

USDA regulations prohibit the servicing of organizations that discriminate in their membership or services. Thus, CSRS is directed not to provide Federal financial assistance to Experiment Stations that service such organizations, just as FES is to be prohibited from servicing discriminatory organizations.

Roughly 80 percent of the information resulting from research conducted at the Experiment Stations is published or made available to the public through some established media, but what happens to the other 20 percent is cause for concern.

USDA Expects Agricultural Experiment Stations and CSRS to live up to their responsibilities under Title VI. They are the same regardless of whether their scope of responsibilities is large or small.

Coordination of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Procedures for coordination have been revised - (from those indicated in CSRS Form 139, and CSRS-SL-2474.)

Coordination is now handled through the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW).

Recipients List: HEW will compile and maintain a "List of Recipients" received from each agency. This procedure is designed to try to minimize and reduce the number of agencies involved to check compliance in a single institution.

USDA will be available to provide manpower aid in conducting investigations, thereby relieving CSRS of the responsibility of conducting or initiating investigations. However, CSRS may be involved in recommendations as to whether or not certain departments or areas of a University should be involved in an investigation.

There should no longer be separate but similar or duplicate demonstrations, mailing lists, and so forth, that are based on race, color or national origin. USDA would like Directors to follow the guidelines of CSRS Form 139 with reference to checking on compliance in their own activities.

Service to organizations that discriminate to groups and members in the services that they provide: A group of national organizations that discriminate has been listed and sent to the Department of Justice, which has coordinating responsibilities for Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. USDA hopes in good faith, that Directors will use their best judgment in not honoring requests from discriminating organizations for services of Experiment Station personnel and related research facilities.

Record Keeping: President Johnson requested that some system be developed to give some regular reporting on services to minority groups.

Four USDA agencies (FES, FHA, ASCS, and SCS) were investigated on the basis of discrimination in services to minority groups, and a report was released about a year ago.

More detailed records are needed to determine what groups are receiving the benefits of research provided by Agricultural Experiment Stations.

The heterogeneous racial makeup of the Western population is perhaps more noticeable than that of any of the other regions. Keeping records of the various minority groups presents quite a problem. Information should be kept, however, on services to significant minorities.

Official participation in meetings: Prior to making the services of Experiment Station researchers, or other personnel, available to an organization, Station Directors should assure themselves that the group does not discriminate in its membership and operating practices. Although Experiment Station personnel are not employees of USDA, the Department does not want the funds it allocates to provide information or assistance to discriminatory groups.

General Comments:

1. If a complaint against discrimination comes to you, rather than investigate it yourself, you should send it immediately to CSRS in Washington, D. C. for further processing.
2. Indians on reservations are not subject to Title VI.
3. Stations in States that have anti-discrimination statutes are not required to violate state laws by requesting information on ethnic backgrounds, but Directors can make estimates of some of the ethnic composition at meetings in which research information is being made available.
4. Directors have an opportunity to broaden the scope of equal employment opportunities in the racial and ethnic makeup of employees at their own Stations. As you provide a minority group person with an opportunity for Career development types of employment, you are contributing to the creation or expansion of equal employment opportunities under Title VI and to racial understanding.

Western Directors spontaneously rendered a round of applause to Leyendecker to show their appreciation for his efforts in handling the preparation of the certificates.

Future Meetings

Henderson - Plans for the coming summer meetings of Western Directors indicate sessions will be at Corvallis on July 19-20, and at the Marine Research Laboratory at Newport on July 21, 1966. RRC will meet at Corvallis on July 18, 1966.

The meetings next fall will be at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C., on November 13-16.

Next spring, the meetings will be held at Berkeley, California in March.

P. J. Leyendecker invited the Western Directors to meet in New Mexico in the spring of 1968 - Western Directors accepted.

C. P. Wilson invited the Western Directors to meet in Hawaii in the spring of 1969 - Western Directors accepted.

Resolutions and Appreciations

Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS, the Hatch Act states that ". . . It shall be the object and duty of the State Agricultural Experiment Stations, through the expenditure of the appropriations hereinafter authorized, to conduct original and other researches, investigations, and experiments bearing directly on and contributing to the establishment and maintenance of a permanent and effective agricultural industry of the United States, including researches basic to the problems of agriculture in its broadest aspects, and such investigations as have for their purpose the development and improvement of the rural home and rural life and the maximum contribution by agriculture to the welfare of the consumer, as may be deemed advisable, having due regard to the varying conditions and the needs of the respective States"; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Directors of State Agricultural Experiment Stations to determine how the State Stations can best carry out these responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Agriculture is charged with the responsibility to ". . . encourage and assist in the establishment and maintenance of cooperation by and between the several State Agricultural Experiment Stations, and between the Stations and the United States Department of Agriculture"; and

WHEREAS, in the preparation of budgets to be presented to the Congress pertaining to the State Agricultural Experiment Stations, procedures need to be established to assure that the intent of the Hatch Act is implemented;