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TO : Western Directors

FROM : Leo R. Gray, Recording Secretary *LRG.*
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SUBJECT: Minutes of November 1968 Meetings of Western Directors

Minutes of the November 1968 Meetings are attached.

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MINUTES OF WESTERN DIRECTORS'
REGULAR FALL MEETING

Manger Hamilton Hotel, Washington, D. C.
November 10-12, 1968

Call to Order
and Attendance

Chairman Hervey convened the meeting on 11 November 1968 at 7:05 p.m. Those present during all or part of the meeting were:

R. K. Frevert	Arizona
J. B. Kendrick, Jr.	California
C. F. Kelly	California
E. G. Linsley	California
W. M. Dugger, Jr.	California
B. E. Day	California
D. F. Hervey	Colorado
D. D. Johnson	Colorado
C. P. Wilson	Hawaii
J. E. Kraus	Idaho
R. D. Ensign	Idaho
J. A. Asleson	Montana
M. J. Burris	Montana
F. E. Price	Nevada
R. E. Ely	Nevada
P. J. Leyendecker	New Mexico
M. L. Wilson	New Mexico
W. T. Cooney	Oregon
K. W. Hill	Utah
L. L. Madsen	Washington
J. S. Robins	Washington
L. W. Rasmussen	Washington
R. F. Frary	Wyoming
M. T. Buchanan	Western DAL
C. F. Sierk	CSRS
J. O. Grandstaff	CSRS
L. R. Gray	Recording Secretary

Introductions and
Announcements

Kelly introduced Dr. James B. Kendrick, Jr., the new Vice President for Agricultural Sciences, University of California, and Dr. W. M. Dugger, Jr., Dean of Agriculture, University of California, Riverside.

Hervey introduced Dr. Donal D. Johnson, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Colorado State University, and Mr. Robert F. Frary, Program Coordinator, University of Wyoming

Later, after adhering to the prudent counseling of Ely, neophyte Kendrick was accepted into the Western Directors' Association by acclamation.

July 1968
Minutes

Comments of CSRS
Representatives

Ensign moved, Burriss seconded, that the Western Directors' July 1968 Minutes be accepted as distributed. Passed.

Grandstaff - Project progress forms will be printed by CRIS and sent out in the near future. CSRS instructions have been revised to include all forms and should be ready about mid-December.

- A manual for the Physical Facilities Act has been prepared and reviewed and will be going to the printers.

- Physical facilities funds (PL 88-94) appropriated on 7/1/65 must be expended by 6/30/69. (Three stations in the Western Region have not yet expended all funds appropriated.) Funds appropriated in FY '67 must be obligated by 6/30/69.

- CSRS has favored a low carryover of McIntire-Stennis funds to the next fiscal year, and will continue to encourage that these funds be kept low or reduced, depending on circumstances.

- CSRS administers research grants to 16 predominately Negro institutions. Twenty projects totaling \$283,000 have been approved. CSRS staff members have been in liaison with these projects and their leaders and their administrators. CSRS is interested in developing as much research competence as possible.

Kelly raised a question as to whether or not the Land Grant College in the District of Columbia (The Federal City College) will get a share of SAES money. In response, Grandstaff indicated the only money they will be getting initially will be Extension money.

Grandstaff - CSRS will make a report on program reviews, primarily on subject matter, available to Western Directors.

- As to timing of reviews: The first letter to Western Directors would normally indicate the week in which the review would be made. At least a six-week lead time would be preferred by SAES Directors. Many Directors would prefer to have reviewers spread out rather than have them appear at the same time. Western Directors might write to CSRS soon to indicate their preference to have reviewers spread out and possibly to indicate the preferred time of review.

- The overall program reviews this year will be with: Arizona, California(D), Colorado, Hawaii and Nevada.

Sierk - The special grants portion of the fiscal year '69 budget amounts to \$2 million, of which \$1 million is for cotton, \$.4 million for soy beans, \$.1 million for plant proteins, \$.2 million for human resources development, and \$.3 million for problems of the livestock industry. Consideration is now being given in other areas for projects approved but funded for lesser amounts. Some of the \$2 million in grants may be made available for projects in other areas that have been funded for lesser amounts than requested.

Grandstaff - California, Hawaii, Idaho, Utah and Wyoming have States' facilities funds that must be obligated this fiscal year (FY '69).

Report of DAL

Buchanan mentioned some highlights of the report by the Ad Hoc Task Force on Federal-State Relations, and indicated a follow-up report will be mailed to WD.

Ad Hoc Task Force
on Federal-SAES
Relations

Kendrick - A major characterization of the task force's report was that if we (USDA-SAES) plan the program together we would be more likely to have a more successful cooperative effort.

- There is a recommendation that the Agricultural Research Planning Committee (ARPC) should be replaced by an Agricultural Research Policy Advisory Committee (ARPAC). ARPAC has been delegated with a considerable amount of charged responsibility. Some of the things needing study will require more time and consideration than could be given by this task force and the ARPAC should be able to do it. ARPAC should make use of ad hoc committees and discharge them when their duties are completed.

- There is a recommendation that CSRS change in its function, namely, that it back off from project review and be the agency to conform program review and the agency to contact for institution review. The CRIS operation area should be transferred to the CSRS group so that they would have the information readily available when reviewing programs.

- There is a recommendation that the CSRS administrator's position classification should be in Schedule C instead of Schedule A of the U. S. Civil Service. There is some question, however, as to whether or not it should be Schedule C or A. The Administrator is in a unique position with regard to the 53 SAES Directors and he should be sensitive to the wishes of such Directors. If ARPAC is to achieve the role carved out for it, it will in effect be placed above ESCOP in reaching the ears of top level administrators.

ARPC

Frevert - ARPC met last week in Washington, D. C. ARPC favored the report by the ad hoc task force on Federal-State Relations, essentially as it came from the committee.

- An annual CRIS catalog publication that would involve the entire statement of projects (objectives, approach and a progress report) is being considered. ARPC reviewed and took no objections to the proposal.

- An approved Hatch project at the University of Maryland involved the hiring of human subjects for research. In the hiring process, two Negroes were rejected. A rhubarb developed over the point of civil rights restrictions, as far as research is concerned, but it was resolved. (A CSRS letter on human rights that was sent out to SAES Directors a couple of years ago is being considered for re-issue.)

Ensign - An ad hoc committee was set up in ESCOP to review the problem of social sensitivity.

Hervey - NIH requires that universities develop guidelines on dealing with human subjects. It is questionable whether it is necessary for ESCOP to set up a special ad hoc committee unless it is to concern itself with the race aspect of human relations. If ARPC is to get at this it could become an addendum.

Frevert - There was concern among ARPC members about someone in ERS putting cost-benefit figures on our research efforts, social and otherwise. Many of the Western Directors have expressed concern about some of the implications in the proposed cost-benefit studies contemplated by PPE, and would like more information on it for further review at the February meeting.

In response to a question raised by Kraus, Grandstaff indicated CSRS would not require SAES to come up with papers on civil rights as did FES.

ESCOP

Ensign - The Federal-SAES Relations Task Force Report was discussed substantially by ESCOP. Action taken by ESCOP on this report appears as APPENDIX A of these Minutes. It was noted that the Administrator of the Federal Extension Service is a Schedule C appointee.

Robins expressed concern with the exception taken by ESCOP to the paragraph in the Federal-State Relations Report pertaining to the CSRS Administrator's position.

Kelly - The Western Representatives on ESCOP (Ensign and Kelly) sought blanket approval of the Federal-State Relations Report, but when ESCOP finally took action, a motion passed to delete the paragraph pertaining to the CSRS

Administrator's position. (Byerly opposed moving the job into the category of Schedule C.)

Kendrick - The task force held to the opinion that their report was final and that the reactions of ESCOP and others were to be considered as comments. After reviewing the ARPC-ESCOP-and section reactions, the task force decided to hold to its report and submit it to the Secretary of Agriculture and President Jensen.

- ESCOP was put in a position of having to judge a report without having had the opportunity to obtain the reaction of their colleagues. The regional SAES Directors' meetings should have been held prior to the ESCOP meeting so that all Directors could have had an opportunity to react. Perhaps the structure of this program should be restructured so as to have the ESCOP meeting follow the regional meetings.

In response to Hervey's inquiry as to whether it would be in order for the Western Directors to make a minority report on this matter, Buchanan and Kendrick suggested that such an input on this matter would be in order and some action is appropriate if the Western Directors concur with the original report.

After considerable discussion, the Western Directors passed the following motion:

'Whereas, the Joint Ad Hoc Task Force on Federal-State Experiment Station Relations has devoted long, serious and effective study to the many ramifications of Federal-State relations with regard to matters affecting State Experiment Stations and,

'Whereas, ARPC, ESCOP and other policy entities have reflected in substantially positive though not unanimous support of the 16 recommendations coming from the October draft of the report,

'Now therefore be it resolved that the Association of Western Directors:

1. Commend the Secretary of Agriculture and the President of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges for their farsightedness in appointing this body, and
2. Congratulate the Task Force for their prompt, practical and pointed report and recommendations and,

3. In view of the study in depth by the Task Force and the support of the report by ARPC, the Association of Western Directors go on record as favoring the 16 recommendations of the Task Force including the recommendation that the CSRS Administrator position be in Schedule C,
4. And that a copy of this resolution be brought to the attention of all members of ESCOP, the Chairman of the Experiment Station Section, the Chairman of the Division of Agriculture, and the Co-Chairmen of the Task Force."

During consideration of the above motion, the discussion brought out several points, including:

1. Some Directors questioned the advisability of re-classifying the CSRS Administrator's position, arguing that it should not be classified as a Schedule C job.
2. When the CSRS Administrator's position was taken from ARS, some SAES Directors thought they would be able to influence the Secretary of Agriculture in making the Schedule A appointment, but they haven't been successful.
3. Some Directors favored interpreting the above motion as a recommendation rather than an instruction to our ESCOP representatives.
4. Alex Black reported to the Western Directors that the Northeastern Directors' group discussed the Task Force Report and would like to study the report more, especially with regard to the CSRS Administrator's position and the makeup of ARPAC. Generally, however, the Northeastern group is in favor of the report of the Task Force group.

Later, Buchanan reported that the North Central SAES Directors took the action that ESCOP should not only reconsider its resolution regarding the CSRS Administrator but reverse itself.

Ensign - A Farmers' Union report really attacked SAES for lack of research in the areas of farmers' cooperatives and farmers' bargaining; that is, the type of projects designed to help improve the competitive position of agriculture.

- There was a recommendation to the Western Directors last summer that ESCOP establish subcommittees to keep on top of matters pertaining to agricultural research and related policy actions. Ensign made a report of this to ESCOP. No official action has been taken to approve

such a subcommittee. Maybe it might be handled by the ESCOP Legislative Subcommittee.

- The Chairman of ESCOP established another Ad Hoc Committee on Seed Patent Policy (Fortmann, Frolik, Ensign and USDA people). A few large seed companies support the idea of expanding plant patents but many small seed breeders oppose it. The subcommittee suggests that this be discussed more in the regions and that ESCOP get some recommendations from the four regions. They suggest that the regional SAES Directors authorize a meeting of interested persons to consider this matter and report back to this ESCOP subcommittee.

Ensign moved, Leyendecker seconded, that Western Directors authorize a meeting of SAES people (and possibly some USDA people) in the near future to consider the matter and report back to the ESCOP subcommittee. Ensign would be the Administrative Adviser authorized to organize such a meeting. Passed.

Committee of
Nine

Ely - The Committee of Nine will take action on changes and procedures that may outdate the Manual of Procedures. The Committee of Nine meets this week in Washington, D. C.

WAERC

C. P. Wilson - WAERC met at Bozeman, Montana in August and it took action to restructure its advisory committees as follows:

1. Committee on Commercial Agriculture.
2. Committee on Natural Resource Development.
3. Committee on Community and Human Resources Development.
4. Ad Hoc Committees - provision is hereby made for investigation of emerging problems and issues by appointment of Ad Hoc Committees by WAERC.

- Arrangements will be made to provide for liaison between WAERC and WSRAC.

- WAERC actions in review of projects will be reflected in the RRC Report.

- There was quite a critique of PPBS by Dr. S. Sosnick. The Secretary has been asked to send out a copy of Sosnick's paper to Western Directors when available.

Hervey questioned the WAERC invitation to the Great Plains States to join the Council.

Gray responded by referring to the Minutes of the August 1968 WAERC Meeting (page 2), that indicates:

"The Council concurred in a suggestion that we defer action on expanding participation in WAERC and that copies of our policy statement regarding WAERC membership be sent to the Department Chairmen and Directors of SAES in the tier of Great Plains States next to the Western Region."

WSWRC

Frevert - The next WSWRC meeting is scheduled for January in Hawaii. Relevant committees were instructed to have their project review statements to WSWRC in time for the January meeting.

WHEAL

Leyendecker - The next meeting of WHEAL is scheduled for late January or early February in Tucson, Arizona.

WSRAC

No report.

Ad Hoc Arid Lands
Committee

Hill - A member of the Utah Staff is on the planning committee of the AAAS which is planning for a summer meeting on the subject of arid lands. Hill has kept close contact with his man, and when asked what Western Directors might do to help, his man's answer has been "encourage your people to attend the meetings."

RRC Report

REPORT OF THE WESTERN REGIONAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE
to
WESTERN DIRECTORS

Manger Hamilton Hotel, Washington, D. C.
November 10, 1968

Chairman C. P. Wilson called the RRC meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. on November 10, 1968. Those in attendance during all or part of the meeting were:

C. P. Wilson, Chairman
E. G. Linsley
M. J. Burris
C. F. Sierk, CSRS
L. R. Gray, Recording Secretary

I. PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS

No changes recommended.

II. REVIEW OF INTERIM ACTIONS SINCE THE SUMMER 1968
MEETINGS OF WD

A. A substitute recommendation for W-1, 'The Improvement of Beef Cattle through the Application of Breeding Methods.'

It is suggested that the statement concerning the W-1 regional project appearing in the July 1968 Minutes of the WD be clarified by the following

action taken by the WD at this fall 1968 meeting:

"The Western Directors request that the W-1 project be revised or terminated as of June 30, 1970. If the W-1 Committee feels that termination is not desired they shall prepare for the WD spring 1969 meeting a summary of ten years accomplishments with special reference to attainment of current objectives and a syllabus containing justification and objectives of a proposed project revision. The WD will consider this syllabus at their spring 1969 meeting and ask for either June 30, 1970 termination of W-1 or instruct the preparation of a revised project outline by the W-1 committee for further consideration by WD at their spring 1970 meeting."

/C. P. Wilson moved, Burris seconded, approval of the above substitute WD recommendation for W-1. Passed./

B. W-84 (Revision Proposal), "Environmental Improvement Through Biological Control and Pest Management."

RRC considers this replacement proposal to be in good shape now, but recommends that WD postpone action on it until the 1969 spring meeting. Contributing states anticipate allocating about 8.6 SMY to this proposed project. Linsley is Administrative Adviser.

C. W- , "An Economic Analysis of Water Quality Standards."

RRC received word that this Ad Hoc Technical Committee met in Denver, Colorado, October 29, 1968 to begin preparation of a regional project outline in this area of work. Technical committee members have requested more time to develop procedures and determine the support which might be available for such a regional project at their home stations. A second meeting of the technical committee is planned to be held in conjunction with the W-81 Technical Committee meeting and the Water Conference sponsored by WAERC's Water Committee. These meetings will take place in Denver, December 10-12, 1968. A final project outline proposal will be available for RRC and WD to consider at the spring meeting in 1969.

RRC recommends WD concur with the procedures the Technical Committee has elected to follow. Hervey is Administrative Adviser.

D. W- , "Salinity Control and Management of Drainage Waters in Irrigated Agriculture."

A meeting of this Ad Hoc Committee is scheduled to be held at El Centro, California, November 21-22, 1968. Robins is Administrative Adviser.

E. W- , "Codling Moth Population Management in the Orchard Ecosystem."

RRC notes that the regional research project proposal submitted by the Ad Hoc Committee on Codling Moth Control seems to be in good shape, but suggests that the Administrative Adviser (Linsley) contact SAES Directors concerned to obtain their anticipated SMY commitments.

Linsley raised a question as to whether Western Directors prefer that this proposal be considered as a formal or informal project - namely, an informal regional type project that has the support of WD, but will not be financed with regular RRF? Currently, a substantial number of SMY's are committed to this area of work with state funding. RRC also suggests WD consider means of funding at the 1969 spring meeting.

III. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

WM-51, "Economic Factors Affecting Sugar Marketing"

RRC recommends that WD approve the WM-51 Technical Committee's request for a one-year extension, to 6/30/70. Kelly is Administrative Adviser.

/C. P. Wilson moved, Burris seconded, WD approval of the WM-51 request for a one-year extension. Passed./

IV. REQUEST FOR TERMINATION

W-54, "Appraisal of Opportunities for Adjusting Farming to Prospective Markets"

The W-54 Technical Committee unanimously voted to request termination of W-54 effective as of 6/30/69. RRC recommends that WD endorse this request.

V. PROPOSALS FOR REVISED OR NEW PROJECTS

A. W- , "The Economic Impact of Adjustments in Rangeland Management Upon Local and Regional Economics"

This is a new project area of work proposal recommended as a replacement for W-79, and it has a tentative commitment of 4.9 SMY.

RRC recommends approval of this syllabus as a proposed new area of work, and requests an Ad Hoc Committee be formed to prepare a project outline for consideration at the spring meeting.

C. P. Wilson moved, Leyendecker seconded, that WD approve the above recommendation. Passed.

(NOTE: Subsequent to the fall meetings, Leyendecker was designated as interim administrative adviser to organize an Ad Hoc Committee to prepare the above project outline.)

- B. W- , Food Technology project on fruits and fruit products.

RRC questioned whether food technology, as such, is considered by WD to be an area of work of sufficient urgency that they would like to see it brought into the regional research program at this time. If so, RRC requests that WD (as a group or individually) indicate what particular lines of research ought to be recommended. RRC will be prepared, based upon WD reaction, to make a recommendation at the 1969 spring meeting as to whether or not it would recommend a food technology project as a new area of work. (NOTE: There was no strong desire on the part of WD to start a new area of regional research work in food technology at this time.)

C. P. Wilson moved, Linsley seconded, WD acceptance of the entire RRC Report. Passed.

Regional Research Philosophy

RRC considered the subject of regional research philosophy, but did not come up with any recommendations; however, there were some significant suggestions made, namely:

1. RRC suggests that a special committee (not RRC) come up with a set of recommendations for RRC to consider prior to the WD 1969 summer meeting.

C. P. Wilson moved, Rasmussen seconded, that the WD Chairman appoint a special Ad Hoc Committee to consider the question of regional research philosophy and report to WD through RRC at the 1969 summer meeting. Passed.

Wilson suggested the Ad Hoc Committee ought to look beyond the revised Manual of Procedures to examine the long range prospects of regional research, including the control of the number of projects and the funding of regional research.

(NOTE: Subsequent to the meetings, Chairman Kraus appointed the following as members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Regional Research Philosophy: D. F. Hervey, Chairman; R. E. Ely; C. P. Wilson; L. W. Rasmussen; J. B. Kendrick; and M. T. Buchanan. This committee plans to meet in Kauai in February 18, 1969, the Tuesday before the WD meeting.)

2. RRC suggests that WD set aside time at the 1969 summer meeting to draft a set of goals on regional research philosophy deemed feasible and supportable by WD.
3. RRC suggests that WD authorize additional advisory committees, as proposed by C. P. Wilson in 1967, so that WD will have a basis for setting regional research goals and projecting ahead a program of regional research on a planned basis rather than "letting it happen."
4. RRC suggests that regional research projects might originate with one or a few stations who would draft the objectives of a proposed area of work for regional research and then invite others in to work up a regional research project proposal within the confines of previously stated objectives.
5. RRC suggests that something ought to be done to help reduce administrative costs associated with regional research. One recommendation along this line is that administrative advisers ought to make more use of substitutes by the Director(s) at the host station where the technical committee meeting is held. The administrative adviser should furnish the substitute administrative adviser from the host station with all pertinent information. (NOTE: This practice is currently being used to a considerable extent.)

Miscellaneous

1. Proposed Council for the Division of Agriculture, LGC

Kendrick - The Division of Agricultural Sciences, LGC has under consideration a proposal by the overall deans recommending that the Division formally recognize a council consisting of seven administrative heads of agriculture and six representatives from ESCOP, ECOP, and RICOP. Such a council would be considered an executive committee - a fourth Section of the Division.

2. Proposal for a Forward Planning Committee

The consensus of Western Directors was to defer further consideration of the proposal for such a committee pending the outcome of the special Ad Hoc Committee on Regional Research Philosophy.

3. SAES-Rural Sociological Society Meeting

Hill - There was some concern raised at this meeting about the fragmentation of the base of rural sociological research. It was suggested that rural sociologists have a more formal tie-in with State Agricultural Experiment Stations. Rural sociologists were challenged to come up with some grandiose plan for consideration by SAES Directors. The question was posed to them as to the lack of clientele clamoring for rural sociology research. It was suggested that maybe urban people might be a source of clientele.

4. National Coordination Committee for New Plants

M. L. Wilson called the Directors' attention to the problem related to a proposal for a publication covering all four plant introduction stations, plus regional projects over the last 20 years. The coordination committee would like approval of the Regional Directors. Wilson indicated that he would have more information available for the Western Directors to consider at the spring meeting.

5. Research Liability

Frevert raised the question of the research liability of SAES staff people. Discussion of this subject brought out the point that there has been negligence on the part of states in letting false information get so far as to be published, and that this in turn can cause injury.

Future Meetings

Spring 1969 - WD meetings are scheduled to be held in Hawaii on the Island of Kauai in February. RRC will meet February 16-18 and Western Directors February 19-20. The Ad Hoc Committee on Regional Research Philosophy will meet February 18. Some information on local arrangements has already been sent out by C. P. Wilson.

Summer 1969 - WD meetings will be held at Bozeman, Montana, July 22-25, 1969. RRC will meet on the 22nd.

Fall 1969 - NASU&LGC meetings are scheduled to be held November 9-12 at the La Salle Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

Spring 1970 - WD meetings are scheduled for California.

Summer 1970 - Western Directors have been invited to meet in Utah.

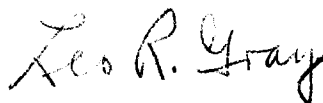
Hervey turned the meeting over to J. E. Kraus, the new Western Directors' Chairman.

Kraus indicated he would write to Dr. Fred L. Stitt, Acting Director of the Western Utilization Research Development Division Laboratory to invite someone to attend the Hawaii meeting.

Adjournment

Kraus adjourned the meeting at noon on November 12.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leo R. Gray".

Leo R. Gray
Recording Secretary

APPENDIX A

ACTION OF ESCOP

ESCOP has reviewed carefully the draft of the report of the Task Force sponsored jointly by the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges and the U. S. Department of Agriculture identified as "Advance Copy, Federal-State Experiment Station Relations in Agricultural Research" and dated October, 1968. ESCOP also has noted the comments of ARPC on the report. On invitation of the Task Force extended by the Co-chairmen, and believing that the study and report were brought about in part by action of the Committee in its April 1968 meeting, and by virtue of the fact that the substance of the report deals most directly with factors and considerations of most vital concern and importance to the State Agricultural Experiment Stations, ESCOP hereby records the following observations and comments:

1. ESCOP concurs with the expressed intent of all 16 recommendations of the Task Force, with one exception: The Committee recommends deletion of the paragraph on page 12 which reads as follows:
"Because of the need to be sensitive to USDA-university relationships, the Task Force recommends that the Administrator's position in CSRS should be in Schedule C instead of Schedule A of the U. S. Civil Service."
2. It is believed that some, if not all, of the comments and recommendations of ARPC, if adopted, would strengthen and improve the report.
3. In voicing its approval of the report, ESCOP expresses its appreciation to Secretary Orville L. Freeman and NASU&LGC Executive Committee Chairman James H. Jensen for appointing and charging the Task Force, and to the Co-Chairmen and membership of the Task Force for their dedicated and conscientious efforts in making the study and preparing the report.
4. ESCOP further pledges its readiness and intention to proceed with its portion of the activities necessary to vitalize and carry out the recommendations of the Task Force when the report has been accepted and approved by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chairmand of the NASU&LGC Executive Committee.
5. ESCOP commends the report to the favorable attention of the Regional Associations of Directors, the Experiment Station Section and the Division of Agriculture.

Passed without dissent, November 10, 1968.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

USDA - CSRS

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TO : Bruce F. Beacher

DATE: November 15, 1968

FROM : James O. Grandstaff

James O. Grandstaff

SUBJECT: Actions of the Western State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors
at Their Meeting Held on November 11 and 12, 1968, Washington, D. C.

1. Dr. J. B. Kendrick, University of California, reported on the recommendations of the Joint Task Force on Federal-State Experiment Station relations on agricultural research and the action taken by ARPC and ESCOP following review of the recommendations. It soon became apparent that many of the Western Directors were not in sympathy with the action of ESCOP in not endorsing the recommendation that the Administrator position in CSRS should be in Schedule C instead of Schedule A of the U. S. Civil Service. After a lengthy discussion a motion was passed which included the following statement:

"In view of the study in depth by the Task Force and the support of the report by ARPC, the Association of Western Directors go on record as favoring the 16 recommendations of the Task Force including the recommendation that the CSRS Administrator position be in Schedule C."

A copy of the motion is attached.

2. In response to the recommendation of ARPC, the Western Directors voted to establish an ad hoc committee to study seed policies. Each Director in the region will be asked to name a representative to the committee. Associate Director R. D. Ensign, Idaho, was named administrative advisor.

3. Director R. K. Frevert reported briefly on the Economic Research Service position paper regarding cost-benefit evaluation of research projects. The Western Directors are concerned with the implications of this proposal and will indicate to the Director of Science and Education that more time is needed to study the proposal.



4. The following recommendations of the Regional Research Committee were approved:

Revisions

The statement on W-1 in the minutes of the July 1968 meeting of the Western Directors will be changed to allow more time for the development of a revised outline and statement of accomplishments. The technical committee will be asked to submit a syllabus for consideration at the spring meeting of the Directors. If this is approved, the committee will be expected to develop a revised outline for consideration in the spring of 1970.

W-84 - the proposed revision is in good shape. The technical committee will be requested to provide information on SMY allocated to the contributing projects. A draft of the proposal will be distributed to the Directors in the region preparatory to formal action on the project at the spring meeting to be held in Hawaii.

W-79 - Revised. Approved new title for this project and requested an outline for consideration at the spring meeting. The revision, if approved at that time, would become active July 1, 1969.

Extensions

WM-51 - Duration was extended for one year, to June 30, 1970.

Terminations

WM-54 - Work has progressed faster than expected and the project will be completed and terminated June 30, 1969.

Ad hoc Committee on Regional Research

The Directors voted to establish an ad hoc committee on regional research philosophy and procedures, with Associate Director Don Hervey as chairman. The committee will be expected to report at the summer meeting.

Attachment

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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

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Take with preliminary report

TO: Dr. Mark Buchanan, Director-at-Large
Dr. J. E. Kraus, Chairman-Elect
Dr. J. A. Asleson, Vice Chairman
Dr. E. G. Linsley, Secretary

MTB Talked with Leo Gray 10/22/68; he will call Hervey. His report can be working style

FROM: D. F. Hervey, Chairman

SUBJECT: Western Directors' Meetings - November 11-12

REMARKS:

I note in the preliminary program that time was allotted for regional meetings of the Experiment Station Directors on Tuesday, November 12, 8:30-10:30 a.m., in addition to the usual 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, November 11.

There are some complications regarding the Monday night meeting on which I would like your counsel. As usual there is the Ralston-Purina dinner for the Resident Instruction Section. This has always provided some conflict for the Overall Deans. However this year there is scheduled a meeting of the Overall Deans from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Monday, which will very definitely mean that they would not be available during any of the Monday night session of the Western Experiment Station Directors' meeting. Also, since the subject matter of the 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. session for Overall Deans is of considerable interest, many of the Station Directors might wish to attend if it is an open meeting.

It is a little difficult to assess at this moment the amount of time needed to cover the essential business of the Western Association. However, I would like to get your reactions to the following suggested informal change regarding the meeting times. I suggest that we meet from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday night, rather than 7:00 to 9:00, and reconvene Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m. rather than 8:30 as indicated on the program. This would give us 2½ hours Tuesday morning, which should, with the one hour Monday night, permit us to cover the usual business items accomplished at the November meeting.

We would particularly need your guidance, Mark, on this matter since we may need a little more than the average amount of time to discuss the Task Force report and matters relating to ESCOP. If some of this discussion will be handled in the Monday afternoon meeting of the Experiment Station Section, then perhaps this would reduce the amount of discussion needed in the meeting of the Western Directors. At any rate, Mark, we would appreciate your recommendation on the amount of time needed for your report and related topics.

I would appreciate hearing from each of you at your earliest convenience.

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cc: Leo Gray

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