

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
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SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

1.0	To increase the Executive Director salary by three percent for FY95-97	1
2.0	To approve the minutes of the 3/14-15/95 meeting as circulated.	2
3.0	To approve the Treasurer's Report as presented	2
4.0	Heard the RIC Report and approved the following actions:	
a.	extended regional projects	
	W-175 "Human Physiological and Perceptual Responses to the Textile-skin Interface	33
b.	revised regional projects	
	W-150 "Genetic Improvement of Beans (<u>Physeolus vulgaris</u> L.) for Yield, Disease Resistance, and Food Value	33
c.	extended or renewed WRCC's	
	WRCC-37 "Maximizing the Effectiveness of Bees as Pollinators of Agricultural Crops" from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1998	34
	WRCC-39 "Educational and Research Programs for the Western Sheep and Goat Industries" from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996	34
	WRCC-43 "Management of Codling Moth and Related Moths in the Orchard Ecosystem" from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1998	34
	WRCC-60 "Science and Management of Pesticide Resistance" from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1998	37
	WRCC-66 "Integrated Management of Russian Wheat Aphid and Other Cereal Aphids" from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1998	35
	WRCC-72 "Agribusiness Research Emphasizing Competitiveness" from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996	35
	WRCC-83 "Youth at Risk in Western States" from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996	35
	WRCC-84 "Community, Institutional Change and Migration in Rural America" from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1998	35
	WRCC-86 "Postharvest Technology and Quarantine Treatments for Insect Control in Horticultural Crops" from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1998	35
	WRCC-87 "Biology and Management of Sweetpotato Whitefly, <u>Bemisia tabaci</u>	36
	WRCC-89 "Potato Virus Disease Control" from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1998	36
d.	established new WRCC's	
	WRCC-103 "Soil, Water and Plant Analysis for Improved Nutrient Management and Water Quality" from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1998	36
	ad hoc WRCC- "Rural Communities and Federal Public Lands in the West: Impacts and Alternatives" from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996	36
	WRCC-104 "Grazing Behavior and Nutritional Status of Domestic Ruminants" from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1997	37
	WRCC-105 "Alternative Crops for the Western Region" from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1998	37
e.	assigned new Administrative Advisors for:	
	WRCC-11 "Turfgrass" – S. Wallner (CO) to replace K. M. Brink (CO).	37
	WRCC-39 "Increased Efficiency in Sheep Production and Marketing of Lamb and Mutton" – E. O. Price (CA-D) and G Moberg (CA-D) to replace R. L. Ax (AZ) and C. C. Kaltenbach (AZ) as Lead- and Co-AA's respectively.	37

	WRCC-59 “Influence of Water Quality on Poultry Production” – C. C. Kaltenbach (AZ) to replace B. L. Reid (AZ).	38
	WRCC-72 “Agribusiness Emphasizing Competitiveness” – J. J. Jacobs (WY) to replace L. W. Robbins (NM) and G. L. Cunningham (NM).	38
	NRSP-8 “National Animal Genome Research Program” – G. Moberg (CA-D) to replace B. M. Jones (NV).	38
	WRCC-103 “Soil, Water and Plant Analysis for Improved Nutrient Management and Water Quality” – R. C. Heimsch (ID) to serve as Administrative Advisor.	38
	ad hoc WRCC- “Rural Communities and Federal Public Lands in the West: Impacts and Alternatives” – G. L. Cunningham (NM) to serve as Administrative Advisor.	38
	WRCC-104 “Grazing Behavior and Nutritional Status of Domestic Ruminants” – L. J. Koong (OR) to serve as Administrative Advisor.	38
	WRCC-105 “Alternative Crops for the Western Region” – L. A. Daugherty (NM) and G. L. Cunningham (NM) to serve as Lead- and Co-Administrative Advisors respectively.	38
4.0	To accept the slate of officers and committee assignments	6
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WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION DIRECTORS
Leavenworth, WA
July 16-20, 1995

Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

ALASKA	G. Allen Mitchell	NEVADA	Ronald S. Pardini
ARIZONA	C. Colin Kaltenbach	NEW MEXICO	Gary Cunningham
	C. P. Patrick Reid	OREGON	Thayne R. Dutton
CALIFORNIA	Henry J. Vaux		Sandra Helmick
	Lanny Lund	UTAH	H. Paul Rasmussen
	Don Klingborg	WASHINGTON	James R. Carlson
	William McKillop		Vicki McCracken
COLORADO	Charles W. Laughlin	WYOMING	James J. Jacobs
	Helen F. McHugh	AGRI. RES. SERV.	Robert J. Reginato
GUAM	Chin T. Lee	CSREES	E. M. (Ted) Wilson
HAWAII	Harry Y. Yamamoto	EXECUTIVE DIR.	Robert D. Heil
IDAHO	Richard Heimsch	FOREST SERVICE	Denver Burns
	Gary A. Lee		Richard Krebill
MONTANA	Thomas J. McCoy	OFFICE-EXEC. DIR.	Harriet Sykes

1.0 *Call to Order*

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cunningham.

2.0 *Introductions and Announcements*

The attendees introduced themselves.

3.0 *Adoption of Agenda*

The Agenda is attached as Appendix A, pp. 12-13.

4.0 *Interim Actions by Chair*

Cunningham reported that he had written a letter on behalf of the Western Directors congratulating Ned Kefford on his retirement. He attended two meetings in Washington, DC: (1) to discuss GPRA with CSREES; and (2) to discuss changes in Plant and Animal Production, Protection and Processing.

5.0 *Executive Committee Report*

Cunningham reported that most of the Executive Committee meeting had dealt with nominations for new officers and committee assignments.

The Executive Committee also has a recommendation to make regarding the salary of the Executive Director, after a salary survey of all of the western institutions. The average salary increase for faculty is 2.98 percent, rounded off to 3.0 percent. Therefore, the motion was made and seconded **to increase the Executive Director salary by three percent for FY95-97. MOTION CARRIED.** A survey of the other regional associations will be made

during the year to make sure that we haven't fallen too far behind the salary level for their executive directors, and also to take a look at the ways the other regional associations calculate salary.

The Western Directors Special Account will be billed for Rasmussen's travel expenses as Chair of ESCOP in 1996.

Future meetings with NASULGC were discussed. Since the November 1995 NASULGC schedule has allocated enough time for the regional associations to meet, there will be a Western Directors Association meeting at Orlando, FL.

6.0 *Approval of Minutes of 3/14-15/95 Meeting*

The motion was made and seconded **to approve the minutes of the 3/14-15/95 meeting as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.**

7.0 *Treasurer's Report*

McCoy presented the Treasurer's Report, attached as Appendix B, pp. 14-15. The motion was made and seconded **to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.**

8.0 *Reports from Liaison Representatives*

8.1 *CSREES Report & GPRA Discussion*

Wilson presented the CSREES Report and GPRA Discussion, attached as Appendix C, pp. 16-19.

8.2 *Forest Service*

Burns presented the Forest Service Report, attached as Appendix D, p. 20.

8.3 *ARS (National & Regional)*

Reginato reported on both national and regional activities of the ARS. Dr. Dean Plowman has returned as Administrator of ARS and Dr. Essex Finney, who was the Associate Administrator, has retired. Dr. Tom Army of the Northern Plains Area is now the Area Director in Stoneville, MS and Dr. Will Blackburn is now the Area Director for the Northern Plains Area.

The closure of a dozen ARS locations was proposed in the President's Budget, and the House Appropriations Committee indicated that four of them should not close. The ones that impact the Western Region are: Sydney, MT will be made a work site; Reno, NV will stay open; Brawley, CA facilities will be transferred.

ARS has been trying to get funding for a facility in Maricopa, AZ to house the Water Conservation Laboratory and the Cotton Laboratory from Phoenix. Partial funding was received several years ago to start the planning process. Additional funding is not in the House version of the budget.

In California, the Western Regional Laboratory in Albany was to get funding to finish the remodeling of the facility, but that has been zeroed out by the House

Appropriations Committee. The new laboratory in Parlier, near Fresno, is not to receive funding to begin construction after \$3 million had been appropriated in previous years for planning.

An addition to the Small Fruits Horticultural Laboratory in Corvallis, OR was recently dedicated. The new Salinity Laboratory in Riverside, CA was also recently dedicated. The Horticultural Laboratory in Yakima, WA is under construction and is scheduled to be finished and dedicated in the fall.

The House is recommending increases in specific areas of research, but providing no extra funding. ARS will redirect funding to cover the research.

ARS is holding five visioning conferences around the country as a precursor to development of a strategic plan.

8.4 *NAPFSC*

Reid presented the NAPFSC Report, attached as Appendix E, p. 21.

8.5 *Veterinary Medicine*

Klingborg presented the Veterinary Medicine Report, attached as Appendix F, p. 22.

8.6 *Home Economics*

Helmick presented the Home Economics Report, attached as Appendix G, p. 23.

9.0 *Reports from Regional and National Committees/Groups*

9.1 *ESCOP Executive Committee*

Heil presented the ESCOP Executive Committee Report, attached as Appendix H, pp. 24-28.

Rasmussen commented that ESCOP was going to try to find a way to make ESCOP participation more interesting. One of the critical things that ESCOP has to face right now is Congress and its perceptions of research, extension and education. Fifty percent of the people on the Hill now are new and they don't know what the NRI is or how it came about. They need to be educated about both the NRI and the Agriculture Competitiveness Initiative. ESCOP can work with Aesop Enterprises in trying to educate Congress as to what we're about and why we need and deserve support that they could and should be providing.

In an effort to begin providing this information; Rominger, Stauber, Plowman, Carlson, Woods, and Schroeder are scheduled to meet with ESCOP. The philosophy is to begin at the top and work down through the agencies, include the Chairs of ESCOP and ECOP, and talk about the partnering that needs to go on if we're going to make progress in this political climate. When we're through with the scenario of what their expectations are, then we can put a group of committees together to have them address some topics that we think that we can do something about in a year's time, and come up with a series of white papers about the things where we can make a difference. It might even turn into a manual for Experiment Station Directors to use to know what all of our agencies are about and the kind of

philosophies they have. After the committees have been assigned, there will be a meeting at NASULGC to look at where the individual committees are headed and whether we need to fine tune and redirect them a bit. At the following Summer Meeting of ESCOP and ECOP, the reports will be the subject of discussion and the impact that we could ultimately have on the congressional scene.

The ESCOP Futuring Conference is still being pursued and information regarding it will be forthcoming.

9.2 *ESCOP FY1996 Budget Strategies & Marketing Subcommittee*

Rasmussen thanked the members of the Western Directors Association who had made congressional contacts. The Budget, Appropriations and Authorization Committees must be focused on because they all seem to have more of a vested interest in what is going on now. All of us need to respond and contact state delegations and let them know what we want them to do for us.

Aesop is playing a critical role and doing a good job, but continues to need direction. If we continue to expect more and more of Aesop, they may have to look at hiring more and different kinds of people than they have in the past. They also are expecting guidance from us.

The Agriculture Competitiveness Initiative (ACI) and how it is to be funded was discussed at the last meeting of the Subcommittee. The key difference in the ACI compared to the NRI is that it would not come through authorization/appropriation, but would be funded through a completely different source.

In 1996 for the first time, we are in the mode of saving our budget, not marketing it. It has taken a completely different tack for us to try to deal with it in that mode.

9.3 *ESCOP FY1997 Budget Group*

McHugh presented the ESCOP FY1997 Budget Group Report, attached as Appendix I, pp. 29-30.

9.4 *ESCOP/ACOP Leadership Development Subcommittee*

Laughlin presented the ESCOP/ACOP Leadership Subcommittee Report, attached as Appendix J, p. 31.

9.5 *Committee of Nine Report*

Pardini presented the Committee of Nine Report, attached as Appendix K, p. 32.

10.0 *RIC Report and Regional Project Administrative Issues*

Heimsch presented the RIC Report and discussed regional project administrative issues. The RIC Report with related WDA actions is attached as Appendix L, pp. 33-42.

11.0 *Regional Business*

11.1 *WAAESD preparation for ESCOP Strategic Planning (Regional Research Priorities)*

Heimsch presented information on the ESCOP Strategic Planning Subcommittee, attached as Appendix M, pp. 43-45.

11.2 *Great Plains Agricultural Council*

McHugh presented information on the Great Plains Agricultural Council, attached as Appendix N, pp. 46-49.

Cunningham commented that, if the GPAC desired to develop a formal petition for a WRCC on production policy issues for the Great Plains and submit it through regular channels, it would be reviewed for establishment as a Western Research Coordinating Committee.

11.3 *Western Region IPM*

McCoy indicated that he had received questions regarding the Western Region IPM program. Questions such as: What is the role of the Western IPM Coordinator?; What is the role of WRCC-69?; and, Where does it all fit in?

Laughlin reported that part of the situation was created when the decision was made to not approve any additional outside projects, but to use the remaining funds to finish off the projects that had already been funded. There was a delay in sending out information because of an attempt by Gary McIntyre to coordinate the activities of WRCC-69 and our Western regional program with the program that was going to pull in funds from Extension. This was a continual delay. McIntyre finally went forward and suddenly there was another call for the portion funded by the national Extension dollars. That caused all sorts of confusion and frustration.

Heil commented that the situation was becoming even more complex. There is a move toward implementing an IPM Initiative. Early on, it was thought that if there are new funds in IPM, those funds would be implemented using a regional approach. Now there seems to be a momentum that it should be implemented and administered at the national level. All of this is being done without any new funding. There are many things entering in to the equation now, brought about by the so-called new IPM Initiative.

Cunningham noted that there are questions about the new national IPM Initiative and what the funding will be. What is regional and what is national is confusing. NAPIAP is also involved.

Heimsch posed the question of whether we should rethink the whole IPM strategy: the role of the Coordinator; the person who is the Coordinator; and competition for the Coordinator position.

Laughlin reported that the last meeting of WRCC-69 had struggled with how Extension and Research would work together.

Cunningham recommended that the Directors continue to think about the IPM problem and it will be revisited in Agenda Item 12.0.

12.0 *Discussion of Joint Meetings - Actions Needed*

Cunningham reported that, as a result of previous discussion, he was appointing the following committees:

- (1) Research/Extension Joint Effort; Pardini (Chair), Laughlin, McCracken, Heimsch, and E. Miller (Extension), and
- (2) IPM Ad Hoc Study Group; McCoy (Chair), Lund, Laughlin and Jacobs.

Cunningham suggested that, since Wilson had reported that changes were taking place in the NAPIAP, it would be a good idea for the Western Directors to give feedback on the changes. We might want to put together a coordinated response in terms of how we would want NAPIAP to work. The SARE Program could serve as a model for other programs.

Heil commented that, even though the SARE Program has Chapters 1 and 3 that can be pooled and administered as one, there needs to be a way to identify research needs as well as extension needs.

Rasmussen suggested that a four region response be developed, rather than individual regional responses. The ESCOP Advisory Council could develop a response. The key is to keep it regional. Another question is whether it is precedent setting.

In response to the CARET request for rapid response on public policy, Cunningham reported that Extension has agreed that they should have a Co-Administrative Advisor and have appointed one for the new ad hoc coordinating committee "Rural Communities and Federal Public Lands in the West: Impacts and Alternatives." The Administrative Heads have now taken the approach that the ad hoc coordinating committee and the Experiment Station and Extension people should deal with it.

Rasmussen offered to provide each of the CARET representatives a copy of the InfoBase developed by Utah State University. Although it was developed specifically for Utah, it contains a pasture database of all the research that has been done in the world over the past thirty years. There is also a database on sustainable agriculture, both from the standpoint of research that has been done and projects that are being funded now. The study on the wilderness can be put on another disk. At the next regional CARET meeting, he proposes coming in with three disks or a CD-ROM for each CARET member and give them a demonstration on how to use it. Then, if they get a request for information, they can access it immediately. An additional idea is to include the project title and objectives for all Western Regional Projects and Coordinating Committees.

13.0 *Election of Officers & Committee Assignments*

The Executive Committee recommended as a seconded motion **to accept the following slate of officers and committee assignments. MOTION CARRIED.**

Chair	G. A. Mitchell, AK
Chair-Elect	C. W. Laughlin, CO
Secretary	S. Horn, WY
Treasurer	T. McCoy, MT

WDA Executive Committee:

Chair	G. A. Mitchell, AK
Chair-Elect	C. W. Laughlin, CO
Past Chair	G. L. Cunningham, NM

Secretary	S. Horn, WY
Treasurer	T. McCoy, MT
Senior ESCOP Representative	H. P. Rasmussen, UT
At-large member	R. S. Pardini, NV
At-large member	C. C. Kaltenbach, AZ
Research Implementation Committee	V. McCracken, WA (Chair) (97)
.....	R. C. Heimsch (97)
.....	L. J. Lund, CA-R (98)
.....	J. J. Jacobs, WY (99)
.....	H. Yamamoto, HI (2000)
.....	R. Krebill, FS
.....	(Vacant) CSREES
.....	P. E. Johnson, ARS
.....	E. Miller, NV-Cooperative Extension
Committee of Nine	R. C. Heimsch, ID (97)
.....	L. J. Lund, CA-R (98)
.....	V. McCracken, WA (alternate)
Board of Directors, Western	T. R. Dutson, OR
Rural Development Center	C. C. Kaltenbach, AZ (96)
.....	J. J. Zuiches, WA (98)
Experiment Station Committee	H. P. Rasmussen, UT (96)
on Organization and Policy	G. A. Mitchell, AK (97)
(ESCOP)	C. W. Laughlin, CO (98)
.....	R. D. Heil, W. Exec. Dir. (alternate)

14.0 *Executive Director Report*

Heil presented the Executive Director Report, attached as Appendix O, pp. 50-51.

15.0 *Resolutions*

The motion was made, seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to approve the following six resolutions:**

Resolution #1:

WHEREAS Higher Education programs provide scientists and other professionals who are essential for the continued success of agricultural science and education, and

WHEREAS USDA funding for higher education and development of human capital for the future of agriculture is inadequate, and

WHEREAS the time to correct the situation is now, and

WHEREAS the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors (Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors) is unanimous in its support of this position, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors strongly encourages and recommends, without reservation, the USDA support the U.S. House of

Representative's allocation of \$4.35 million support in the FY96 Higher Education Budget for institutional challenge grants and \$3.5 million for graduate training fellowships, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors strongly encourages the USDA to enthusiastically and diligently pursue the reinstatement of the 1890 Capacity Building Program in the FY96 Higher Education budget at the level of \$9.2 million as the President's budget requested, and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to Karl Stauber, Deputy Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics, U.S. Department of Agriculture and to other regional associations for consideration and action.

Resolution #2:

WHEREAS Dr. James V. Drew came to the University of Alaska in 1976 and to the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors in 1980 after a distinguished tenure in research, teaching and administration at the University of Nebraska, and,

WHEREAS Dr. Drew has served Alaska as a primary spokesman for land resources management and development for the past twenty years and founded the School of Agriculture and Land Resources Management where no academic program had existed before and, at the same time, provided able and dedicated leadership to the Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, and

WHEREAS Dr. Drew has participated at the regional level as Chair of both the Western Directors Association and the Western Administrative Heads Section where he provided counsel on regional and national research initiatives and assisted in development of experiment station policy as a member of ESCOP and further assisted the Western Directors by hosting the Association's meetings on two occasions, including the 1994 Summer Joint Meeting at Fairbanks, Alaska, and

WHEREAS Dr. Drew has dedicated his professional life to the advancement of agricultural research and academic excellence, it is fitting that he be honored by the Western Directors on the occasion of his retirement, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Western Directors of Agricultural Experiment Stations express their sincere appreciation to Dr. James V. Drew for his service to the Association and to wish him a long, healthy, and productive retirement.

Resolution #3:

WHEREAS Dr. Kenneth R. Farrell has served the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors for nearly nine years representing the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of California, system wide, and

WHEREAS during his tenure as University of California Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources and Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, Dr. Farrell has been a leader and spokesman for the land-grant university system nationally, in the West, and in California. In this capacity he has been tireless in his efforts to position the land-grant university system to meet the challenges of the 21st century, and

WHEREAS Dr. Farrell has also distinguished himself as a scholar in the field of agricultural economics, having published over 100 professional papers and articles, and

WHEREAS Dr. Farrell plans to retire on September 1, 1995 after nearly nine years of outstanding service to the University of California; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors at their meeting in Leavenworth, Washington, on Thursday, July 20, 1995, express their collective appreciation to Dr. Kenneth R. Farrell for his distinguished service to agriculture and to the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors, and be it further

RESOLVED that the original of this resolution be sent to Dr. Farrell, and that a copy be made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution #4:

WHEREAS Dr. Gary A. Lee has served the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors between 1986-1995 representing the Idaho Agricultural Experiment Station and the College of Agriculture at the University of Idaho, and

WHEREAS Dr. Lee has brought leadership and expertise to the Association by his service as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors and member of the Association's Executive Committee; as a member of ESCOP, the ESCOP Subcommittee on Budget and Planning and Chairman of the ESCOP Subcommittee on Special Initiatives; as Administrative Advisor to Western Regional Research Projects W-147 and W-170 and Western Research Coordinating Committees WRCC-66 and WRCC-77; as Chairman of the National Russian Wheat Aphid Technical Advisory Group; and as a superior and frequently designated "Tail Twister" for the Association's "Neophytes", and

WHEREAS Dr. Lee has distinguished himself and the University of Idaho through his accomplishments as Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director at the Idaho Agricultural Experiment Station, Head of the Department of Plant, Soil and Entomological Sciences, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors at their 1995 Summer Meeting in Leavenworth, Washington, express their sincere appreciation to Dr. Lee for his friendship, collegiality, and his many contributions to, and support of, the Association and wish him every future success as Professor of Weed Science at the University of Idaho, and be it further

RESOLVED that the original of this resolution be sent to Dr. Lee with a copy made part of the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution #5:

WHEREAS Noel P. Kefford has retired as Dean of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii after 30 years of service, and

WHEREAS he has served as a member of the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors for eighteen years, and

WHEREAS he performed his duties and responsibilities with dedication and distinction, and

WHEREAS his counsel, wisdom and friendship has been greatly appreciated, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors congratulate Dr. Noel P. Kefford on his retirement and thank him for his support and many contributions to the success of the organization, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors extend best wishes to him and Helen for good health and happiness in their retirement years.

Resolution #6:

WHEREAS the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors successfully completed their 1995 Summer Meeting in conjunction with the Western Region Joint Summer Meetings in hospitable and scenic Leavenworth, Washington, July 15-20, 1995, and

WHEREAS the Joint Meeting was exceptionally well organized and executed in every detail and graciously hosted by Washington State University's College of Agriculture and Home Economics and the Washington Agricultural Research Center and Washington Cooperative Extension, and

WHEREAS the Association was able to effectively conduct its business in a most appropriate and pleasant setting, and

WHEREAS the Association members, companions, and guests were able to experience many interesting and enjoyable activities in the area including: the visit to Red Tail Canyon Farm complete with Bar-B-Q dinner, entertainment, and hay rides; the visit to Rocky Reach Dam and Museum and the excellent Native American dinner graciously and caringly prepared by Clifford and Judy Weetan and family of the Yakima Nation of the Colville Federated Tribes; and the visit to the Wenatchee Tree Fruit Research and Extension Center culminating with an exceptional Mexican dinner; all the while being nourished, refreshed and fortified with an array of specialty foods and beverages, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors express their sincere appreciation to Dean and Director Jim Zuiches and his wife Carol, to Associate Director Jim Carlson and his wife Diana, to Associate Director Harry Burclow and his wife Janet, to Associate Directors Vicki McCracken and Larry James, to CARET member Ann Grange, to Kathy Szabo, Noelle Cooper, and Cris Eder, to Superintendent Don Elfving, and to all other contributing members of their faculty and staff for their hospitality and efforts expended in organizing and hosting the 1995 Joint Summer Meeting, and be it further

RESOLVED that Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors extends its sincere appreciation to Jeff Goble and to Clifford and Judy Weetan and their family for their hospitality, for the excellent meal that they prepared for our enjoyment, and for the opportunity to learn about the culture and customs of the Yakima people, and therefore be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution be included as part of the minutes of the 1995 Summer Meeting and be distributed appropriately.

The state reports submitted in brief form are attached as Appendix P, pp. 52-53.

17.0 *Future Meetings*

17.1 *NASULGC*

The Western Directors Association will meet on Saturday, November 11, 1995 in Orlando, FL when the NASULGC meetings are being held.

17.2 *Spring 1996*

The motion was made, seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to have the Spring Meeting of the WDA in Las Cruces, NM on March 13-15, 1996**, pending arrangements.

17.3 *Summer 1996*

The Joint Summer meeting will be held in Tucson, AZ in July 1996. Actual dates will be announced later.

18.0 *Other Business*

No other business was introduced.

19.0 *ADJOURNMENT*

The motion was made and seconded **to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED.**

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION DIRECTORS
Leavenworth, WA
July 16-20, 1995

Sunday, July 16, 1995

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. RIC Meeting
Noon - 8:00 p.m. Registration
6:00p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Reception

AGENDA

Monday, July 17, 1995

Morning Session

7:00 - 8:00 WAAESD Executive Committee
8:00 - Noon Joint Sessions
Noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch (hosted) — Keynote Speaker - Paul Pitzer

Afternoon Session — WAAESD Business Meeting

1:30	1.0	Call to Order	G. L. Cunningham
	2.0	Introductions and Announcements	G. L. Cunningham
	3.0	Adoption of Agenda	G. L. Cunningham
	4.0	Interim Actions by Chair	G. L. Cunningham
	5.0	Executive Committee Report	G. L. Cunningham
	6.0	Approval of Minutes of 3/14-15/95 Meeting	G. L. Cunningham
	7.0	Treasurer's Report	T. J. McCoy
	8.0	Reports from Liaison Representatives	
2:00	8.1	CSREES Report & GPRA Discussion	E. M. Wilson
2:40	8.2	Forest Service	D. Burns
2:50	8.3	ARS (National & Regional)	R. J. Reginato
3:00		BREAK	
3:20	8.4	NAPFSC	C. P. P. Reid
3:40	8.5	Veterinary Medicine	D. Klingborg
3:50	8.6	Home Economics	S. Helmick
	9.0	Reports from Regional and National Committees/Groups	
4:00	9.1	ESCOP Executive Committee	T. R. Dutson
4:10	9.2	ESCOP FY1996 Budget Strategies & Marketing Subcommittee	H. P. Rasmussen
4:20	9.3	ESCOP FY1997 Budget Group	H. F. McHugh
4:30	9.4	ESCOP/ACOP Leadership Development Subcommittee	C. W. Laughlin
4:40	9.5	Committee of Nine Report	R. S. Pardini
4:50		ADJOURN FOR THE DAY	
6:00		Dinner at Red-Tail Canyon	

Tuesday, July 18, 1995

All Day — Rotating Group Meetings

2:15 Rocky Reach Dam & Museum Tour & BBQ

Wednesday, July 19, 1995**Morning Session**

8:00 Rotating Group Meetings (continued)

WAAESD Business Meeting (continued)

9:00 10.0 RIC Report and Regional Project Administrative Issues R. C. Heimsch

10:00 BREAK

10:20 Plenary Session

12:15 LUNCH

2:00 Tour

5:00 Dinner at Experiment Station

Thursday, July 20, 1995**Morning Session**

11.0 Regional Business

8:00 11.1 WAAESD preparation for ESCOP Strategic Planning R. C. Heimsch/R. D. Heil
(Regional Research Priorities)

8:45 11.2 Great Plains Agricultural Council H. F. McHugh

9:00 11.3 Western Region IPM T. J. McCoy

9:15 12.0 Discussion of Joint Meetings - Actions Needed G. L. Cunningham

9:45 13.0 Election of Officers & Committee Assignments G. L. Cunningham

10:00 BREAK

10:15 14.0 Executive Director Report R. D. Heil

10:45 15.0 Resolutions G. L. Cunningham

11:00 16.0 State Reports

11:30 17.0 Future Meetings

17.1 NASULGC

17.2 Spring 1996

17.3 Summer 1996

11:45 18.0 Other Business

12:00 19.0 ADJOURNMENT

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APPENDIX B
WESTERN DIRECTOR AT LARGE ACCOUNT
FINANCIAL REPORT
FY 1995 - Year End

13-Jul-95

A S S E S S M E N T S

Item	Assessment	Payment	Balance due
AM.SAMOA	1,200.00	1,200.00	
MICRONESIA	1,200.00	1,200.00	600.00
NORTHERN MARIANAS	600.00		
ALASKA	7,271.50	7,271.50	
ARIZONA	12,993.62	12,993.62	
CALIFORNIA	19,887.35	19,887.35	
COLORADO	14,578.48	14,578.48	
GUAM	7,079.66	7,079.66	
HAWAII	9,515.31	9,515.31	
IDAHO	11,500.53	11,500.53	
MONTANA	12,167.85	12,167.85	
NEVADA	9,348.49	9,348.49	
NEW MEXICO	9,690.49	9,690.49	
OREGON	14,761.99	14,761.99	
UTAH	12,368.01	12,368.01	
WASHINGTON	14,161.41	14,161.41	
WYOMING	10,908.31	10,908.31	
SUB TOTAL	169,233.00	168,633.00	
COLORADO RENT	(7,800.00)	(7,800.00)	
Total	\$ 161,433.00	\$ 160,833.02	\$ 600.00

I N C O M E A N D E X P E N S E S

Date	Transaction	Income	Expense	Balance
07/01/94	June 30, 1994 Balance**			2,035.39
YTD	FY 1995 Assessments Received	160,833.02		162,868.41
07/01/94	Montana AES for accounting expenses		1,500.00	161,368.41
10/25/94	U of WY-Heil salary & benefits-July-Sept,1994		28,902.48	132,465.93
12/22/94	Summer 1994 meeting carryover	3,705.89		136,171.82
01/26/95	U of WY-Heil salary & benefits-Oct-Dec,1994		28,010.72	108,161.10
03/27/95	Transfer of funds to CSU for WDAL office		25,206.00	82,955.10
05/03/95	U of WY-Heil salary & benefits-Jan-Mar,1995		29,486.62	53,468.48
06/30/95	** U of WY-Heil salary & benefits-Apr-Jun,1995			53,468.48
08/13/94	July Interest	479.61		53,948.09
	*** August Interest			53,948.09
10/13/94	September Interest	216.04		54,164.13
11/11/94	October Interest	253.83		54,417.96
12/15/94	November Interest	474.27		54,892.23
01/18/95	December Interest	541.95		55,434.18
02/22/95	January Interest	424.87		55,859.05
03/09/95	February Interest	608.47		56,467.52
04/12/95	March Interest	582.03		57,049.55
05/15/95	April Interest	386.46		57,436.01
06/15/95	May Interest	403.64		57,839.65
06/30/95	June Interest	419.20		58,258.85
Total		\$ 169,329.28	\$ 113,105.82	\$ 58,258.85

* Includes Assessment for FY1994

**Invoice has not been received from U of Wyo

***No interest paid in August; investment sold to cover cash account shortage; funds have been reinvested.
Note: Account Balance includes \$2,451.41 carryover from Summer 1993 and \$3,705.89 from Summer 1994 meetings. Total (\$6,157.30) will be transferred in July to Washington for Summer 1995 meeting expenses.

**WESTERN DIRECTORS' SPECIAL ACCOUNT
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FY1995 - Year End**

ASSESSMENTS

13-Jul-95

Item	Assessment	Payment	Balance Due
ALASKA	\$ 382.93	\$ 382.93	\$
ARIZONA	684.30	684.30	
CALIFORNIA	1,047.35	1,047.35	
COLORADO	767.74	767.74	
GUAM	372.84	372.84	
HAWAII	501.12	501.12	
IDAHO	605.66	605.66	
MONTANA	640.80	640.80	
NEVADA	492.32	492.32	
NEW MEXICO	510.34	510.34	
OREGON	777.42	777.42	
UTAH	651.34	651.34	
WASHINGTON	745.79	745.79	
WYOMING	574.47	574.47	
Total	\$ 8,754.42	\$ 8,754.42	\$

INCOME AND EXPENSES

Date	Transaction	Income	Expense	Balance
07/01/94	June 30, 1994 Balance	\$	\$	\$ 22,271.32
	YTD FY1995 Assessments Received	8,754.42		31,025.74
02/24/95	Rasmussen expenses-ESCOP-D.C.		1,089.43	29,936.31
03/23/95	McHugh-ESCOP mtg-D.C.		996.73	28,939.58
04/17/95	Rasmussen expenses-CSREES-D.C.		1,184.17	27,755.41
05/22/95	Rasmussen expenses-D.C. Bd of Ag		1,126.32	26,629.09
05/09/95	Rasmussen expenses-San Antonio		727.92	25,901.17
05/24/95	McHugh travel to D.C.-Bd of Ag		1,096.11	24,805.06
06/12/95	Rasmussen expenses-Arlington		854.50	23,950.56
08/15/94	July Interest	78.03		24,028.59
09/15/94	August Interest	58.15		24,086.74
10/13/94	September Interest	69.88		24,156.62
11/11/94	October Interest	82.07		24,238.69
12/15/95	November Interest	126.74		24,365.43
01/18/95	December Interest	144.85		24,510.28
02/22/95	January Interest	113.56		24,623.84
03/09/95	February Interest	162.63		24,786.47
04/15/95	March Interest	155.56		24,942.03
05/15/95	April Interst	147.54		25,089.57
06/15/95	May Interest	154.08		25,243.65
06/30/95	June Interest	160.06		25,403.71
Total		\$ 10,207.57	\$ 7,075.18	\$ 25,403.71

WDA AGENDA BRIEF

Meeting Date: July 17, 1995

Agenda Item #: 8.1

Presenter: Ted Wilson

Agenda Title: CSREES

Background Information: The announcement for the position of Administrator for Cooperative State Research, Education, and Education Service has been released and the closing date for receipt of applications is July 17, 1995. Dr. William Carlson, Acting Administrator, has led the Agency since the merger of Extension Service and Cooperative State Research Service and a successful search will lead to a permanent person as the Administrator. Six of the Deputy Administrators have been named in permanent position (E. M. Wilson, Alma Hobbs, Ralph Otto, Colien Hefferan, Pat Calvert and Jane Coulter) while the rest are in an acting role. The present plan by Dr. Carlson is to have the Deputy Administrators rotate in to serve as the Acting Associate Administrator. When Dr. Leodrey Williams leaves at the end of June, Dr. Alma Hobbs will serve as the Acting Associate Administrator.

The budget picture for the Agency is not clear, but with the House and Senate both considering reductions in appropriations, it does not appear positive. More information will be provided at the time of the meeting. The 1997 budget submission has been turned into the Department. The Department recommendations for the priority areas for research and extension in the 1995 Farm Bill are: enhancing economic opportunity, protecting natural resources and the environment, having a healthier, better educated citizenry, reducing risk for consumers and farmers and enhancing global competitiveness. These priorities are to be reflected in the 1997 proposed budget. The 1995 Farm Bill recommendations include plans submitted by the Administration as well as the requests made for appropriate extension of authorizations. Two new programs were recommended in the 1995 Farm Bill considerations -- a competitive applied research grant program and a competitive facility grants program.

Several issues still influence decisions by the Agency and a partial list includes streamlining requirement to reduce the number of employees (the targeted level of 381 FTE by 1999, the current level is about 400), potential reduction in appropriations for 1996, inability to hire new employees to meet certain critical needs due to streamlining goals and concern about the future budget, and potential changes in the federal retirement programs by Congress that will influence programs to address the differences in the culture of the two previous organizations to encourage shared vision and more joint responsibilities.

Action requested: None, provided for information.

WDA AGENDA BRIEF

Meeting Date: July 17, 1995

Agenda Item #: 8.1

Presenter: Ted Wilson

Agenda Title: Partnerships

Background Information: The Partnership between the Land-grant Universities and USDA is effectively working. The federal Partner for the Agricultural Experiment Stations and Cooperative Extension Service is the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES). The Partnership Unit has moved to enhance communication and working relationships by some of the following examples:

- Communicating with the 1997 budget committees for ESCOP, ECOP, and ACOP.
- Reviewing of the Agency strategic framework draft document and will again be invited to review the draft strategic plan.
- Inviting representatives to review the "Blue Print for GPRA".
- Inviting representatives of the partners to meetings to review reorganizational progress.

Some additional actions by the Agency that will influence the Partners are:

- Tentative plans are being made to develop a new program to handle the data needs of the Agency and of the Partners. This is critically needed to respond to the requirements of GPRA and make the system more responsive to providing the information that the Administration and Congress requires. This project is just getting started and the partners will have the opportunity to make input in to the process.

- Currently 48 requests for reviews for departments, programs, and colleges have been received. The Agency will fund the CSREES representative and will be able to staff most of the requested reviews.

- The Regional Research office has compared the objectives of the regional projects to the Experiment Station Strategic Plan research initiatives and found excellent agreement nationally.

- Require closer attention to the justification for extension of Regional Projects. Currently the guidelines for extension of regional projects have to describe incomplete regional research activities; e.g., data collection validation, analysis/or writing necessary to complete or fulfill intent of the objective(s), or some unforeseen obstacle preventing timely completion.

- In review of proposed regional projects, the Committee of Nine and the Regional Research Office require that the Form 89 be sufficiently complete to provide assurance that the items of concern identified have been appropriately addressed.

Action Requested: None, provided for information.

Action Taken:

USDA Agenda Brief

Meeting date: July 17, 1995

Agenda Item #: 8.1

Presenter: Ted Wilson

Agenda Title: Plant and Animal Production, Protection and Processing Update

The Plant and Animal Production, Protection, and Processing Division is made up of approximately equal numbers of senior program staff and support staff from the former ES and CSRS agencies. At this time, we have approximately 60 people in the Division, complemented by 11 university scientists, who are providing invaluable part-time assistance.

We see the merger as an opportunity to build on the strengths of the former agencies to develop integrated program planning and priority setting processes to best meet the needs of American agriculture through working cooperatively with you, our partners.

Our primary responsibilities as the Federal partner in the System are centered around the base programs supported by the Smith Lever Act, Hatch Act, Animal Health and Disease Section 1433, Special Grants, and the facilities program. Two of the current priorities are providing major leadership for implementing the IPM initiative and refocusing the Pesticide Impact Assessment Program. (Handouts will be provided for a discussion of these items.)

The PAPPP Division provides collaborative leadership and support for a number of USDA-wide programs, including aquaculture, National Animal Genome Research Program, IR-4 minor crop pest management and minor use animal drugs programs, and the Value-added Food Processing and Food Quality program. In FY 1995, we were able to broker approximately \$7.4 million from Department of Defense for the agricultural materials work and \$2 million from EPA for pesticide applicator training. We are working to secure funding from other Federal agencies. This is an area that our state partner Consultative Work Group recommended we give added attention.

PAPPP also continues to provide major support for the Regional Research Program, on-site reviews programs, but with reduced staff these will have to receive less time in the future. In liaison with the other entities of CSREES, we will provide accountability information and articulate the needs of the agricultural research and extension system for financial and other resources to USDA, Executive Branch, and Congress, which will optimize returns to agriculture through integrated, ecologically sensitive systems.

We are working on a strategic plan for our division and are pleased that 12 key leaders from the states have agreed to serve on a group which is consulting with our division during this critical time when our strategic plan is being developed, our roles further defined, priorities being set, and we begin to function as a new division within CSREES. Our first consultative working group meeting was held June 26 and 27, 1995.

Action Requested: Information only.

WDA AGENDA BRIEF

Meeting Date: July 17, 1995

Agenda Item #: 8.1

Presenter: Ted Wilson

Agenda Title: Government Performance and Results Act

Background Information: The Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) was passed in 1993 which requires each Agency to submit a strategic plan, set performance goals, and measure and report performance. The strategic planning requirement is for a 5 year period and includes a mission statement, goals and objectives, key external factors, and program evaluations. Annual performance plans and reports are required. The annual performance plans and reports require performance goals, resources required, performance indicators, and comparative analysis. The strategic plan and performance framework must be submitted to the Department and OMB by March 1996. A discussion will be presented on the Agency response and process to meet this requirement and how the Partners will be involved in developing the response.

Action Requested: None, provided for information.

Action Taken:

Meeting Date: July 16-20, 1995
Agenda Item: 8.2
Presenter: Denver Burns
Agenda Item Title: FOREST SERVICE REPORT

Budgets:

The much expected Congressional actions on the federal 1996 budget are beginning to appear. For the Forest Service, the House has made major reductions including a reduction for Forest Service Research from the 1995 level of \$199 million to a level of \$182 million. We expect this is the first of possibly several years of reductions. The proposed level will require the closure of facilities, termination of several lines of research, and reductions in personnel.

Fort Collins Natural Resources Research Center:

For the past two years, several federal agencies have been actively engaged in the planning of a campus based federal center to house the approximately 1200 federal scientists and technical people in Fort Collins involved in some aspect of natural resources research. Three federal departments are involved, and Colorado State University is the key partner and is providing land in their research park. The Center has been held up by the uncertainties of budgets and reorganizations. The Secretary of Agriculture has, however, decided to move forward on the Center and has told the agency heads to support it.

Forest Service Reinvention Plan:

In December, 1994, the Forest Service unveiled a plan to reinvent itself. The plan included two major components: reinventing how we do business, and a reorganization. Following intense opposition to several aspects of the reorganization, Secretary Glickman removed almost all of the reorganization components of the plan and submitted the rest for Congressional consideration. While we don't have formal word from Congress, there is evidence of substantial misunderstanding of the reinvention components of the plan and the real possibility that Congress will register dissatisfaction with major parts of the plan. Regardless of the formal outcome of the Plan, its creation has caused many positive changes within the Forest Service, including a much greater involvement of Research in management decisions and policy development.

WDA Agenda Brief

Meeting Date: July 16-20, 1995
Agenda Item: 8.4
Presenter: C.P. Patrick Reid
Agenda Item Title: **National Association of Professional Forestry Schools and Colleges (NAPFSC)**

Western Region Activities

Following a regional meeting of Western NAPFSC in March, the western region membership is making plans to meet jointly with the Western National Association of University Wildlife and Fisheries Programs (NAUWFP) in February of 1996. This meeting will seek to establish better coordination among the schools and colleges in regard to issues of mutual interest and especially in the arena of integrated approaches to management of natural resources.

At the March meeting of WNAPFSC, discussion focused on integrating curricula for natural resource professionals. The group also submitted a resolution to be addressed at the national meeting of NAPFSC in October, 1995, concerning the elimination of the 5-yr Interim Report presently required by SAF for accreditation.

National NAPFSC

At the national level, the Executive Committee of NAPFSC and its membership have continuously informed appropriate members of Congress and key committees with the importance of continued support for the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Research Program, the National Research Initiative and the Renewable Resources Extension Act. This has been a concerted effort with cooperation and liaison with forest industry, National Association of State Foresters, and the USDA Forest Service. The message for enhanced support for forestry and natural resources research follows those recommendations that have come out of the National Research Council Report "Forestry Research: Mandate for Change" and the recent Forestry Research Advisory Committee (FRAC) report. NAPFSC continues to point out the need for expanding our knowledge base to achieve sustainable forest and natural resource management, and, the need to be concerned with the transition of demand for forest products from public to private lands. NAPFSC continues to extol the benefits of university-based research in maintaining the health, productivity and diversity of our forest resources in this nation.

In the present congressional environment where federal budget cuts are wide spread and far reaching, including agriculture, NAPFSC has taken the position that across the board cuts in agriculture would be patently unfair to forestry and natural resources research that has been chronically under funded for so many years, and NAPFSC continues to seek increases in federal research support. We presently face a crisis in the forest industry of this country as we continue to have set-asides of federal and other forest lands. Without more research and extension in forestry and related natural resource fields, this country will soon become a net importer of wood products. This has many implications and impacts both domestically and internationally as related to sustainable stewardship and environmentally sound management of forests.

On the educational front, NAPFSC in cooperation with NAUWFP and the Society of American Foresters, will sponsor the First Biennial Conference on University Education in Natural Resources at Penn State University on 3-5 March, 1996. The purpose of the conference is to provide a forum for faculty and administrators to discuss education in the natural resources management profession and to stimulate new and innovative approaches.

REPORT
VETERINARY MEDICINE

ISSUES:

Veterinary Medicine In Service to America supports the following Issues:

QUALITY FOOD FROM ANIMALS FOR A GLOBAL MARKET

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND AGRICULTURE

NEW AND RE-EMERGING DISEASES OF LIVESTOCK

FOOD ANIMAL WELL-BEING

FOOD SAFETY FOR ALL AMERICANS

1996 BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Support the NASULGC 1996 Budget Recommendations relating to Veterinary Medicine

Base Programs:

Hatch	\$178,156,000
Animal Health 1433	5,773,000

NRI

Animal Systems	27,500,000
Natural Resources & Environment	27,000,000
Nutrition, Food Quality and Health	11,000,000

Special Research Grants:

<i>National Programs</i>	
Food Safety /Animal Wellbeing	2,500,000
Minor Use Animal Drugs	550,000

AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS INITIATIVE

Veterinary Medicine supports the Agricultural Competitiveness Initiative. The source of funding for the program should be left to the discretion of Congress. The funding would be to support the National Research Initiative.

WDA AGENDA BRIEF

Meeting Date: July 17-20, 1995

Agenda Item: 8.6

Presenter: S. Helmick

Agenda Item Title: Home Economics

Background Information: Report from WRCC-98 Research Coordination for
Nutrition, Family and Consumer Sciences

Nationally, home economics is making the transition to new identifiers -- generally Family and Consumer Sciences. Within the land grant community, there is interest in being known as Human Sciences. A proposal to rename the Board on Home Economics to Board for Human Sciences is still being considered. A proposal for a Human Sciences Institute (privately funded) is being moved forward by the land-grant administrators group. Another effort of the national administrators group was a Workshop on Food Systems intended for private sector representatives and Congressional staff. And, finally, the group is attempting to document the breadth and size of research funding through a Project Inventory data base of externally funded projects.

In the Western Region, there is interest in enhancing the research contribution from the textile sciences to position our states for increased trade with Pacific Rim countries. Diet and Health and Youth Development continue to be areas of strong research need.

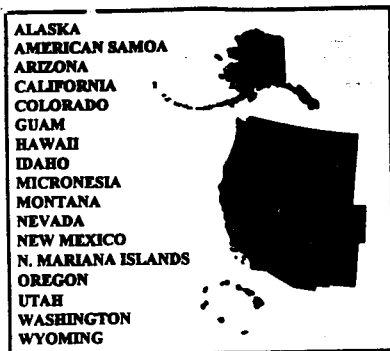
Federal policy changes are providing opportunities for family science researchers in some Western states. In California, scientists in human development at UC-Davis have been asked to consult with state agency personnel as they plan for the possibility of block grants to the states for human service programs. Similarly, in Oregon, family policy researchers are asked to evaluate progress toward the Oregon Benchmarks for quality of life for children and families.

Action Requested: NONE

Action Taken:

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION DIRECTORS APPENDIX H

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



June 13, 1995

TO: Dr. T. R. Dutson
Dean & Director

FROM: Bob Heil *Bob Heil*
Executive Director

SUBJECT: ESCOP Report

I think you received a copy of the minutes of the ESCOP meeting in San Antonio in April. Attached is a summary by Charlie Scifres of the discussions at that meeting. If you would like, we could use these as the basis for your ESCOP report at the Summer Meeting.

Please let me know and I will put together an agenda brief, if you would like.

Regards.

Enclosure

18. **Recap and Definition of Interim Responsibilities Dr. Scifres**

ESCOP Executive Committee Meeting
Evaluation and Future Directions
April 19, 1995

Scope:

A think-tank session that considered a set of interrelated issues intended to re-examine the processes and products of the state agricultural experiment stations representation at the national level.

Revitalizing the Committee

Optimizing the National Land Grant Presence

Board on Agriculture Futuring Activity

More Effective Service to Individual SAESs Through Regional-National Linkages

Contingency Planning in A Dynamic Environment

Agricultural Competitiveness Initiative

Premises:

The Ultimate Goal: Continue to align and orient activities of the national committee on the ultimate goal of serving the broadening public constituencies that benefit from the products of research and development.

A unique strength of the land grant universities is the three way linkage between research, education and outreach. Other academic institutions and federal agencies seek to emulate this basic relationship which is in place and functioning. There continues to be opportunity to build on this strength.

While a clear vision and set of national goals for U.S. agriculture is lacking, there is clear benefit to individual SAESs (LGUs) in continuing to engage the federal system and to seek to influence policy and direction for the food, agriculture and natural resource system and for the research, extension, and higher education programs that underpin it.

Situation:

Current federal and state budget pressures

Unprecedented Congressional actions to reform and downsize federal government

Broadening expectations on LGUs with fewer resources to respond

Increasing complexity of the engagement of LGUs at the federal level

Complexity in the methods of doing business at the national level

Limited administrative resources within the system to respond to the challenges at the national level: (a) fewer administrators (b) increased intra-state pressures (c) recognition of the relatively small portion of total budget arising from federal funding

Variable background experience and commitment of individual members of ESCOP and the difficulty of obtaining and sustaining ESCOP activities over a longer time frame -- the problem of too few doing too much at the national level.

The following is a brief on the discussions which occurred in the several sessions indicated above. It was agreed that a paper summarizing these deliberations would be prepared by the Vice Chair and reviewed and edited by the Chairs Advisory Committee. When completed and approved, it will be part of the minutes of this meeting.

Major Conclusions and Actions:

More effective communication with (new) policy and decision makers: a systems approach to overall communication with threshold level resources committed.

Include short term efforts to show relationships between SAESs and ARS, effective interactions between SAESs, and product of the total system addressing contemporary national issues.

Enhance visibility of ESCOP at the SAES level, and at the level of faculty (newsletter or other mechanisms?)

Methods to effectively measure and report impact of the investment: the joint image enhancement commitment and the related network and data base. USDA roles in data base management (?)

Communication could be facilitated by using the Agricultural Communications capabilities at all land grant institutions to carry the ESCOP message.

An expanded and modernized management information system within USDA to plan, organize for and measure impact.

More effort by Budget Committee to portray an integrated and coordinated set of line items that support major goals and objectives.

Make the Board on Agriculture's Steering Committee work effectively as a corporate decision making body for "the system". How to stabilize the system with annual changes in leadership. Decouple organizational problems in individual states from relationships among land grant partners at the national level.

Futuring Activity: Continue to press for the general goals of this Board on Agriculture Activity. Press for definition or assumptions on the overall national vision/mission of U.S. food, agriculture and natural resources system as a framework for planning the agenda of LGUs.

Examine a set of related questions: (a) what is the system, (b) if it truly exists, do we still need it, (c) should we redefine the network of state interests that converge on a common agenda at the national level -- and its expectations, and (d) what is the optimum set of operating rules to get the best ROI. Is NASULGC in the picture in the next generation of national representation of the agriculture programs of the LGUs?

Plan for an appropriate positioning of the interests of the Board on Agriculture with CFERR.

Continue to re-examine the process and product for the joint SAES-USDA Strategic Plan -- including linkages with CSREES Organizational Strategy and joint planning with Extension.

Create a candid and meaningful dialogue between ESCOP and ECOP at the joint summer meeting to seek commitment to integration of programs.

Continue the advocacy of the Agricultural Competitiveness Initiative, assuring support of the BOA in a timely manner.

Continue to seek and sustain partnership relationships with USDA as new leadership and contingency planning emerges.

Prepare for implementation of the GPRA.

Continue the active role of ESCOP, with other NASULGC players in revising the farm bill (a) organizational relationships with USDA (b) streamlining and restructuring authorizations (c) priorities and accountability (d) advisory committees.

Professional societies set the peer standards and the general science agenda. Better linkages there would improve the image of ESCOP and bring the agendas closer together. Use this as one means of modifying the reward system for faculty to encourage interdisciplinary research.

Revitalize new directors workshops at the national and regional levels -- consider a workshop for (new) ESCOP members.

Participate actively in the BOA re-evaluation of the organization and direction of the national presence for the LGUs -- develop a plan as ESCOP input that aligns the effort around a relatively few key missions/goals with organization and form following function.

Simplify the processes and rules of engagement of the SAESs (LGUs) at the national level -- including simpler methods for equitable representation of the affiliates (CFERR et seq).

Bring the full ESCOP committee up to speed on this seminar -- and develop plans for enhanced regional-national linkages via this membership. This as a first step to further regional-national engagement. Consider the ways in which ESCOP can be useful in creating an environment to share regional problems and experiences to develop better solutions. Should there be a new approach to Section meetings and regional meetings held in conjunction with annual meetings of NASULGC. Should such overlapping regional and national meetings occur separate from the annual meeting?

Consider transition of multi-regional projects to national projects, avoiding the off-the-top concerns. More effective linkages between potential participants. Consider using existing mechanisms of RR to provide multi-state support of "centers of excellence" or consolidated research for multiple states.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at noon.

WDA AGENDA BRIEF

Meeting Date: July 17 - 20, 1995
Agenda Item: 9.3
Presenter: Helen F. McHugh
Agenda Item Title: ESCOP FY1997 Budget Group
Background Information:

The FY97 Budget Committee of the Board on Agriculture met on June 21, 1995 and the following summarizes the reports from the various groups and the resulting discussions at the meeting. (provided by Milo Shult, Chair of ESCOP Budget)

- Terry Nipp reported on implications from markup activities of the House Ag Budget Subcommittee. Initial indications were that CSREES funds would be reduced 3-4% from formula, special grants and facilities. However, on June 20 conflict between the appropriations and authorization committees erupted with a possible threat of massive cuts in CSREES. This issues has not been resolved as of this writing.
- ESCOP Report. The FY97 Budget Subcommittee has had initial contacts from CSREES regarding the department budget preparation, but we do not have indications of actual lines/amount at this time. We have not worked numbers yet, primarily in anticipation of how the FY96 numbers turn out. Although CSREES has requested that we give indications of where cuts might be taken, the committee's response has been restricted to a general strategy: protect formula base, NRI would have a high priority. The Soil Quality Initiative still is being considered; but the committee will seek guidance from ESCOP in July on strategies for considering new initiatives in these confusing times.
- ECOP Budget Subcommittee also favors protection of base funds as their highest priority. The committee has developed a list of potential cuts but are not releasing those at this time.
- ACOP supports protection of challenge grants, 1890 capacity building grants, and graduate fellowships. That committee also has discussed fall-back positions and, likewise, is awaiting FY96 results.
- ICOP continues to pursue the GAP (Globalizing Agriculture Programs) initiative among its discussions on budget decisions.
- 1890 Research program directors are emphasizing the retention of base programs and are also looking to support targetted funds and facilities.
- Veterinary Medicine's first priority is the base program and second is NRI with targetted research grants under NRI to address technology transfer and new infectious diseases.
- The Board on Home Economics has base program support as its highest priority, followed by support of NRI. The BHEC stress continued support of the Higher Education lines.
- FORESTRY continues support of McIntire-Stennis and RREA in extension as well as support for NRI. The forestry community is supportive of the soil quality initiative if some emphasis on forest soils is added. That group continues to discuss an agroforestry initiative, especially given that the Forest Service is zeroing out that item in its budget.

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- CARET Report. Jim Vincent indicated that CARET desires a budget presentation that reflects integration of the functions of the Land Grant System and includes something in the theme on "Partnering."

The meeting provided ample time for discussion of philosophy and strategies for not only development of the FY97 budget request, but also displaying it in the best light possible with CARET and Congress. Chairman Browning led the group through a series of issues on theme and presentation.

The group reconfirmed the desire to have individualized impact statements from each state to show the impacts of CSREES related funds "back home" for their delegations. It was agreed that Dr. Browning would send a letter soliciting the development of impact statements, with drafts from each state to be sent to NASULGC by October 20, 1995 for distribution and discussion at Land Grant in November. Final drafts would be used by each state to prepare CAREED delegates for the February meeting.

To accommodate this, the executive summary of the FY97 budget request will be a folder with pocket for inclusion of the state impact statements. This will allow for inclusion of the last minute numbers for the budget without worrying about printing constraints.

The Board's Budget Committee for FY97 will meet next on November 1, 1995. Dr. Shult, Chair of the ESCOP Budget Subcommittee, expects to have a teleconference among his committee prior to that time -- probably when he has a fairly firm grasp on the FY96 numbers.

(This report will be amended at the meeting if developments in Washington, D.C. warrant.)

Action Requested: Discussion and comment to guide subsequent deliberations

Action Taken:

WDA AGENDA BRIEF

Meeting Date: July 16-20, 1995
Agenda Item: 9.4 ESCOP/ACOP Leadership Subcommittee
Presenter: Charles W. Laughlin, Program Coordinator
Agenda Item Title: Report from the ESCOP/ACOP Leadership Program
Background Information: _____

- Class 4 of the ESCOP/ACOP Leadership Development Program was completed with Phase III in Washington, D.C., May 31-June 2, 1995, with a total of 74 graduates. Responses from the participants over the past several weeks indicate it was a highly successful effort. Class 4's graduation concludes the two-year service of Charles W. Laughlin as the 1993-94 and 1994-95 Leadership Development Program Coordinator.
- Class 5 of the ESCOP/ACOP Leadership Development Program currently has 76 participants who will complete Phase I of the program at the University Place Conference Center and Hotel in Indianapolis, IN, from September 16 through September 22, 1995. The class is comprised of 19 women and 57 men representing 35 institutions from the following regions: 13 - western, 5 - northeastern, 16 - north central, 40 - southern; 71 are participants from the 1862 institutions, 3 from the 1890 institutions, and 2 from the USDA. Dr. James Oblinger of North Carolina State University serves as the new Leadership Development Program Coordinator.

Recommended charge to the subcommittee for 1995-96

- Purpose and direction of the activities of this program are unchanged.

Action Requested:

None requested. Information only.

Action Taken:

WDA AGENDA BRIEF

Meeting Date: July 17 1995
Agenda Item: 9.5
Presenter: Ronald S. Pardini
Agenda Item Title: C/9 Report
Background Information: _____

Committee of Nine

The Committee of Nine met on May 9-11, 1995, and included new members' orientation on the 9th and the regular C/9 meeting on the 10th and 11th. Dick Heimsch is the new western representative on C/9.

Government Performance Results Act (GRPA)

Acting Director Carlson reported on CSRFES, Walt Woods on Partnerships and George Cooper reviewed the Government Performance Results Act (GRPA). GRPA requires agencies to conduct strategic planning, set performance goals and measure and report performance. The bottom line is that more emphasis will be placed on outcomes and accountability. By September 1992, all agencies will develop a strategic plan that will be updated every three years. The mission and long term goals will be submitted to OMB and Congress. Also, short term goals that will lead to meeting long term goals will be due September 1997.

By March 2000, annual reports will be made public to determine how well each agency met its goals. The GRPA board will be chaired by the Administrator of CSRFES and include a member from ESCOP, ECOP, ICOP, ACOP, 1890 Administrators and others at the discretion of the board.

Extension Requests

C/9 reviewed extension requests and made appropriate recommendations. Please note that C/9 recommended new criteria for project extensions which includes incomplete regional research activities. The cover memo from the Administrative Advisor must justify the extension in terms of incomplete objectives. The expected outcomes of the extension should also be included in the Administrative Advisor's letter.

RRF Portfolio

C/9 conducted an initial test of prioritizing the RRF Portfolio and comparing them against national priorities as identified in the Strategic Agenda for the Experiment Station Committee on Policy (ESCOP). Each region will report on progress within region regarding analysis of these regional RRF portfolios at the next C/9 meeting.

There appears to be a pretty good match between the RRF portfolio and the strategic objectives for SAES. Out of 461 objectives in the RRF portfolio, 429 contributed to the strategic agenda for a 93% match.

Action Requested: None

Action Taken:

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APPENDIX L
RESEARCH IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
REPORT
July 16, 1995

RIC met Sunday, July 16, 1995 at the Enzian Motor Inn, Leavenworth, WA. Members present were: R. C. Heimsch (ID)(Chair), J. J. Jacobs (WY), R. Krebill (FS), L. J. Lund (CA-R), V. McCracken (WA), E. L. Miller (ES-NV), and R. S. Pardini (NV). Others participating: E. L. Civerolo (ARS-CA), S. Horn (WY), C. W. Laughlin (CO), R. D. Heil (W. Executive Director), H. Sykes (Office of the W. Executive Director), and E. M. Wilson (CSREES).

1.0 THE FOLLOWING REGIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES MARKED WITH ✓ ARE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO TERMINATE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1995 AND WERE CONSIDERED BY RIC. THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE MARKED WITH X WILL TERMINATE SEPTEMBER 30, 1995.

- ✓ W-150 Genetic Improvement of Beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) for Yield, Pest Resistance, and Value (see 3.1)
- ✓ WRCC-037 Maximizing the Effectiveness of Bees as Pollinators of Agricultural Crops (see 6.1)
- ✓ WRCC-039 Increased Efficiency in Sheep Production and Marketing of Lamb and Mutton (see 6.2)
- ✓ WRCC-043 Management of Codling Moth and Related Moths in the Orchard Ecosystem (see 6.3)
- ✓ WRCC-066 Biology and Control of the Russian Wheat Aphid (see 6.4)
- ✓ WRCC-072 Agribusiness Research Emphasizing Competitiveness (see 6.5)
- ✓ WRCC-083 Youth at Risk in Western States (see 6.6)
- ✓ WRCC-084 Community, Institutional Change and Migration in Rural America (see 6.7)
- ✓ WRCC-086 Postharvest Technology and Quarantine Treatments for Insect Control in Fruits and vegetables (see 6.8)
- ✓ WRCC-087 Sweetpotato Whitefly (see 6.9)
- ✓ WRCC-089 Potato Virus Disease Control (see 6.10)
- X WRCC-090 Water Conservation and Water Quality in Western Irrigated Agriculture

2.0 REQUESTS FOR PROJECT EXTENSIONS

2.1 W-175 Human Physiological and Perceptual Responses to the Textile-skin Interface

A request for a one-year extension of W-175 was received from Administrative Advisor H. F. McHugh (CO).

RIC recommends approval of the extension of W-175 "Human Physiological and Perceptual Responses to the Textile-skin Interface" for one year, from October 1, 1996 to September 30, 1997.

(Action of WDA: EXTENSION APPROVED)

3.0 REQUESTS FOR PROJECT REVISIONS

3.1 W-150 Genetic Improvement of Beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) for Yield, Disease Resistance, and Food Value

A project outline with the above title was received from Administrative Advisor H. P. Rasmussen (UT).

RIC recommends approval of the revision of W-150 "Genetic Improvement of Beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.)" for five years, from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 2000.

(Action of WDA: REVISION APPROVED)

4.0 REQUESTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW PROJECTS

None

5.0 REQUESTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

None

6.0 REQUESTS FOR WRCC RENEWALS OR EXTENSIONS

6.1 WRCC-37 Maximizing the Effectiveness of Bees as Pollinators of Agricultural Crops

A petition for a three-year renewal of WRCC-37 was received from Administrative Advisors E. H. Erickson (ARS-AZ) and C. C. Kaltenbach (AZ).

RIC recommends approval of the renewal of WRCC-37 "Maximizing the Effectiveness of Bees as Pollinators of Agricultural Crops" for three years, from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1998.

(Action of WDA: RENEWAL APPROVED)

6.2 WRCC-39 Educational and Research Programs for the Western Sheep and Goat Industries

A petition for a three-year renewal of WRCC-39 was received from Administrative Advisors R. L. Ax (AZ) and C. C. Kaltenbach (AZ).

RIC recommends approval of a one-year extension of WRCC-39 "Educational and Research Programs for the Western Sheep and Goat Industries" from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996. RIC concerns are: the objectives are research objectives; and one of the objectives has a marketing component, yet there does not appear to be marketing expertise on the committee.

(Action of WDA: ONE-YEAR EXTENSION APPROVED)

6.3 WRCC-43 Management of Codling Moth and Related Moths in the Orchard Ecosystem

A petition for a three-year renewal of WRCC-43 was received from Administrative Advisors G. E. Long (WA) and J. R. Carlson (WA).

RIC recommends approval of the renewal of WRCC-43 "Management of Codling Moth and Related Moths in the Orchard Ecosystem" for three years, from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1998, subject to receipt of a revised participant list reflecting the PI Participation to WRCC forms (Appendix H) that have been submitted by September 30, 1995.

(Action of WDA: CONDITIONAL RENEWAL APPROVED)

6.4 WRCC-66 Integrated Management of Russian Wheat Aphid and Other Cereal Aphids

A petition for a three-year renewal of WRCC-66 was received from Administrative Advisor L. E. O'Keeffe (ID).

RIC recommends approval of the renewal of WRCC-66 "Integrated Management of Russian Wheat Aphid and Other Cereal Aphids" for three years, from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1998.

(Action of WDA: RENEWAL APPROVED)

6.5 WRCC-72 Agribusiness Research Emphasizing Competitiveness

A request for a one-year extension of WRCC-72 was received from Administrative Advisor L. Robbins (NM).

RIC recommends approval of the extension of WRCC-72 "Agribusiness Research Emphasizing Competitiveness" for one year, from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996.

(Action of WDA: ONE-YEAR EXTENSION APPROVED)

6.6 WRCC-83 Youth at Risk in Western States

A request for a one-year extension of WRCC-83 was received from Administrative Advisors G. Leigh (NV) and R. S. Pardini (NV).

RIC recommends approval of the extension of WRCC-83 "Youth at Risk in Western States" for one year, from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996.

(Action of WDA: ONE-YEAR EXTENSION APPROVED)

6.7 WRCC-84 Community, Institutional Change and Migration in Rural America

A petition for a three-year renewal of WRCC-84 was received from Administrative Advisor V. McCracken (WA).

RIC recommends approval of the renewal of WRCC-84 "Community, Institutional Change and Migration in Rural America" for three years, from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1998 subject to the following changes in the petition: (1) Objectives be revised to include investigation of reasons for change/migration in rural communities; (2) An operational structure and communication plan be provided; and (3) It is recommended that the educational plan be expanded to state how the committee will cooperate with Extension to insure dissemination of results to rural communities.

(Action of WDA: CONDITIONAL RENEWAL APPROVED)

6.8 WRCC-86 Postharvest Technology and Quarantine Treatments for Insect Control in Horticultural Crops

A petition for a three-year renewal of WRCC-86 was received from Administrative Advisor H. P. Rasmussen (UT).

RIC recommends approval of the renewal of WRCC-86 "Postharvest Technology and Quarantine Treatments for Insect Control in Horticultural Crops" for three years, from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1998. RIC questions how and to whom information will be disseminated. The committee plans to develop a newsletter, yet does not state the frequency of the newsletter and what it will contain.

(Action of WDA: RENEWAL APPROVED)

6.9 WRCC-87 Biology and Management of Sweetpotato Whitefly, Bemisia tabaci

A request for a one-year extension of WRCC-87 was received from Administrative Advisor H. J. Vaux (CA-S).

RIC recommends approval of the extension of WRCC-87 "Biology and Management of Sweetpotato Whitefly, Bemisia tabaci" for one year, from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996.

(Action of WDA: ONE-YEAR EXTENSION APPROVED)

6.10 WRCC-89 Potato Virus Disease Control

A petition for a three-year renewal of WRCC-89 was received from Administrative Advisor R. C. Heimsch (ID).

RIC recommends approval of the renewal of WRCC-89 "Potato Virus Disease Control" for three years, from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1998.

(Action of WDA: RENEWAL APPROVED)

7.0 REQUESTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW OR AD HOC WRCC'S

7.1 WRCC- Nutrient Management and Water Quality

A request for establishment of a WRCC with the above title was received from R. C. Heimsch (ID) and T. J. McCoy (MT).

RIC recommends approval of the establishment of WRCC- "Soil, Water and Plant Analysis for Improved Nutrient Management and Water Quality" for three years, from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1998. RIC recommends the title change to reflect the focus of the stated objectives.

(Action of WDA: ESTABLISHMENT OF WRCC-103 "Soil, Water and Plant Analysis for Improved Nutrient Management and Water Quality" APPROVED)

7.2 WRCC- Rural Communities and Federal Public Lands in the West: Impacts and Alternatives

A request for establishment of an ad hoc WRCC- with the above title was submitted by R. C. Heimsch (ID).

RIC recommends establishment of the ad hoc WRCC- "Rural Communities and Federal Public Lands in the West: Impacts and Alternatives" for one year, from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996.

(Action of WDA: ESTABLISHMENT OF AC-HOC WRCC APPROVED)

7.3 WRCC- Grazing Behavior and Nutritional Status of Domestic Ruminants

A request for establishment of a WRCC with the above title was received from L. J. Koong (OR).

RIC recommends establishment of WRCC- "Grazing Behavior and Nutritional Status of Domestic Ruminants" for two years, from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1997 with the provision that during the two years the committee involves range ecologists to help address the stated objectives.

(Action of WDA: ESTABLISHMENT OF WRCC-104 APPROVED)

8.0 FOLLOW-UP OF DEFERRED/PENDING COORDINATING COMMITTEES

- 8.1 WRCC-40 Western Rangeland Research. The petition was given conditional approval in March 1995 pending receipt of a more specific title. The new title "Rangeland Ecological Research and Assessment" has been submitted for approval as requested.
- 8.2 WRCC-102 Climatic Data and Analyses for Applications in Agriculture and Natural Resources (formerly WRCC-47). The petition was given conditional approval in March 1995 pending receipt of the required PI contribution forms. The appendices for participants have been submitted as requested.
- 8.3 WRCC- Alternative Crops for the Western Region (formerly WRCC-80). The petition was deferred in March 1995 and the committee was advised to resubmit in the new format for WRCC's. The petition, in correct format with required appendices for participants, has been resubmitted as requested in March, 1995.

RIC recommends approval of WRCC- "Alternative Crops for the Western Region" for three years, from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1998.

(Action of WDA: ESTABLISHMENT OF WRCC-105 APPROVED)

- 8.4 WRCC- Science and Management of Pesticide Resistance (formerly WRCC-60). Administrative Advisors T. Holtzer (CO) and C. W. Laughlin (CO) submitted a request and provided a valid argument for RIC to reconsider the recommendation made in March 1995. RIC members were polled and a majority have recommended approval of the petition.

RIC recommends approval of the renewal of WRCC-60 "Science and Management of Pesticide Resistance" for three years, from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1998.

(Action of WDA: RENEWAL APPROVED)

9.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR ASSIGNMENTS

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

- 9.1 WRCC-11 "Turfgrass" – S. Wallner (CO) to replace K. M. Brink (CO).
- 9.2 WRCC-39 "Increased Efficiency in Sheep Production and Marketing of Lamb and Mutton" – E. O. Price (CA-D) and G Moberg (CA-D) to replace R. L. Ax (AZ) and C. C. Kaltenbach (AZ) as Lead- and Co-AA's respectively.

- 9.3 WRCC-59 "Influence of Water Quality on Poultry Production" – C. C. Kaltenbach (AZ) to replace B. L. Reid (AZ).
- 9.4 WRCC-72 "Agribusiness Emphasizing Competitiveness" – J. J. Jacobs (WY) to replace L. W. Robbins (NM) and G. L. Cunningham (NM).
- 9.5 NRSP-8 "National Animal Genome Research Program" – G. Moberg (CA-D) to replace B. M. Jones (NV).
- 9.6 WRCC-103 "Soil, Water and Plant Analysis for Improved Nutrient Management and Water Quality" – R. C. Heimsch (ID) to serve as Administrative Advisor.
- 9.7 ad hoc WRCC- "Rural Communities and Federal Public Lands in the West: Impacts and Alternatives" – G. L. Cunningham (NM) to serve as Administrative Advisor.
- 9.8 WRCC-104 "Grazing Behavior and Nutritional Status of Domestic Ruminants" – L. J. Koong (OR) to serve as Administrative Advisor.
- 9.9 WRCC-105 "Alternative Crops for the Western Region" – L. A. Daugherty (NM) and G. L. Cunningham (NM) to serve as Lead- and Co-Administrative Advisors respectively.
- 10.0 SECOND AND FOURTH-YEAR REVIEWS OF REGIONAL PROJECTS AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES

The following projects and coordinating committees appear to be progressing satisfactorily with good publication records, adequate resources and/or participation, and the committees are following their stated objectives:

SECOND YEAR REVIEWS			
NO.	TITLE	ADVISOR	REVIEWER
NRSP-7	A National Agricultural Program to Approve Animal Drugs for Minor Species and Uses	Sasser	McCracken
NRSP-8	National Animal Genome Research Program	Jones	Heimsch
W-130	Freeze Damage and Protection of Fruit and Nut Crops	Jensen	Krebill
W-166	Evaluation and Improvement of Barley for Food and Feed	Dutson	Johnson
W-168	Evaluation and Improvement of Barley for Food and Feed	Heimsch	McCracken
W-186	Genetic Variability in the Cyst and Root-Knot Nematodes	Laughlin	Heimsch
W-187	Interactions Among Bark Beetles, Pathogens, and Conifers in North American Forests	Cunningham	Krebill
WRCC-11	Turfgrass	Brink	Johnson
WRCC-21	Revegetation and Stabilization of Deteriorated and Altered Lands	Volk	Lund
WRCC-23	Textile and Apparel Research Coordination	Thompson	Jacobs

SECOND YEAR REVIEWS			
NO.	TITLE	ADVISOR	REVIEWER
WRCC-24	Grape Pests and Diseases	Civerolo	Pardini
WRCC-58	Production, Transition Handling, and Reestablishment of Perennial Nursery Stock	Johnson	Krebill
WRCC-59	Influence of Water Quality on Poultry Production	(Vacant)	Pardini
WRCC-76	Immigration and U.S. Agriculture	McCracken	Jacobs
WRCC-77	Biology and Control of Winter Annual Grass Weeds in Winter Wheat	Sommers	McCracken
WRCC-92	Beef Cattle Energetics	Carlson	Pardini
WRCC-93	Western Region Soil Survey and Inventory	Daugherty	Lund
WRCC-95	Vertebrate Pests of Agriculture, Forestry, and Public Lands	Vest	Krebill
WRCC-97	Cereal Diseases	Mathre	McCracken

FOURTH YEAR REVIEWS			
NO.	TITLE	ADVISOR	REVIEWER
W-006	Plant Genetic Resource Conservation and Utilization	Carlson	Heimsch
W-112	Reproductive Performance in Domestic Ruminants	Kaltenbach	Pardini
W-175	Human Physiological and Perceptual Relationships to the Textile-Skin Interface	McHugh	McCracken
W-183	Improvement of Rural and Agricultural Sample Survey Methods	McCracken	Johnson

RIC HAS SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO MAKE CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS AND COORDINATING COMMITTEES:

SECOND YEAR REVIEWS (specific comments)			
NO.	TITLE	ADVISOR	REVIEWER
NRSP-4	A National Agricultural Program: Clearances of Chemicals and Biologics for Minor or Special Uses	Lauchli	Pardini
<p>The usual indicators used to assess the progress of a project include meeting minutes, annual reports and the AA's evaluations. None of these were available for 1994. The last annual report was 1991. The AA is encouraged to provide the appropriate reports.</p>			

SECOND YEAR REVIEWS (specific comments)			
NO.	TITLE	ADVISOR	REVIEWER
W-147	Managing Plant Microbe Interactions in Soil to Promote Sustainable Agriculture	McCoy	Heimsch
Attendance at the annual meeting appears to be dropping and several contributing SAES's appear to be inactive in the project. In addition, the reviewer is aware that several of the SAES contributing to W-147 have more projects dealing with biotic suppression of soil borne pathogens which are not linked to W-147.			
WRCC-17	Control of Fruiting	Burke	Jacobs
The participation of federal agencies on this committee is limited. If relevant and possible, the committee should seek additional participation from federal agencies and industry.			
WRCC-91	Improving Stress Resistance of Forages in the Western United States	Mitchell	Lund
The AA reported that the group had a difficult time converting from a regional project to a WRCC. The AA has encouraged the group to add new blood by the next meeting. With additional members the WRCC has a chance for success. It will not be successful if only five scientists attend the annual meeting.			
WRCC-94	Research and Administrative Coordination in Animal Science	Carlson	Jacobs
Based on the AA's report and participation, this committee has gotten off to a very slow start. It does not appear that this committee has effectively participated in setting priorities or reviewing western region projects. The level of participation and activities need to be enhanced during the coming year. If this does not occur the committee should be disbanded.			
WRCC-96	School-Aged Youth at Risk in Single-Parent Households	Leigh	Jacobs
Based on reports submitted, the limited participation, and lack of report of accomplishments and publications, the committee should be given one year to submit: (1) outline of potential outcomes and a plan to disseminate results; (2) summary of accomplishments to date and list of publications; (3) list of active participants since December 1993.			

FOURTH YEAR REVIEWS (specific comments)			
NO.	TITLE	ADVISOR	REVIEWER
W-173	Effects of Stress Factors on Performance of Farm Animals	Kaltenbach	Lund
The RIC reviewer notes that, overall, W-173 looks like a productive regional research project. However, the annual reports contain individual reports of activities. The annual reports and minutes should reflect additional cooperative efforts.			
W-184	Chemistry and Engineering to Minimize Irrigated Agriculture's Effect on Water Quality	Reginato	Lund
Minutes and annual reports have been submitted through 1993. No AA reports in file. Overall project is progressing in a reasonable manner. However, there is need to work on AA aspects.			

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS

- 11.1 RIC discussed Extension involvement in WRCC's. Heimsch will appoint an ad hoc committee to explore ways to develop that involvement.

TENTATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR ASSIGNMENTS (as of 7/16/05)

Administrative Advisor	Projects			NRSP/IR	Western Research Coordinating Committees				
	Western Regional								
■ Ames, D. (CO)					WRCC-100+				
■ Bell, E. (FS-CA)	W-133+								
Brown, R. J. (UT)	W-143								
Burke, M. (OR)					WRCC-17				
Carlson, J. R. (WA)	W-006			NRSP-5±	WRCC-43±	WRCC-58±	WRCC-63±	WRCC-92	WRCC-94
■ Civerelo, E. (ARS-CA)					WRCC-24+				
Cunningham, G. (NM)	W-106	W-187	W-190		WRCC-80±	WRCC-90	WRCC-93±	WRCC-105±	WRCC-Rural/Public Lands
■ Daugherty, L. A. (NM)					WRCC-93+	WRCC-105+			
Dutson, T. R. (OR)	W-166	W-177							
■ Erickson, E. H. (ARS-AZ)	W-180+				WRCC-37+				
Heil, R. C. (W-ED)	W-082								
Heimsch, R. (ID)	W-122	W-168			WRCC-55±	WRCC-66±	WRCC-89	WRCC-103	
Helmick, S. H. (OR)	W-167	W-176			WRCC-98				
■ Holtzer, T. (CO)					WRCC-60+				
Jacobs, J. J. (WY)					WRCC-40	WRCC-67	WRCC-72		
Jensen, M. (AZ)	W-130				WRCC-20±				
■ Johnson, C. R. (WA)					WRCC-58+				
Kaltenbach, C. C. (AZ)	W-112	W-173	W-180±	NRSP-1±	WRCC-37±	WRCC-59	WRCC-102±		
Koong, L. J. (OR)	W-171				WRCC-99±	WRCC-104			
Lauchli, A. (CA-D)				NRSP-4/IR-4±	WRCC-24±				
Laughlin, C. W. (CO)	W-185	W-186		NRSP-3±	WRCC-60±	WRCC-69			
■ Leigh, J. (NV)					WRCC-83+	WRCC-96+			
■ Long, G. E. (WA)					WRCC-43+				
Lund, L. J. (CA-R)	W-170	W-184±	W-188						
■ Mathre, D. E. (MT)					WRCC-97+				
McCoy, T. J. (MT)	W-147								
McCracken, V. (WA)	W-183				WRCC-23±	WRCC-76	WRCC-84	WRCC-101	
McHugh, H. F. (CO)	W-175	W-182			WRCC-11±	WRCC-77±	WRCC-100±		
Mitchell, G. A. (AK)					WRCC-91				
Moberg, G. (CA-D)				NRSP-8±	WRCC-39±				
■ Nave, W. R. (ARS-CA)					WRCC-51+				
■ Nelson, J. R. (ID)					WRCC-55+				
■ Nelson, M. R. (AZ)					WRCC-20+				
■ O'Keefe, L. E. (ID)					WRCC-66+				
Pardini, R. S. (NV)	W-045	W-181	W-189		WRCC-83±	WRCC-85±	WRCC-96±		
■ Price, E. (CA-D)					WRCC-39+				
Rasmussen, H. P. (UT)	W-150				WRCC-27	WRCC-86	WRCC-95±		
■ Reginato, R. J. (ARS-CA)	W-184+								
Sasser, R. G. (ID)	W-102			NRSP-7±	WRCC-01				
■ Seemann, J. (NV)					WRCC-85+				
■ Sommers, L. (CO)					WRCC-77+				
■ Thompson, J. (WA)					WRCC-23+				

- USDA research administrators
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- ± Designates Co-Administrative Advisor in a project/committee with Lead-Administrative Advisor

TENTATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR ASSIGNMENTS (as of 7/16/95)									
Administrative Advisor	Projects				NRSP/IR	Western Research Coordinating Committees			
	Western Regional								
Vaux, H. J. (CA-R)	W-133±					WRCC-87			
■ Vest, G. (UT)						WRCC-95+			
Volk, V. V. (OR)	W-128				NRSP-6±	WRCC-21			
■ Wallner, S. (CO)						WRCC-11+			
■ Weber, L. (OR)						WRCC-99+			
Webster, R. K. (CA-S)						WRCC-51±			
■ Wierenga, P. (AZ)						WRCC-102+			
■ Witters, R. (OR)						WRCC-81+			

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WDA AGENDA BRIEF

Agenda Item 11.1



EXPERIMENT STATION COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND POLICY
Experiment Station Section
The Division of Agriculture
National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges

May 8, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the ESCOP Strategic Planning Subcommittee

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R. G. Merrifield (TX)	R. C. Heimsch (ID)
R. L. Lower (ED-NC)	D. MacKenzie (ED-NE)
R. D. Heil (ED-W)	G. A. Buchanan (GA)
C. J. Scifres (AR)	R. D. Steele (WI)
R. H. Miller (RI)	D. W. Nelson (NE)
G. E. Klonglan (IA)	H. P. Rasmussen (UT)
M. J. Shult (AR)	J. A. Naegele (NH)
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D. G. Thawley (MN)	

RE: Meeting for Mid-Term Update

Members of the Subcommittee are asked to indicate dates in August during which they would not be able to participate in the meeting for the Mid-Term Update of the SAES-USDA Strategic Research Plan and to provide comments on the proposed review of overall process and product for the quadrennial revision. Your response by May 20, 1995 will be appreciated.

As most will recall, this summer is the time when the Subcommittee meets to develop the Mid-Term update to the SAES-USDA Strategic Research Plan. Also, the schedule calls for our initial thinking on the next major quadrennial revision of the Plan, with the workshop occurring in the summer of 1997.

At the February meeting of ESCOP, I proposed that we devote a substantial effort in our next Subcommittee meeting to reviewing and possibly revising the process, format, and content of the plan. At the April meeting of the ESCOP Executive Committee, I posed a series of questions as a basis for gaining input from the committee for our

summer meeting. The result of these discussions in ESCOP was that our committee should consider the following:

- (1) Take a fresh look at the process and content of the plan,
- (2) where possible and relevant, draw on the several intercurrent planning and futuring activities underway in the overall system,
- (3) engage the strategic planning activity of CSREES and assure appropriate linkages with the SAES-USDA plan, and
- (4) examine the extent to which some form of joint planning with Extension and Higher Education should be included in the next revision of this plan.

ESCOP felt that the series of questions posed for their discussion were very relevant to our forthcoming deliberations and suggested that they be considered as a point of departure at our next meeting. These questions are attached for your consideration.

All of this boils down to proposing to the Subcommittee that we take a couple of steps back and have a new look at how we plan and what we plan at our summer meeting. The result of this deliberation should provide the basis for proceeding with more specific actions.

I would suggest for the Subcommittee's consideration that we have the following tasks to accomplish at the summer meeting:

1. Consider the approach for next generation strategic planning for the SAES-USDA partnership -- as indicated above.
2. Derive from this a revised approach, content and schedule for the 1998 revision of the plan.
3. Agree on responsibilities of Subcommittee members and schedules for the long-lead-time activities that should begin in the next year to provide appropriate input to the quadrennial update (in the summer of 1997)
4. Consider how much of a revision to make with the Mid-Term update (our practice has been to modify the existing document, not do a total revision, at the half-way mark in the four year cycle).
5. As a minimum, review and revise, if necessary, the initiative and objective statements and cross cutting issues in the plan in anticipation of a January, 1996 publication of the Mid-Term Update. We should leave the summer meeting with a hard draft in hand of the revisions needed for the Mid-Term Update.

6. Send the revised initiative and objective statements to SAES Directors in the October time frame for their individual vote -- leading to the regional and national priorities.
7. Provide this input to the National Agricultural Research Committee (NARC) for their late November meeting; and through the NARC to the Joint Council.
8. Assure involvement and commitment of the USDA partner in developing and using the Mid-Term Update of the SAES-USDA Strategic Research Plan.
9. Develop and a plan for publishing and effective marketing of the Mid-Term Update

This list of actions shows the substantial effort required to continue the strategic planning activity for the SAES-USDA partnership. The commitment of members of the Subcommittee to make this happen is also the key ingredient. Thus, it would seem important for our Subcommittee to have a thorough debate of the issues and develop as strong a consensus and ownership as possible about what we do in the future. The Subcommittee, with relatively limited augmentation by invited participants, has done the Mid-Term Update.

Executive Directors are invited to submit input from their Regional Associations for modification of initiative, objective, and cross cutting issue statements -- along with any other more general recommendations. This input should be available in the mid-July time frame to assure adequate time for consideration in advance of the meeting.

Having provided this preliminary overview of our options and actions, I would suggest that we need to plan a meeting of two and a half days to accomplish what needs to be done. I would hope that a substantial amount of home-work can be done in advance of the meeting. It is suggested that the first day be devoted to looking at the overall planning process and product; that the second day be devoted to reviewing and finalizing revisions of draft initiative and objective statements for the Mid-Term Update -- which might be drafted by members of the Subcommittee prior to the meeting; and that the last half day be devoted to planning the next quadrennial update.

To provide input to the NARC process, with antecedent voting by directors and aggregation of results, we should plan to have our meeting prior to September 1, 1995. We are attaching a calendar for August and ask that you indicate those dates *during which you cannot meet*. In addition to providing us a response on schedule for the meeting, I would appreciate your reaction to the above plan of action and approach for the next round of Subcommittee activities.

WDA AGENDA BRIEF

Meeting date: July 17-20, 1995
Agenda item: 11.2
Presenter: Charles W. Laughlin and/or Helen F. McHugh
Agenda item title: Great Plains Agricultural Council

Background Information:

The decision to disband the Great Plains Agricultural Council this fall leaves a void in some important areas. Directors of Great Plains states that are a part of the Western Region request permission from the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors to establish a WRCC on PRODUCTION AND POLICY ISSUES FOR THE GREAT PLAINS.

The purpose of the coordinating committee would be to bring together representatives from universities and state/federal agencies to consider issues that are unique to the Great Plains area. Discussions would focus on agricultural enterprises, natural resource management and economic/policy issues and their impact on the Great Plains region. The coordinating committee would serve as a "think tank" for identifying new and emerging issues of special import to this ten state region.

The composition of the committee would be expected to include both researchers and outreach personnel from universities in the Great Plains as well as representatives of various state/federal agencies with interest and responsibilities in the Great Plains area. The Administrative Advisor for the committee should be from one of the Great Plains states and familiar with the breadth of participation customary for these endeavors.

(Since the area referred to as the Great Plains may not be known to all directors of the Western Region and some may not be familiar with the Great Plains Agricultural Council, a document under preparation is included for information)

Action Requested: Consideration of the proposal; possible endorsement of the concept, and agreement on directors to move forward with the proposal.

(draft -- June 29, 1995)

CHALLENGES AND ISSUES OF THE GREAT PLAINS

THE GREAT PLAINS

The Great Plains is a unique region in the United States because of its size, natural resource base, climatic diversity, and agricultural focus. The ten states encompassing the Great Plains represent about 700 million acres, approximately 31 percent of the land mass of the 48 contiguous states. The physical environment is predominantly semiarid. Dramatic extremes in elevation, temperature, precipitation, evaporation, and wind direction and velocity contribute to a highly variable and stressful environment. The region encompasses large expanses of rangelands; yet, heavy concentrations of confined livestock feeding operations and associated processing facilities are also found. The management of water resources is a critical factor in the region for both dryland production and irrigated crops.

The ten Great Plains states are responsible for the production of agricultural commodities vital to both domestic and foreign markets. While the Great Plains represents less than a third of the total land mass of the U.S., nearly half of the beef cattle and over 60 percent of the wheat produced in the U.S. come from this area. Significant positive impacts on the foreign balance of trade have been derived historically from Great Plains wheat and other small grains. Recent trade agreements are expected to reduce barriers to beef export which should enhance that commodity's importance to the region's economy.

Nowhere else in the United States is wheat the pivotal crop in any dryland cropping system. In no other region will one find the concentration of CRP acres as in the Great Plains. These CRP acres are in place largely for wind erosion. Wind erosion is an environmental risk for both crop production and rangelands. The loss of vegetation leaves the lands susceptible to water erosion as well as the adverse effect on air quality.

The natural resource base of the region is relatively fragile. Multiple users place increasing demands on these resources. Population in the Great Plains is distributed among small communities, with relatively few large population centers making the area, in essence, void of urban populations. Delivery of services in the region has the challenge of distance separating the sparse population.

The characteristics that make the region unique and create the special challenges for its residents led states and others units committed to the area to seek ways in which common problems might be addressed. The result was the formation of the Great Plains Agricultural Council.

THE GREAT PLAINS AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL

The Great Plains Agricultural Council (GPAC) was created about 50 years ago through the cooperation and support of a number of federal agencies (largely within the USDA) and land grant universities. The Council was established to address issues related to agriculture and natural resources of the region. The region includes parts of ten states but no state in its entirety. Those ten states are distributed among three of the four USDA regions.

The Council has a half dozen standing committees, each with a subject matter orientation. Task forces may be established to address specific topics within a set time frame. These committees and task forces have produced reports and publications and/or held conferences and workshops on various topics of special concern to the region. The products have been substantive and of good quality; several have become standard subject matter references for professionals. The timing of several recent documents have made them important references for policy makers.

Despite these positive outcomes from the efforts of those collaborating under the auspices of the Council and the addition of some new cooperating agencies and a major non land grant university, financial support for the Council's work has eroded. The erosion began in 1992 and has increased to the point where only three federal members remain willing to commit resources beyond the current fiscal year. Upon recommendation of its Executive Committee, the membership at its meeting in Albuquerque in early June voted to disband the Council. No official meetings will be authorized to be held beyond September 30, 1995.

THE ISSUE

Even though the GPAC is being disbanded, the challenges of the Great Plains remain. In the deliberations that preceded the above recommendation, several participants in GPAC activities argued for an avenue by which professionals from both federal and state agencies and universities could address issues of import to this unique region. A factor that sets the GPAC apart from the USDA regional structure is that GPAC subgroups include both researchers and outreach personnel from the universities as well as professionals from a host of federal units working together on a common topic. Collaboration among these diverse professionals is felt to be a key element in the outcomes of the Council's efforts. The issue appears to have two aspects:

1. maintaining a vehicle with which to carry out regional research, education and outreach for the Great Plains as a region, and
2. offering a means by which university research, university extension, federal agencies, and state agencies can interact to effectively address key agricultural and natural resource issues across states in the Great Plains.

DEVISING AN ALTERNATIVE

Given the involvement of a wide range of professionals focusing on an issue of import to the Great Plains -- an area overlapping three of the USDA regions, a variation from the current regional research structure may offer a solution. The creation of CSREES within USDA has brought together research, outreach and education coincidental with this developing need in the Great Plains area. With a distinct identifier [e.g., GP] for those committees that would focus on this unique area (not to alter the definition of the current four regions) and to adjust the guidelines for the composition and orientation of these groups, it is believed that the work of the Great Plains could go forward.

It is proposed that representatives from the GPAC work with the regional associations (namely, Dr. Robert Heil -- Western Region Executive Director, and Dr. Richard Lower -- North Central Executive Director) to explore alternative arrangements within the regional research structure through which agricultural and natural resource issues of the Great Plains may be addressed.

Action Requested: Consideration of the proposal, endorsement of the concept and designation of representative(s) to work with Drs. Heil and Lower in preparing a proposal to move through appropriate channels.

WDA AGENDA BRIEF

Meeting Date: July 16-20, 1995
Agenda Item: 14.0
Presenter: R. D. Heil
Agenda Item Title: Executive Director's Report
Background Information: _____

- Summary of Activities from March through July 1995
 - At the invitation of Dick Heimsch, attended meeting of WRCC-89 "Potato Virus Disease Control", in Colorado Springs. This group represents an excellent mix of scientists doing basic, applied and developmental research. On a downside note, discussions at the meeting were symptomatic of what we see happening in general, i.e., due to funding problems and priorities not being filled, the extent of the research effort is being downsized very significantly.
 - At the invitation of Gary McIntyre, I attended the meeting of the Western Region IPM Technical Review panel meeting in Denver. I was impressed with the quality of the work of the panel and the proposals that were reviewed.
 - Appreciated the opportunity to serve as the facilitator for the University of Guam – College of Agriculture retreat from May 23-26. Drs. Chin T. Lee and R. Muniappan were excellent hosts and I greatly appreciated working with them and the dedicated faculty there in charting their course for the future..
 - Made a presentation entitled "Future of Agricultural Research" at the Western Crop Science meeting held in Ft. Collins in June. We discussed the possible role of this group in assisting the WAAESD in establishing research priorities in the area of plant systems. They indicated an interest in doing this. I would appreciate feedback in the possibility of utilizing this group, plus other regional societies such as the Western Weed Society in identifying regional research needs and priorities.
 - Developed a draft of a paper titled "Agricultural R&D – A Look to the Future" which I have shared with you. I have shared this also with the FY97 ESCOP and NASULGC Budget Committees and with the ARI Board of Directors. ARI utilized some of the information in a letter to Congressional folks in support of the research budget.
 - A large amount of time during this period was spent associated with travel and activities of the following committees:
 - ESCOP FY96 Budget Subcommittee
 - ESCOP FY97 Budget Subcommittee
 - NASULGC FY96 Budget Subcommittee
 - NASULGC FY97 Budget Subcommittee
 - ESCOP Executive Committee
 - ESCOP Chair Advisory Committee
 - ESCOP/ACOP Leadership Development Committee
 - ARI Board of Directors
 - Western Regional SARE Administrative Council
 - PBAG Administrative Council
 - ESCOP Strategic Planning Subcommittee
 - Paul Rasmussen and I attended an ARS "Visioning and Planning" workshop in Dallas on June 29-30. ARS has held, or will hold, five of these conferences nationwide. The meeting in Dallas involved the Northern and Southern Plains

Regions. The primary purpose of the workshops is to develop priorities for the agency to address GPRA.

- It should be pointed out that ARS and SARE reimbursed the Executive Director's office for travel expenses. Also, my expenses to Guam were covered by the University of Guam.
- It seems appropriate for this report to express my appreciation to ACOP and the Board on Agriculture for their consideration of me as a nominee for the position of CSREES Administrator. For a variety of reasons I have expressed my desire to not be nominated. I do feel honored and humbled to have been considered.
- The period from March through July has involved considerable travel. And with Paul Rasmussen becoming Chair of ESCOP, the amount of travel will continue to be heavy for the next year. During this period I have made 12 trips involving about 45 days of travel.

Action Requested: None

Action Taken: None

WDA AGENDA BRIEF

Meeting Date: June 20, 1995

Agenda Item: 16.0

Presenter : Chin T. Lee

Agenda Item Title: Guam State Report

Background Information: _____

GovGuam, the Pacific Daily News Headlines on June 25, 1995 screamed, is "all tapped out". That means the Wall Street credit watchers think that they don't want to see GovGuam try to float any more bonds beyond the latest \$115 million issue, at least not until they sufficiently resolve its current finances. The New York money men figured that GovGuam latest debt is up to \$332.5 million. That is all very true. But there is another side of the story. GovGuam has gained far more than that \$332.5 million in the past couple of years, thanks to the generosity of the federal government. They are getting Naval Air Station back. This 1,900 acres of land, smack dab in the middle of the island, is worth a fortune up to a billion dollars. Also, the existing usable building will house at least 25 GovGuam department and offices.

There is an announced plan to close the Guam Ship Repair Facility and Fleet Industrial Supply Center and the net cost to Guam of 1,800 jobs.

The Governor's budget proposes a 10.5% decrease for University of Guam FY 1996. There is no salary increments for FY 1996 and 1997 for employees at the University of Guam. Vacant positions are not being filled.

The new College of Agriculture and Life Sciences building with construction cost of \$7.7 million will be completed by the end of September of this year. The new building overlooking the Pacific Ocean, will provide 50,000 square feet dedicated classrooms, laboratories, and faculty and administrators offices.

Action Requested: For information only.

WDA AGENDA BRIEF

MEETING DATE: July 17-20, 1995
AGENDA ITEM: 16.0 STATE REPORTS
PRESENTER: Harry Yamamoto
AGENDA ITEM TABLE: Aloha and Mahalo for Ned Kefford

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Ned Kefford retired as Dean and Director of the Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University on June 29, 1995. Ned attended his first meeting of western experiment station directors in 1976. The meeting was organized by UC Berkeley and all Ned can remember of the meeting is that it was held in a motel beside the bay and the western directors shared the site with the Budweiser Clydesdales.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Ned requests acceptance by the association of his thanks for the friendship and support he has enjoyed from the succession of directors with whom he has served.

