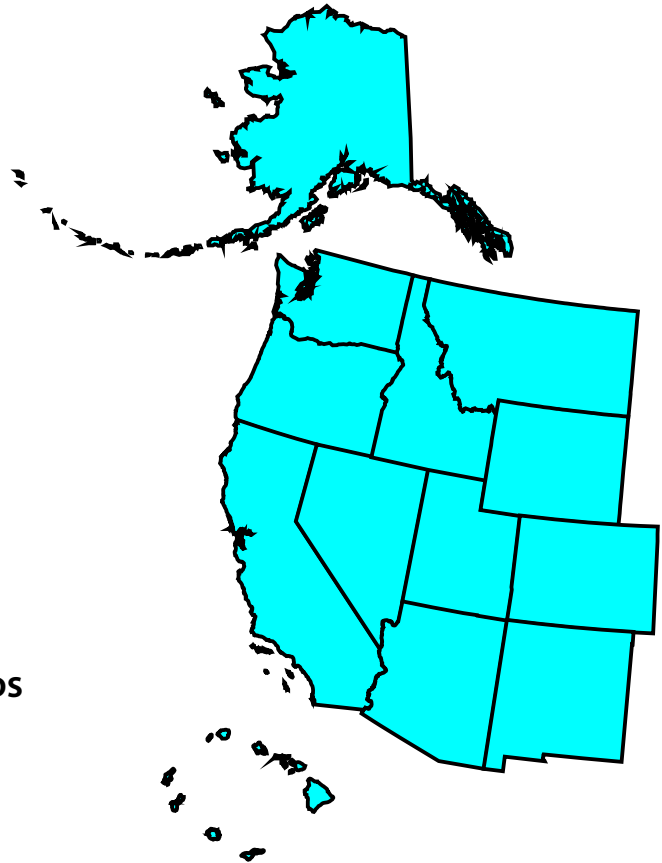


MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION DIRECTORS

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SHELTER POINTE HOTEL
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
MARCH 22-24, 2000

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

1.0	Approved the minutes of the September 1999 Meeting as circulated	1
2.0	NRSP-001 funding request - recommended to not approve at this time. Recommended that the request be resubmitted for Summer Meeting	1
3.0	NRSP-003 funding request - recommended approval of the request contingent upon an increase in Hatch Funds to accommodate the request	2
4.0	NRSP-004 funding request - recommended approval of the request at FY00 level	2
5.0	NRSP-005 funding request - recommended approval for a three percent salary increase contingent upon an increase in Hatch Funds to accommodate the increase	2
6.0	NRSP-006 funding request - recommended approval for a three percent salary increase contingent upon an increase in Hatch Funds to accommodate the increase	2
7.0	NRSP-008 funding request - recommended approval of request for a 2.4 percent increase in the base budget contingent upon an increase in Hatch funds to accommodate the requested increase	2
8.0	W-006 funding request - recommended approval of a four percent increase for salaries contingent upon an increase in Hatch Funds to accommodate the increase	2
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WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF
 AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION DIRECTORS
 San Diego, California
 March 22-24, 2000
MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

AMERICAN SAMOA	Carol Whitaker	NEW MEXICO	LeRoy Daugherty
ALASKA	G. Allen Mitchell	OREGON	Sandra Helmick
ARIZONA	C. Colin Kaltenbach		Lavern J. Weber
CALIFORNIA	Henry Vaux, Jr.	UTAH	H. Paul Rasmussen
	Philip A. Roberts		H. Grant Vest
	Michael Parrella	WASHINGTON	James R. Carlson
COLORADO	Lee E. Sommers		Ralph Cavalieri
GUAM	John Brown	WYOMING	James J. Jacobs
HAWAII	Catherine Cavaletto		George Vance
IDAHO	Richard Heimsch	ARS	Andrew C. Hammond
	Donald Robertson	CSREES	Edward "Ted" M. Wilson
MICRONESIA	Singeru Singeo	EXTENSION LIAISON	Lanny Lund
MONTANA	Don Kress	WRDC	Steve Daniels
NEVADA	Ronald Pardini	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Robert D. Heil
	David Thawley	OFFICE-EXEC. DIR.	Harriet Sykes

1.0 Call to Order/Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vaux. Vaux welcomed the meeting participants to San Diego and provided information on the meeting schedule and arrangements. The agenda for the meeting is included as Appendix A, p. 9.

2.0 Approval of Minutes of September 1999 Meeting

The motion was made and seconded **to approve the minutes of the September 1999 Meeting as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.**

3.0 Chair Report/Interim Actions/Executive Committee Report

Vaux reported that he had taken no interim actions.

The Executive Committee met March 22, 2000. Items that were discussed and are on the agenda will be reported at that time. These are: (1) Executive Director retirement, Agenda Item 7.2; and (2) 2001 Spring WDA Meeting, Agenda Item 12.3.

Off-the-Top funding requests for the NRSP projects and Western Regional Trusts were reviewed. The Executive Committee recommends the following:

NRSP-001 - **Recommend to not approve at this time. Recommend that the request be resubmitted for Summer Meeting.** Clarification is requested for the shift of approximately \$40,000 of the request from the "Other Sources of Funding Category" to the Multistate Research Fund without explanation. Is the Multistate Research Fund

being asked to provide for the FY01 increase? Why is the increase not prorated across all sources? **MOTION CARRIED.**

NRSP-003 - **Recommend approval of the request contingent upon an increase in Hatch Funds to accommodate the request. MOTION CARRIED.**

NRSP-004 - **Recommend approval of the request at FY00 level.** No increase was requested. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NRSP-005 - **Recommend approval for a three percent salary increase contingent upon an increase in Hatch Funds to accommodate the increase. MOTION CARRIED.**

NRSP-006 - **Recommend approval for a three percent salary increase contingent upon an increase in Hatch Funds to accommodate the increase. MOTION CARRIED.**

NRSP-008 - **Recommend approval of request for a 2.4 percent increase in the base budget contingent upon an increase in Hatch funds to accommodate the requested increase. MOTION CARRIED.**

W-006 - **Recommend approval of a four percent increase for salaries contingent upon an increase in Hatch Funds to accommodate the increase. MOTION CARRIED.**

Preliminary information was provided on the Executive Director office budget. The budget, including salary adjustments for the Executive Director and Administrative Analyst, will be finalized for presentation at the Summer Meeting.

4.0 Treasurer's Report

Kress presented the Treasurer's Report, included as Appendix B, pp. 10-12.

5.0 State Reports

The following states presented state reports: American Samoa, Idaho, Nevada, Alaska, Washington, Utah, Guam, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Micronesia, New Mexico, Oregon, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. Written state reports are included as Appendix C, pp. 13-21.

6.0 CSREES Federal Partner Report/Discussion

Wilson provided updated information on the status of rules and guidelines related to POW's; multistate research and multistate integrated activities; 401, 406; and the Fund for Rural America. This information is included as Appendix D, pp. 22-34.

The Directors also had additional discussion regarding the allocation of Hatch funds. Because of formulas developed over time, the Multistate Fund allocations to the various Experiment Stations range from zero to fifty-eight percent of their total Hatch allocation. The motion was made and seconded that **the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors, as a body, requests that the**

Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service revise their allocation process so that the total of Hatch Funds allocated to each individual Agricultural Experiment Station remains the same and that twenty-five percent of this allocation be designated for use as Multistate Funds. MOTION CARRIED.

Kaltenbach will use this resolution to seek support from ESCOP and for presentation to CSREES.

7.0 Special Business/Policy Items

7.1 Integration of RIC and RCIC

Heil reported that the RCIC had met January 31, prior to the Western Extension Directors Meeting in Las Vegas, NV. Results from that meeting are contained in the Executive Director Report, included in Appendix L, pp. 52-73.

7.2 Executive Director Retirement Plans

Vaux reported that the Executive Director is currently planning to retire June 29, 2001 with the last official day in the office of May 16, 2001 to allow for 34 days annual leave.

With the retirement of the Executive Director and the changes in federal legislation, the Directors may want to evaluate a new mission for the next Executive Director and bring all the components of the land-grant institutions together.

Vaux appointed a committee of H. Paul Rasmussen, Chair; Dick Heimsch; Phil Roberts; and Lee Sommers to develop the position description and announcement for presentation and approval at the Summer Meeting. Jim Christensen is to be invited as the Cooperative Extension representative if Cooperative Extension desires to participate.

7.3 Assessments

Vaux opened the discussion by commenting on the various assessments that are made on members of the Association and that, as new assessments are levied, older assessments are not phased out. The motion was made and seconded **that the WDA Chair appoint a committee to look at the totality of assessments and how assessments are made and make recommendations on how assessments can be dealt with in a more systematic way at the Joint Summer Meeting. MOTION CARRIED.**

The Assessments Committee will be composed of David Thawley, Chair; Colin Kaltenbach; and LeRoy Daugherty.

8.0 Regional/National Committee Reports

8.1 ESCOP

Heimsch presented the ESCOP Report, included as Appendix E, p. 35.

8.2 ESCOP Advocacy/Marketing

Kaltenbach reported that the committee had met briefly by conference call and would have a full meeting in April after the ESCOP Executive Committee meeting.

He reported that CFAR was a coalition that was organized in Illinois several years ago to increase funding for agricultural research in the state. It has been able to obtain an additional \$12 million a year for agricultural research. Most of the funding goes to the land-grant institution. The money is lobbied for by the coalition and expenditures are directed by the coalition. The coalition is driven by stakeholders, not the land-grant institution.

Efforts are now underway to try to capture the success of the Illinois CFAR and apply it to a national organization.

8.3 ESCOP Budget Committee

Jacobs presented preliminary information on the FY2001 Research Budget, included as Appendix F, pp. 36-37. Concern was expressed at the use of the term "grazing lands" in the budget language. Preferable terms would be "range lands" and "pasture lands."

8.4 ESCOP Science & Technology/Impact Assessment

Pardini reported on the ESCOP Science & Technology and Impact Assessment activities, included as Appendix G, p. 38. He commented that several ESCOP subcommittees have been active: Genetic Resources and Genomics. The ESCOP Social Sciences Subcommittee is dealing with three subcommittees: the GMO Taskforce; Farm Production Management Task Force; and Communities, Families and Children at Risk. Other task forces have been established by ESCOP.

8.5 ESCOP Partnership Committee

Sommers reported that the ESCOP Partnership Committee had not met since September 1999. There have been several conference calls. The next thing the committee is planning is a joint meeting with Extension. The committee is struggling to find where it fits within the reorganized ESCOP structure.

8.6 ESCOP Planning Committee

Heimsch presented the ESCOP Planning Committee Report, included as Appendix H, p. 39.

8.7 GLCI (Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative)

Daugherty provided an update on the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative, included as Appendix I, p. 40.

9.0 RIC Report

Mitchell presented the RIC Report. The RIC Report and related WDA actions is included as Appendix J, pp. 41-45.

10.0 Liaison Reports

10.1 ARS Report

Hammond presented the ARS Report, included as Appendix K, pp. 46-51.

10.2 Forest Service Report

No report was presented.

10.3 NAPFSC Report

No report was presented.

10.4 Extension Liaison Report

Lund reported that the Western Extension Directors are going to conduct a leadership development program that will be modeled after the national ESCOP/ACOP Leadership Development Program. It will be a two-year program and the initial cost would be \$1,200 per participant. Information will be sent to the Western AES Directors in the event they have potential participants.

Carol Whitaker volunteered to serve as the liaison from the Western AES Directors to the planning group for the Western Extension Leadership Development Program.

11.0 Executive Director's Report

Heil presented the Executive Director's Report, included as Appendix L, pp. 52-73.

12.0 Future Meetings

12.1 Summer 2000 Meeting

Pardini reported that the Summer 2000 Joint Meeting would be July 16-19, 2000 in Lake Tahoe, NV. RIC will meet on July 16. Information on the draft schedule of activities is included as Appendix M, pp. 74-77.

12.2 Fall AES Meeting

Heil reported that the Fall AES Meeting will be held in conjunction with the AES Workshop September 25-28, 2000 in New Orleans, LA.

12.3 Spring 2001 Meeting

Vaux reported that the Spring 2001 WDA Meeting would be held March 14-16, 2001 in Tucson, AZ.

12.4 Summer 2001 Meeting

Sommers reported that the Summer 2001 Joint Meeting would be July 15-18, 2001 in Keystone, CO.

13.0 Resolutions

The motion was made, seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to approve the following three resolutions.**

Resolution #1

WHEREAS, Dr. James Carlson, having served as Associate Dean for Research with the Washington Agricultural Experiment Station; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carlson provided outstanding contributions to the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors as a member for 7 ½ years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carlson served as chair of the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carlson has provided much service to the Association; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carlson had a distinguished career as an animal scientist at Washington State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carlson served as Department Head of Animal Science at Washington State University for 11 ½ years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carlson is retiring March 31, 2000 from Washington State University after a distinguished 34 year career, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors at their meeting in San Diego, CA on March 24, 2000 expresses its sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Dr. James Carlson for the significant contributions he has made to our Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the original of this resolution be provided to Dr. James Carlson and that a copy be filed as part of the official minutes of this meeting.

Resolution #2

WHEREAS, Dr. H. Grant Vest, having served as Associate Director of the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vest provided outstanding contributions to the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors as a member since 1995; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vest served on RIC from 1998 to 2000 and served as chair in 1998 and attended all meetings of RIC since joining the Association; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vest served as Co-Chair of RCIC from 1999 – 2000; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vest served as both Western Representative and ESCOP Representative to the ESCOP Leadership Development Course form 1996 – 1998; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vest had a distinguished career as a plant breeder with USDA in Beltsville, MD and Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vest served as Department Head of Horticulture at Oklahoma State University, Department Head of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture at Texas A&M University, and Department Head of Plant, Soil and Biometeorology at Utah State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vest is retiring March 31, 2000 from Utah State University, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors at their meeting in San Diego, CA on March 24, 2000 expresses its sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Dr. H. Grant Vest for the significant contributions he has made to our Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the original of this resolution be provided to Dr. H. Grant Vest and that a copy be filed as part of the official minutes of this meeting.

Resolution #3

WHEREAS, the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors met in San Diego, California March 22-24, 2000; and

WHEREAS, those attending were educated through meetings and a field trip; and

WHEREAS, accommodations for the meetings were both comfortable and conducive to effective interaction resulting in a successful meeting; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors expresses its appreciation to Dr. Henry Vaux for arranging the facilities and coordinating the meeting and to County Director Diane Wallace for coordinating an excellent field trip; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the original of this resolution be provided to Dr. Henry Vaux and that a copy be filed as part of the official minutes of this meeting.

14.0 Other Business

14.1 Western Rural Development Center

Steve Daniels, Director of the Western Rural Development Center, updated the Directors on activities since its move to Utah State University in the fall of 1999.

He asked the Directors to study information on the Rural Development Scholars program included, in Appendix N, pp. 78-86, and provide him with input.

He asked for two members from the Western Directors to participate in the prototype board of directors meeting scheduled for May 24-25. The board will develop recommendations on policies and procedures to present for approval at the Joint Summer Meeting in Lake Tahoe. Jim Jacobs and Michael Parrella will serve on the prototype board.

He commented that the NASULGC Board on Agriculture had proposed changes to the FY2001 Budget request that includes increased funding for the rural development centers. Terry Nipp of AESOP suggested that the regional rural development centers seek Congressional letters of support from each of the land-grant institutions to the NASULGC Board on Agriculture for increased funding. In lieu of individual letters from directors, a letter from the Western Directors Association will be provided to Steve Daniels in support of the WRDC.

15.0 Adjourn

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

APPENDIX A
AGENDA
Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors
Annual Spring Meeting
San Diego, California
March 22-24, 2000

Wednesday, March 22

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. RIC Meeting
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday Evening: Reception hosted by University of California

Thursday Morning, March 23

8:00	1.0	Call to Order/Welcome	H. J. Vaux
8:10	2.0	Approval of Minutes of September 1999 Meeting	H. J. Vaux
8:15	3.0	Chair Report/Interim Actions/Executive Committee Report	H. J. Vaux
8:30	4.0	Treasurer's Report	S. Quisenberry
8:40	5.0	State Reports (Include in addition to status report any questions, concerns, ideas, that would benefit from discussion by group)	
10:00	Break		
10:15	6.0	Federal Partner Report/Discussion	E. M. Wilson
		(Status on rules, guidelines, etc., related to POW's; multistate research and multistate integrated activities; 401, 406; Fund for Rural America)	
11:00	7.0	Special Business/Policy Items	
	7.1	Integration of RIC and RCIC	R. D. Heil
	7.2	Executive Director Retirement Plans	H. J. Vaux
	7.3	Assessments	H. J. Vaux
12:00 noon		Lunch and depart for tour arranged by University of California. (A box lunch will be provided on the bus to provide additional time for the tour. Spouses are welcome to join tour.)	

Thursday Evening: Group dinner arranged by University of California

Friday Morning, March 24

	8.0	Regional/National Committee Reports	
8:00	8.1	ESCOP	R. C. Heimsch
8:05	8.2	ESCOP Advocacy/Marketing	C. Kaltenbach
8:10	8.3	ESCOP Budget Committee	J. J. Jacobs
8:15	8.4	ESCOP Science & Technology/Impact Assessment	R. S. Pardini
8:20	8.5	ESCOP Partnership Committee	L. E. Sommers
8:25	8.6	ESCOP Planning Committee	R. C. Heimsch
8:30	8.7	GLCI (Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative)	L. A. Daugherty
8:35	9.0	RIC Report	G. A. Mitchell
	10.0	Liaison Reports	
9:00	10.1	ARS Report	A. Betschart
9:15	10.2	Forest Service Report	G. Ruark
9:30	10.3	NAPFSC Report	C. Hatch
9:45	10.4	Extension Liaison Report	L. J. Lund
10:00	Break		
10:15	11.0	Executive Director's Report	R. D. Heil
11:00	12.0	Future Meetings	
	12.1	Summer 2000 Meeting	R. S. Pardini
	12.2	Fall AES Meeting	R. D. Heil
	12.3	Spring 2001 Meeting	H. J. Vaux
	12.4	Summer 2001 Meeting	L. E. Sommers
11:15	13.0	Resolutions	L. A. Daugherty/P. A. Roberts
11:30	14.0	Other Business	H. J. Vaux
12:00	15.0	Adjourn	

APPENDIX B
TREASURER'S REPORT

**WESTERN DIRECTOR AT LARGE
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FY 2000**

February 25, 2000

ASSESSMENTS

		Payment	Balance Due
Am Samoa	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
Micronesia	600.00	600.00	0.00
Northern Marianas	600.00	0.00	600.00
Alaska	10,129.73	10,129.73	0.00
Arizona	17,620.11	17,620.11	0.00
California	27,032.23	27,032.23	0.00
Colorado	20,248.80	12,448.80	7,800.00
Guam	9,878.58	9,878.58	0.00
Hawaii	13,066.91	13,066.91	0.00
Idaho	15,665.64	15,665.64	0.00
Montana	16,539.14	16,539.14	0.00
Nevada	12,848.55	12,848.55	0.00
New Mexico	13,296.24	13,296.24	0.00
Oregon	19,934.96	19,934.96	0.00
Utah	17,346.85	17,346.85	0.00
Washington	26,217.30	26,217.30	0.00
Wyoming	14,890.41	14,890.41	0.00
Colorado Rent	(7,800.00)		(7,800.00)
Assessment Total	\$228,715.45	\$228,115.45	\$600.00

INCOME/EXPENSE

Date	Transaction	Income	Expense	Balance
07/01/99	June 30, 1998 Balance forward			\$357.62
YTD	FY2000 Assessments Received	\$228,115.45		228,473.07
07/30/99	June Interest	\$24.15		228,497.22
10/08/99	July Interest	14.83		228,487.90
10/14/99	August Interest	14.72		228,502.62
12/07/99	September Interest	60.78		228,563.40
12/23/99	October Interest	432.83		228,996.23
01/03/00	November Interest	735.59		229,731.82
01/14/00	December Interest	823.36		230,555.18
02/22/00	January Interest	844.98		231,400.16
09/20/99	Montana Accounting Expense		2,500.00	228,900.16
08/27/99	University of Wyoming Heil Apr-Jun		36,030.96	192,869.20
09/10/99	CSU Operating Expense Jul-Sep		13,880.00	178,989.20
11/17/99	CSU Operating Expense Oct-Dec		13,880.00	165,109.20
02/24/00	CSU Operating Expense Jan-Mar		13,880.00	151,229.20
Total		\$231,066.69	\$80,170.96	\$151,253.35

* June Interest not posted financial statement

**WESTERN DIRECTOR'S SPECIAL ACCOUNT
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FY 2000**

February 25, 2000

ASSESSMENTS

NO ASSESSMENT FOR FY2000	Payment	Balance Due
Alaska	\$0.00	\$0.00
Arizona	0.00	0.00
California	0.00	0.00
Colorado	0.00	0.00
Guam	0.00	0.00
Hawaii	0.00	0.00
Idaho	0.00	0.00
Montana	0.00	0.00
Nevada	0.00	0.00
New Mexico	0.00	0.00
Oregon	0.00	0.00
Utah	0.00	0.00
Washington	0.00	0.00
Wyoming	0.00	0.00
Assessment Total	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

INCOME/EXPENSE

Date	Transaction	Income	Expense	Balance
07/01/99	June 30, 1999 Balance forward			\$15,837.22
YTD	FY2000 Assessments Received	\$0.00		15,837.22
*07/30/99	June Interest	64.44		15,901.66
10/08/99	July Interest	69.66		15,971.32
10/08/99	August Interest	69.13		16,040.45
12/07/99	September Interest	69.98		16,110.43
12/31/99	October Interest	71.91		16,182.34
01/03/00	November Interest	72.86		16,255.20
01/14/00	December Interest	78.32		16,333.52
02/22/00	January Interest	80.38		16,413.90
Total		<u>\$576.68</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$16,413.90</u>

* June Interest not posted financial

**WESTERN DIRECTOR EXTENSION ACCOUNT
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FY 2000**

February 25, 2000

ASSESSMENTS

		Payment	Balance Due
Am Samoa	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Micronesia	500.00	500.00	0.00
Northern	500.00	500.00	0.00
Alaska	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Arizona	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
California	1,000.00		1,000.00
Colorado	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Guam	500.00	500.00	0.00
Hawaii	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Idaho	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Montana	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Nevada	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
New Mexico	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Oregon	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Utah	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Washington	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Wyoming	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Assessment Total	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	<u>\$14,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

INCOME/EXPENSE

Date	Transaction	Income	Expense	Balance
07/01/99	June 30, 1999 Balance			\$135.93
YTD	FY2000	\$14,000.00		14,135.93
01/03/00	November	7.61		14,143.54
01/14/00	December	56.37		14,199.91
02/22/00	January	68.32		14,268.23
Total		<u>\$14,132.30</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>14,268.23</u> \$14,268.23

APPENDIX C
STATE REPORTS
WDA AGENDA BRIEF

Meeting Date: March 21-24, 2000

Agenda Item: 5.0

Presenter: Ronald S. Pardini

Agenda Item Title: Nevada State Report

Background Information: _____

Administration:

We have hired Dr. Craig Beattie as Chair for our Veterinary Medicine School. He brings his research program on animal genomics to the University of Nevada Reno, and will be developing animal genomics in the department.

Searches are underway for new Chairs in the Departments of Applied Economics and Statistics and Environmental and Resource Sciences.

Budget Update:

Because State revenues did not meet projections, the Governor has eliminated "across the board salary raises" but has kept 2.5% for our merit pool.

New Hires:

We have recently hired Dr. David Shintani (functional genomics in plants), Dr. John Cushman (plant biotechnology) and Dr. Claus Tittiger (insect genomics) into the Department of Biochemistry.

Searches are underway for the following positions:

- Ø Conservation Biologist, Department of Environmental and Resource Sciences
- Ø Animal Genomics, School of Veterinary Medicine
- Ø Production Economist, Department of Applied Economics and Statistics
- Ø Rangeland Restoration Ecologist, Department of Environmental and Resource Sciences

New Initiative on Arid Rangelands:

The Arid Rangeland Initiative is underway in Nevada and we continue to focus on multi-disciplinary, multi-agency teams to address critical areas. We are attempting a joint project with the Bureau of Land Management on the restoration of rangeland following devastating fires like we experienced last summer.

Main Station Field Laboratory (MSFL):

Our Master Plan is in place and we are in negotiations with the Cities of Reno and Sparks, and Washoe County regarding flood retention and developing a golf course at the MSFL.

HATCH Projects.

We are attempting to fund NAES HATCH projects in a new way. Instead of funding individual P.I.'s, we have put out an RFP for multi-disciplinary multi-investigator projects that are focused on the NAES Strategic Priorities. The priorities as determined by strategic planning and program review include:

- Ø Rangelands and Natural Resource Management
- Ø Biotechnology with an Emphasis on Plant and Animal Genomics
- Ø Economic Development (Particularly Rural)
- Ø Human Nutrition and Food Safety
- Ø Youth and Family Development

Action Requested: None

Action Taken:

WDA AGENDA BRIEF

Meeting Date: March 21-24, 2000
Agenda Item: 5.0
Presenter: R.C. Heimsch
Agenda Item Title: Idaho State Report

Personnel: The College of Agriculture has named Dr. John Hammel as Assoc. Dean and Director of Academic Programs. Prior to being named Assoc. Dean, Dr. Hammel served as interim in the position for approximately a year and a half. As a result of an early retirement incentive program, approximately 30 faculty members retired from the University of Idaho's College of Agriculture effective 7/1/99. Approximately 2/3 of these positions are in the active search phase or have recently been filled. Recruitment for the remaining positions will begin over the next year. In addition, the college is recruiting a Head for the Dept. of Food Science and Toxicology and will be initiating the search for an Extension District Director (N. Idaho) in the near future.

Facilities: In the late Fall of 1999, construction began for the college's \$17 million Agricultural Biotechnology Facilities project. The major element of the facility enhancement project is a new ag biotech research laboratory complex located adjacent to the Agricultural Science Building on campus; projected cost \$12 million. The project will also provide for partial renovation of the Agricultural Science Building and expand our aquaculture research facilities in Southern Idaho at the university's recently acquired Fish Culture Experiment Station near Hagerman, ID.

Budget Update: The Idaho Legislature is currently in session. It appears that the budget for agricultural research and extension programs at the Univ. of Idaho, when passed and signed by the governor, will provide for two new faculty research positions in the Idaho Agricultural Experiment Station and a 3.5% salary increase for faculty and staff. Most, if not all, of the salary adjustment will be merit based. It appears that base operating funds will be essentially the same as provided in the previous fiscal year.

Action Requested: None

Action Taken:

APPENDIX D
CSREES REPORT

APPENDIX E
ESCOP REPORT
WDA AGENDA BRIEF

Meeting Date: March 21-24, 2000
Agenda Item: 8.1
Presenter: R.C. Heimsch
Agenda Item Title: ESCOP Report

ESCOP met with Chair Richard Jones presiding on February 15-16, 2000 at the NASULGC headquarters in Washington, D.C. The WDA was well represented at the meeting with Executive Director Heil and Directors Burke, Daughtery, Heimsch, Jacobs, Kaltenbach, Sommers, and Vaux in attendance. During the meeting ESCOP heard reports from the five ESCOP Core Committees (Advocacy/Marketing, Budget, Science and Technology, Partnerships, and Planning) and essentially affirmed that the new ESCOP committee structure was working effectively. In addition to the core committee reports, an array of ESCOP liaison reports and regional reports were presented and the group received presentations and engaged in discussions on a number of initiatives and issues. Initiatives addressed included CoFARM, Genome Initiative, C-FAR, Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative, and potential new program funding under Sections 401 and 406 of AREERA 1998. Executive Director Heil provided an update on the National Multistate Research Guidelines for consideration.

Specific actions taken at the meeting included: (a) Recommended the addition of \$5 million for the "Grazinglands Initiative to the FY01 ESCOP Budget Request, (b) Accepted the Agricultural Biotechnology Report and voted to move the document beyond a web-based information piece to a public relations piece for distribution to legislators and others and, (c) Voted to forward the updated "National Multistate Research Guidelines to the Regional Associations for consideration and hopefully approval at their Spring meetings.

Future meetings were scheduled:

- 1.01 ESCOP Executive Committee: April 24-25 in Memphis, TN at the Peabody Hotel.
- 1.02 Joint "COPS"/AHS Meeting: August 7-10 in Denver, CO at the Embassy Suites.
- 1.03 SAES/ARD Workshop and Regional Meetings: September 25-28 in New Orleans, LA at the Le Meridien Hotel.

Action Requested: None

Action Taken:

APPENDIX F
ESCOP BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE APPENDIX G
ESCOP SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY/IMPACT ASSESSMENT
WDA AGENDA BRIEF

Meeting Date: March 22-24, 2000
Agenda Item: 8.4
Presenter: Ronald S. Pardini
Agenda Item Title: Impact 2000
Background Information: _____

The National Impact Writing Team will meet in Reno on February 29 – March 3, 2000. To date 3207 impact statements were received for the National Impact Database, of which 2612 represents new submissions. 182 Statements were mentioned as priority impacts for the respective states. We hope to include the priority impacts in Impact 2000 wherever possible.

Action Requested: None
Action Taken

APPENDIX H
ESCOP PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT
WDA AGENDA BRIEF

Meeting Date: March 21-24, 2000
Agenda Item: 8.6
Presenter: R.C. Heimsch
Agenda Item Title: ESCOP Planning Committee Report

The ESCOP Planning Committee under Chair Eric Young (NCSU) has been very active in the last year and indications are that the pace of activity will continue in the coming year. The committee met August 31, 1999, Sept. 30-Oct.1, 1999 following SAES workshop in Memphis, Feb.2-4, 2000 in Las Vegas and is scheduled to meet May 18-19, 2000 in Baltimore. The last three meetings mentioned above included/will include joint meetings with the ECOP Strategic Planning committee. All committee activity reports and meeting minutes are posted on the ESCOP web-site (<http://www.escop.msstate.edu>). WDA members are encouraged to access the above web-site for more detailed information regarding ESCOP and its Core Committees; including the ESCOP Planning Committee activities.

The Planning Committee began implementation of one of its primary goals; to establish an improved procedure for better integration of planning and budget development. This effort was launched at the September 1999 SAES Workshop in conjunction with the Budget and Legislative Committees and AESOP. SAES National Initiative Priorities were identified and these priority research areas are now being used to develop the 2001 and 2002 ESCOP budgets. The Committee intends to review the process and make changes needed to enhance the process in the future.

The Committee's other primary goal is to facilitate and participate in a joint planning effort with ECOP through collaboration with the ECOP Strategic Planning Committee. This has also been implemented. The Joint Planning Committee (JPC) has agreed to explore areas of common interest and examine implications for future research and extension programs and operations. At the Feb. 2-4 meeting, the JPC discussed implications of recent futuring studies on the Land-Grant University System (Kellogg Foundation's "The Engaged Institution" and "Food Systems Professions Initiative", CAST's "Conversation on Change", the National Research Council's recent studies on agricultural colleges, and the series of papers dealing with colleges of agriculture written by James H. Meyer). With the assistance of a facilitator, JPC examined questions raised by the reports, identified key issues, discussed operationalization of report recommendations, and formulated a process for developing joint ESCOP/ECOP initiatives. A draft summary report has been advanced to ESCOP and ECOP for review and discussion. JPC will meet May 18-19 to consider all comments and concerns and finalize its recommendations.

On Feb 2, 1999 the ESCOP Planning Committee met separately with David MacKenzie to receive and discuss the ESCOP/ECOP Task Force Report on Agricultural Biotechnology. A number of recommendations emerged from the discussion. The report and the discussion points were forwarded to ESCOP for consideration at the Feb. meeting. In addition, Dr. MacKenzie summarized an Agricultural Genome Initiative that was drafted by Richard Lower, Terry Nipp and himself and led discussion on potential ways to launch the initiative. ESCOP Planning advanced recommendations relative to the Agricultural Genome Initiative to ESCOP and the ESCOP Science and Technology Committee. Finally, the committee discussed procedures for improving the SAES Research Priority identification process for the Fall 2000 Workshop.

Action Requested: None

APPENDIX I
GRAZING LAND CONSERVATION INITIATIVE
WDA AGENDA BRIEF

Meeting Date: March 23-24, 2000
Agenda Item: Item 7.7
Presenter: LeRoy A. Daugherty
Agenda Item Title: Grazing Land Conservation Initiative
Background Information:

ESCOP assigns a representative to the Advisory Committee of the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI). The Mission of GLCI is to: Provide high quality technical assistance on privately owned grazing lands on a voluntary basis, and to increase the awareness of the importance of grazing land resources. The GLCI is carried out through coalitions of individuals and organizations functioning at the local, state, regional and national levels. The coalitions are livestock producer organizations, scientific and professional grazing resources organizations, conservation and environmental groups, state and federal natural resource and agriculture agencies, and other interested groups.

Funding for GLCI for FY 2000 was \$17 million, up \$2 million from the previous year. The GLCI steering committee is asking that the Experiment Stations and ARS identify funds for grazing land research. They are circulating a plan to each state committee to work with University research and extension to obtain funds from state legislatures for grazing research.

GLCI and NACD will sponsor the first National Conference on Grazing Lands December 5-8, 2000 in Las Vegas.

Action Requested: None

APPENDIX J
RESEARCH IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE (RIC)
REPORT
March 22, 2000

RIC met Wednesday, March 22, 2000 at the Shelter Pointe Hotel, San Diego, California.

Members present were:

G. Allen Mitchell, Chair (AK)
LeRoy Daugherty (NM)
Andrew Hammond (ARS-CA)
Donald C. Robertson (ID)
Lee E. Sommers (CO)
H. Grant Vest (UT)
E. M. (Ted) Wilson (CSREES)

Others attending were:

Singeru Singeo (FM)
John Brown (GU)
C. Cavaletto (HI)
George Vance (WY)
R. D. Heil (ED)
H. Sykes (Office of ED)

1.0 THE FOLLOWING MULTISTATE RESEARCH PROJECTS ARE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO TERMINATE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2000. THOSE MARKED WITH • WERE CONSIDERED BY RIC (SEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND RELATED WDA ACTIONS BELOW)

- W-045 Environmental Transformation, Exposure, and Effects of Pesticide Residues
- W-082 Pesticides and Other Toxic Organics in Soil and Their Potential for Groundwater and Surface Water Contamination
- W-150 Genetic Improvement of Beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) for Yield, Disease Resistance, and Food Value
- W-167 Family and Work Linkages

2.0 REQUESTS FOR PROJECT EXTENSIONS

None

3.0 REQUESTS FOR PROJECT REVISIONS

3.1 W-045 "Mechanisms and Mitigation of Agrochemical Impacts on Human and Environmental Health"

A project outline with the above title was received from Administrative Advisor R. S. Pardini (NV).

RIC recommends approval of W-045 "Mechanisms and Mitigation of Agrochemical Impacts on Human and Environmental Health" for five years, from October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2005. RIC strongly recommends W-045 be more proactive in expanding participation that will promote greater focus on mitigation of agrochemical impacts to include additional disciplines, industry representatives, and regulatory agencies (i.e. EPA).

(Action of WDA: **Revision Approved**)

3.2 W-150 "Genetic Improvement of Beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) For Yield, Pest Resistance and Food Value"

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

RIC recommends conditional approval of W-150 "Genetic Improvement of Beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) For Yield, Pest Resistance and Food Value" for five years, from October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2005 contingent upon providing SY appointment breakdown and completing those Appendix D's that are currently incomplete. RIC further recommends W-150 encourage additional participation of scientists with molecular genetics and risk assessment expertise in consideration of ECOP and ESCOP recommendations related to biotechnology (found on the ESCOP web page).

(Action of WDA: **Revision Conditionally Approved**)

3.3 W-167 "Family and Work Identities During Times of Transition"

A project outline with the above title was received from Administrative Advisor S. Helmick (OR).

RIC recommends deferral of W-167 "Family and Work Identities During Times of Transition." The outline should be revised strengthening collaboration. The collaborative framework should be dramatically strengthened and more clearly articulate an appropriate design that would take advantage of this collaborative approach. The participants need to more strongly address why there is a need for cooperative work. They need to address more clearly what benefits will be gained by having more than one institution/state participate. The history of productivity in writing and dissemination is strong for this group. The division of time (teaching, research and extension) is missing from the outline. This is also missing from several of the Appendix D's. Collaboration with Extension is mentioned, but does not appear to be formalized. The petitioners may want to consider submitting a proposal for a WCC, rather than a research committee.

(Action of WDA: **Deferral Approved**)

4.0 REQUESTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW PROJECTS

4.1 W- "Water Quality Issues in Poultry Production and Processing"

A project outline with the above title was received from Administrative Advisor M. C. Healey (UT) on behalf of WCC-059 "Poultry Production, Processing and Water Quality."

RIC recommends deferral of W- "Water Quality Issues in Poultry Production and Processing." Additional documentation is needed: A CRIS search is needed that addresses any duplication of research being done; the Resources Summary should identify participation by the subobjectives; the

Resources Summary is to provide the research/extension/teaching appointment percentages.

(Action of WDA: **Deferral Approved**)

5.0 REQUESTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

None

6.0 FOLLOW-UP OF AD HOC TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

No ad hoc Technical Committees have been established

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR ASSIGNMENTS

7.1 NRSP-005 "Develop and Distribute Deciduous Fruit Tree Clones That are Free of Known Graft-transmissible Pathogen – Ralph Cavalieri (WA) to replace J. R. Carlson (WA).

7.2 W-006 " Plant Genetic Resource Conservation and Utilization"– Ralph Cavalieri (WA) to replace J. R. Carlson (WA).

8.0 OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Discussion of proposed "National Guidelines for Multistate Research." RIC provided input to Heil regarding the proposed guidelines. Questions and concerns will be brought to the attention of the Western Directors in the report of the Executive Director.

8.2 Discussion of RIC and RCIC roles. Heil reported on the RCIC meeting that was held in February and presented preliminary information on the suggestions from that meeting. The report will also be presented in the report of the Executive Director.

ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR ASSIGNMENTS (as of 2/22/05)

Administrative Advisor	Projects				Western Coordinating Committees				
	Western Regional			NRSP/IR					
• Bell, E. (FS-CA)	W-133+								
** Boyer, C. (OR)						WCC-058+			
** Brown, J. (WA)						WCC-043+			
Brown, R. J. (UT)	W-143								
** Bryant, D. A. (MT)						WCC-xxx6			
** Burfening, P. (MT)						WCC-100+			
Burke, M. J. (OR)	W-128				NRSP-6±	WCC-058±			
Cavalieri, R. (WA)	W-006				NRSP-5±	WCC-021±	WCC-043±	WCC-092	WCC-107±
Cox, D. (AZ)						WCC-106			
Cunningham, G. (NM)	W-187+	W-190+	W-192+						
Daugherty, L. A. (NM)	W-184	W-187+	W-190+	W-192+		WCC-093			
** DePuit, E. J. (WA)						WCC-021+			
Dutson, T. R. (OR)	W-177					WCC-201			
• Erickson, E. H. (ARS-AZ)						WCC-037+			
Gray, M. (CES-CO)						WCC-xxx5			
** Healy, M. (UT)						WCC-059+			
Heil, R. D. (W-ED)	W-082								
Heimsch, R. C. (ID)	W-122	W-168				WCC-055±	WCC-089	WCC-108	
Helmick, S. H. (OR)	W-167	W-194							
** Holtzer, T. O. (CO)						WCC-060+	WCC-066+	WCC-069+	
Jacobs, J. J. (WY)	W-191					WCC-040	WCC-067	WCC-xxx4	
Jensen, M. (AZ)	W-130					WCC-020±			
Kaltenbach, C. C. (AZ)	W-112	W-173			NRSP-1± NRSP-8±	WCC-037±			
Koong, L. J. (OR)	W-171					WCC-110			
Lauchli, A. (CA-D)					NRSP-4/IR-4±				
** Mathre, D. E. (MT)						WCC-097+			
McCracken, V. (WA)	W-183					WCC-076	WCC-084	WCC-101	
** McFadden, J. (UT)						WCC-200+			
Mitchell, G. A. (AK)	W-188					WCC-091			
** Nelson, J. R. (ID)						WCC-055+			
** Nelson, M. R. (AZ)						WCC-020+			
** O'Rourke, D. (WA)						WCC-107+			
Pardini, R. S. (NV)	W-045	W-181	W-189	W-193		WCC-xxx			
Quisenberry, S. (MT)						WCC-097±	WCC-100±		

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- USDA research administrators
 - ** Other research administrators
 - + Lead-Administrative Advisor in a project/committee with Co-Administrative Advisor
 - ± Co-Administrative Advisor in a project/committee with Lead-Administrative Advisor

ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR ASSIGNMENTS

Administrative Advisor	Projects					Western Coordinating Committees				
	Western Regional			NRSP/IR						
Rasmussen, H. P. (UT)	W-150					WCC-027	WCC-059±	WCC-086	WCC-200±	
Roberts, P. A. (CA-R)	W-147	W-185	W-186							
Robertson, D. C.(ID)	W-102				NRSP-7±	WCC-001	WCC-039			
Sommers, L. (CO)	W-170				NRSP-3±	WCC-011± WCC-060±	WCC-066± WCC-069±	WCC-077	WCC-102	WCC-103
Vaux, H. J. (CA-R)	W-106	W-133±				WCC-087				
Vest, H. G. (UT)						WCC-095	WCC-059±			
•• Wallner, S. (CO)						WCC-011+				
Weber, L. (OR)						WCC-099	WCC-109			
Whipple, G. (WY)						WCC-072				
Whitaker, C. (AS)						WCC-023				
Witters, R. (OR)						WCC-081				

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 - ± Co-Administrative Advisor in a project/committee with Lead-Administrative Advisor

APPENDIX K
ARS REPORT

APPENDIX L
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
AGENDA BRIEF

Meeting Date: March 22-24
Agenda Item: 11.0 Executive Director Report
Presenter: R. D. Heil

This report covers the period from September 26, 1999 through March, 2000

Activities:

1. Regional Coordination and Implementation Committee (RCIC)

RCIC met on January 31, 2000 in Las Vegas in conjunction with the winter meeting of the western CES directors. Extension and research were well represented. Several members from affiliate groups were not able to attend. Ted Wilson, CSREES, and Myron Johnsrud attended as invitees. Larry Pedrett, Chair of western CARET also attended.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the progress of RCIC and discuss what recommendations the group would make to the western Deans and Directors at the summer meeting relative to the continuation and role of RCIC. (See attachment).

The discussions were very positive with the following items emerging for consideration by the western Deans and Directors. The group felt that RCIC should be extended another two years beyond the period for which it was originally approved. RCIC was officially approved at the summer western mini-land grant in July 1998 with an implementation date of March, 1999. Thus the extension would continue RCIC until March, 2003. The rationale being that two years was insufficient time for determining the role and contribution that RCIC could make in helping to implement the multistate requirements of AREERA. The second item is a proposal from the group to consider merging RIC and RCIC. The rationale here is that combining the two groups will provide greater opportunity for integration of research, extension and education across all types of activities. Also, there is a logistics problem in that there likely will be overlap of some members between committees and that this would add an undue burden on those folks. **Note:** If we move toward this type of arrangement, we probably need to consider adding another AES and CES director to the committee.

The above two items were presented to the CES directors by Bob Gilliland, Co-Chair of RCIC and there was positive response. These are items that need to be discussed by the CES/AES directors at their meeting this summer.

There was also the suggestion that we consider changing the name of the committee. However, no alternative names were proposed. The discussion centered around the idea that the name should capture the role of the committee as one dealing with integration of regional activities. It was also proposed we consider that the review of proposals for projects and coordinating committees be carried out electronically, and that RCIC would meet then just once a year to complete the review and approval process. This would not necessarily have to be at the summer meeting. We could continue to have two submission dates for both research projects and coordinating committees to spread out the workload, but the

majority of the review work would all be completed prior to the meeting of RCIC. RCIC's role would be looking at opportunities to strengthen the multistate integrated efforts in addition to ensuring that appropriate review of activities is accomplished.

We will conduct business as usual until a decision is made regarding the merging of RIC and RCIC by having RIC conduct reviews of research projects both at the spring and summer meeting. And RCIC will review all coordinating committee petitions for discussion at the summer meeting. Depending on the workload, we plan to have RIC and RCIC meet jointly at the summer meeting as we did last year. Members of both RIC and RCIC felt the joint meeting was very beneficial and perhaps was the impetus for suggesting that the two committees be combined.

2. Vice-Chair of the ESCOP Partnership Committee:

I became Vice-Chair of this committee following the AES Directors meeting last September. A report on the activities of this committee will be given by Lee Sommers at this meeting.

3. Western Region SARE Administrative Council:

-Attended a meeting of the SARE Administrative Council Executive Committee in Reno on Nov. 30-Dec.1.1999

-Will attend a meeting of the Council April 3-7 in Phoenix. Am serving on the review panel for Farmer/Rancher Grants . The panel will meet on April 4-5 prior to the general Council meeting on April 6-7. Have been assigned as a primary reviewer for 15 grants and secondary reviewer on another 15. A total of 107 Farmer/Rancher grants were received this year.

-Attended the Western Sustainable Agriculture Conference in Portland on March 6-9. This was the second conference of its type hosted by the western SARE program to highlight accomplishments of research and extension programs supported by SARE.

4. ESCOP

-Attended ESCOP winter meeting in Washington D.C. February 15-16, 2000.

-Will attend meeting of the ESCOP Executive Committee in Memphis, TN, April 24-26.

-Participated in monthly conference calls of the ESCOP Chair's Advisory Committee.

-My responsibilities in addition to being Vice-Chair of the ESCOP Partnership Committee are to work with the other ED's on assignments made by the ESCOP Chair.

5. National Multistate Research Guidelines

Am presenting a "final draft" of the guidelines for consideration by the western directors at this meeting.

6. USDA Workforce Preparation Task Force:

-Attended a meeting of the Task Force in Indianapolis, IN -December 2-3,1999. This was one of the more interesting meetings I have attended. The meeting included presentations entitled "Vitalizing Communities-Building on Assets". This is an approach developed by John

Kretzmann and John McNight of the Asset-based Community Development Institute at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. And it is an approach being used very successfully by the Center for Rural Community Revitalization and Development at the University of Nebraska. John Mcnight reported on several success stories of communities who have engaged in this approach and I found it very stimulating. I would like to see the development of a coordinating committee in our region to look at this approach for addressing rural issues. The Workforce Preparation Task Force is planning a conference this fall which will have as its theme the potential use of this approach for engaging the land-grant system in the area of workforce preparation.

7. PBAG Administrative Council:

My responsibilities here have been primarily to attend the annual spring meeting of the Council at which time decisions are made relative to the approval and funding of proposals received. This activity involves approximately two weeks of my time in the review of proposals and attendance at the annual meeting. For the past three years the Council has been meeting in Washington D.C., and has met jointly with the C-BAG group for one day for determining possible collaborative efforts between the two groups. As you are aware, P-BAG and C-BAG are funded under the USDA T-STAR program.

8. Travel for period October, 1999 thru July, 2000

- W-082 Regional Project Meeting, October 6-9, 2000, Bozeman, MT.
- SARE Administrative Council Executive Committee, Nov. 30-Dec 1, 1999, Reno Nevada
- USDA Workforce Preparation Task Force, Indianapolis, IN, Dec. 2-3, 1999
- RCIC and Western CES Directors- Jan, 30-Feb 2. 2000, Las Vegas, NV
- ESCOP-Washington, D.C. Feb. 14-16, 2000
- CSREES -Meet on Multistate Research Guidelines, Washington, D.C. Jan. 6, 2000
- CSREES-Meet on Multistate Research Guidelines, Feb. 25, 2000, Washington, D.C.
- Western Region SARE Conference, March 6-9, 2000, Portland, OR
- WAAESD Spring Meeting, March 21-24, 2000, San Diego, CA
- SARE Administrative Council , April 2-7, Phoenix, AZ
- ESCOP Exec. Committee, April, 24-26, Memphis, TN
- Western Mini-Land Grant, July, 16-20, Lake Tahoe

Outline of Presentation

RCIC Meeting

Jan. 31, 2000

Bob Heil

1. Status of Federal Administrative Guidelines related to Multistate Activities
2. Status of Plans in other Regions Relative to Multistate Integrated Activities
3. Overview of Participation of States Among Regions in Multistate Research Activities Administered by WAAESD
4. Overview of Participation of States Among Regions in Multistate Coordinating Committee Activities Administered by WAAESD
5. Summary of Extension Participation in Research Projects and Coordinating Administered by WAAESD
6. Review of National Multistate Research Guidelines
 - Project Outline for Research
 - Project Outline for Multistate Coordinating Committees
 - Proposed Annual Report
 - Proposed Project Activity resource Summary
 - Format for Peer Review of Research Projects
 - Evaluation Form for Administrative review of Research Projects
 - Evaluation for Approval of Coordination Committees
7. Summer Meeting Plans

November 23, 1999

TO: RCIC Members

FROM: Bob Gilliland and Grant Vest - Co-Chairs
and Bob Heil, Executive Director, WAAESD

SUBJECT: Plans for our February Meeting

As you recall, we decided at our July meeting to hold a meeting in February in conjunction with the winter meeting of the CES Directors in Las Vegas, NV. The CES Directors are meeting on February 1 and 2, so our meeting will be held the day prior on Monday, January 31. The meeting will be held at the Hotel San Remo in Las Vegas, NV. A block of rooms has been reserved for the nights of January 30 and January 31 at the rate of \$50.00 per night. Please make your reservations before January 15, 2000 by calling the hotel at 1-800-522-7366 and specifying the group name as the RCIC Meeting sponsored by Colorado State University/WAAESD.

We will not be reviewing any petitions for coordinating committees at this meeting. The reviews of coordinating committees will take place the day prior to the summer meeting in Lake Tahoe, NV. Materials and the agenda for the RCIC reviews will be distributed electronically (via e-mail and/or CD) several weeks before the summer meeting.

The purpose of the January meeting is to formulate recommendations to present to the western Deans and Directors at the July meeting relative to the future of RCIC. As you remember, RCIC was approved for a two year pilot period from July, 1998 to July 1999. Part of the dilemma we face in assessing the future role of RCIC is the uncertainty still surrounding the requirements of the AREERA legislation, particularly as it relates to multistate and integrated activities. CSREES administrative guidelines regarding these aspects of the legislation are still not yet in place and depending on what they are, could have an influence on the need for, or how, RCIC might function in the future to assist states in the region in meeting the requirements of this legislation.

However, RCIC evolved around discussions that took place in the region long before AREERA came about. As early as the late 1980's, the western Deans and Directors were being encouraged by our CARET representatives to foster more regional collaboration and the integration of research, extension and academic programs. So RCIC came about not as a result of the new legislation, but in response to a perceived need on the part of our stakeholders and ourselves. It was a coincidence that RCIC emerged at the same time as the federal legislation which now requires that a portion of both research and extension federal formula funds be used for this purpose. So as we think about the future role of RCIC, it behooves us not to view its purpose as simply providing a possible mechanism for helping states fulfill part of the requirements of AREERA, but perhaps more importantly to view the legislation as an opportunity to proceed more seriously to create a more formalized mechanism for fostering needed integrated regional research, extension and academic activities.

The agenda that follows focuses on two items. The first part is to update ourselves on the AREERA legislation as it relates to multistate integrated activities. The second is to discuss

how RCIC might serve as a mechanism for strengthening multistate integrated activities. We are hopeful that much of the discussion during this part will be for us to “think outside of the box”, and how we might utilize multistate integrated activities as a significant force in enhancing the visibility and contribution of our land grant system in meeting the needs of our stakeholders.

The results of our discussions relative to what we want and need will be reported to the Deans and Directors at the summer meeting.

AGENDA

Regional Coordination and Implementation Committee

Hotel San Remo
Las Vegas, Nevada
January 31, 2000
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- 1.0 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Introductory Remarks - Perspective on Role of RCIC
 - Bob Gilliland
 - Grant Vest

- 2.0 9:30 - 10:40 a.m. Perspective on RCIC -As viewed by all participating entities
 - Academic Programs Representative
 - ARS Representative
 - Human Resource Sciences Representative
 - NAPFSC Representative
 - Veterinary Sciences Representative
 - US Forest Service Representative
 - AES Representative in addition to Co-chair
 - CES Representative in addition to Co-chair
 - ICOP Representative
 - CSREES Representative

- 3.0 10:40 - 11:00 Break

- 4.0 11:00 - 11:45 Implementation of AREERA - Building on Current Regional/Multistate Activities and Procedures
 - Bob Heil

- 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch

- 5.0 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. Planning for the Future of RCIC
 - Small group discussions 1 hour
 - Reports from small groups 30 minutes
 - General Discussion 1 hour
 - Formulation of Recommendations 1 hour

(The charge to the small groups would be to have in-depth discussion "thinking outside of box" relative to what role RCIC could have in the future.)

Some discussion points to ponder:

In addition to serving as a mechanism for assuring peer and merit review of formal regional research and integrated activities; assuring a place of record describing these activities, verifying participation, serving as a mechanism for ensuring that all interested parties are notified of pending projects, etc., and given the opportunity to participate if they

so desire; serving as a mechanism for identifying potential regional initiatives and providing a mechanism for helping to implement, etc., could RCIC do some of the following?

1. Assist the region in acquiring additional resources. For example, there are now in existence a number of regional projects that involve research and extension faculty from a number of states. Could RCIC serve as the facilitator for helping the western Deans and Directors in making congressional delegations from participating states aware of these collaborative efforts and help build a coalition among those congressional representatives to support certain types of initiatives in the federal budget process and seek more resources, particularly in support of the base programs? RCIC's role would be to help document regional efforts in terms of importance to states for use by Deans and Directors in visiting with policy makes. Perhaps RCIC could help coordinate visitations of congressional folks to our respective institutions with the focus on several regional activities to make them aware that a number of states are working together on this issue and why it is important to a state and to the region.

2. Help in promoting more multidisciplinary integrated systems efforts in the region. Can we look at our current regional activities and see what can be done that might result in bringing together groups to help address problems from a more integrated perspective, and then making available this information to stakeholders through the web or other means?

3. Sponsor or becoming co-sponsors of regional conferences or workshops that bring together stakeholders and ourselves.

4. See the multistate effort as perhaps a major opportunity for enhancing federal funding for our formula funds? This relates to item 1 above.

5. How can we foster participation research and extension faculty? What can we do that makes them aware that working on a multistate level provides significant opportunity for enhancing not only their individual programs but helps enhance the system for serving stakeholders?

6. Can we identify case studies of successful multistate activities in the region that would serve as examples as to how regionalization enhances the economy and social well being of the region?

7. What are the real attributes of multistate integrated activities? What are the downsides?

8. How do we build the most simple organizational structure for assisting in making these activities productive and efficient?

APPENDIX M
SUMMER 2000 MEETING
WDA AGENDA BRIEF

Meeting March 22-24, 2000
Agenda Item: 12.1
Presenter: Ronald S. Pardini
Title: 2000 Western Regional Joint Summer Meetings
Background Information:

The following draft agenda for the 2000 Western Regional Joint Summer Meeting was sent electronically to the individual committee chairs on 2/28/00. We have request a response date of March 3, 2000 with the agenda to be distributed on March 30, 2000.

Letter to Chairs:

The 2000 Western Regional Joint Summer Meetings will be held at Lake Tahoe, Nevada July 16-19, 2000. We have blocked rooms at Harrah's Tahoe and made arrangements for a welcome reception two dinners, two lunches, Continental breakfasts, and breaks. Registration information will be sent out on March 30, 2000.

As chair of your committee, you are being asked to provide input into the preliminary schedule. At this point, we want to make sure that you have adequate time for your group to meet. The following schedule has been adapted from last year's meeting in Idaho. Please review it and make any modifications you feel necessary.

We have added a joint meeting with WCARET, reducing the amount of time for separate committee meetings. This joint meeting was conducted on an ad hoc basis last year and has been formally requested by WCARET for this year, thus we have built it into the schedule. WCARET will have responsibility for this section of the agenda. As in the past few years, no other joint meetings are planned as a formal part of the agenda, however, that can be modified if you feel it is necessary.

Please fax your concurrence, suggestions for modifications, or rejection of this preliminary schedule to (775)784-6732 or e-mail to "robbins@mail.ag.unr.edu" by **March 3**. If any of your changes are significant, we will send a revised schedule out for your review early in March. If not, we will send the final schedule along with registration information on March 30, 2000.

Sincerely
David G. Thawley, Dean and Director

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 16

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

RIC and RCIC Joint Meeting

Experiment Station Executive Session

Registration

Welcome Reception

Monday, July 17

7:00 am – 8:30 am

8:00 am – 9:45 am

Continental Breakfast

Open Plenary Session: **The Urban Wildland Interface**

Welcome: David G. Thawley, *Dean and Director, University of Nevada, Agricultural Experiment Station*
Karen Hinton, *Dean and Director, University of Nevada, Cooperative Extension Service*
Kenny Guinn, *Governor, State of Nevada (invited)*
Chuck Laughlin, *Administrator, CSREES*

9:45 am – 10:15 am

10:15 am – 12:00 pm

Break

Plenary Session, continued

Joel Berger: Ranchettes and Wildlife in the West: Does Conservation Have a Chance?

Ed Smith: Living with Fire Along the Urban/Wildland Interface.

Hudson Glimp: Urban and Rural Perception of Public Land.

Sue Donaldson: Educating Owners of Small Acreages About Land Management for Water Quality Protection.

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Lunch

Committee Meetings

WAAESD

WAHS

WAPS

WCARET

WED

WIAS

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm

Break

3:15 pm – 5:00 pm

Committee Meetings, continued

WAAESD

WAHS

WAPS

WCARET
WED
WIAS

7:00 pm – 11:00 PM

Sunset Dinner Dance on the M.S. Dixie II

Tuesday, July 18

7:00 am – 8:30 am

Continental Breakfast

8:00 am – 9:45 am

Plenary Session.

Committee Reports

Western Public Lands Policy Center

9:45 am – 10:15 am

Break

10:15 am – 11:00 am

Committee Meetings Continued

WAAESD - WED, Joint Meeting - RCIC Report

WAHS - WCARET, Joint Meeting

WAPS

WIAS

11:00 am - 11:45 am

Committee Meetings Continued

WAAESD

WAHS

WAPS

WCARET - WED, Joint Meeting

WIAS

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 pm

Tour and Dinner Bentley/Corley Ranches

Basque Barbeque, live music

Wednesday, July 19

7:00 am – 8:30 am

Continental Breakfast

8:00 am – 9:45 am

Committee Meetings, continued

WAAESD - WCARET, Joint Meeting

WAHS

WAPS

WED

WIAS

9:45 am – 10:15 am

Joint Break with the Western Extension Mid Managers

10:15 am – 12:00 pm

Committee Meetings, continued

WAAESD

WAHS

WAPS

WCARET

WED
WIAS

12:00 pm

Meeting Adjourns

_____ I agree with the schedule as written

_____ I agree with the schedule with the modifications indicated

_____ I disagree with the schedule (please describe)

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MEETING PARTICIPANTS NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP LIST:

PLEASE FAX YOUR CONCURRENCE/MODIFICATION/REJECTION AND MEMBERSHIP LIST TO 775-784-6732, or e-mail to robbins@mail.ag.unr.edu by March 3, 2000.

Action Requested:

Action Taken:

APPENDIX N
WRDC REPORT