

# Minutes of the Meeting of The Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors



**Hyatt Regency Guam Resort  
Tumon, Guam  
June 20 - 23, 2004**



## SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

1.	Approved Agenda as circulated . . . . .	4
2.	Approved Minutes of March 22-25, 2004 Meeting as posted on the WAAESD web site. . . . .	4
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**Attendance:**

Alaska	Carol E. Lewis	N. Marianas	Anthony Benavente
Arizona	C. Colin Kaltenbach	Oregon	C. Y. Hu
Colorado	Lee Sommers	Utah	Don Snyder
Guam	Ross Miller	Washington	Ralph Cavalieri
Idaho	Greg Bohach	Wyoming	Jim Jacobs
Montana	Jeff Jacobsen	Others:	
Nevada	David Thawley	CSREES	Gary Cunningham
	Ron Pardini	W. Exec. Dir.	H. Michael Harrington
New Mexico	LeRoy Daugherty		

**Agenda**  
**WAAESD Summer Meeting 2004**  
**Hyatt Regency Guam Resort**  
**Tumon, Guam**

**Sunday June 20**

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. RCIC Meeting

4:00p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

**Monday June 21**  
**WAAESD Meeting**

3:30	1.0	Call to Order and Welcome	R. Cavalieri
4:05	2.0	Approval of Agenda and Minutes of March 2004 Meeting	R. Cavalieri
4:15	3.0	Chair's Report, Interim Actions, Executive Committee Report	R. Cavalieri
4:20	4.0	Treasurer's Report	J. Jacobsen
4:30	5.0	BAA Policy Board	C. C. Kaltenbach
5:00	6.0	ESCOP Report	C. C. Kaltenbach
5:10	7.0	NIAS Update	D. Thawley/H. M. Harrington
5:20	8.0	Executive Director's Report and Organizational Culture	H. M. Harrington
5:35	Adjourn for Day		

<b>Tuesday June 22</b>				
<b>Joint Meetings with WAAESD-WED-WAP</b>				
(W-CARET will join at 8:45)				
8:00	9.0	RCIC Report		D. Snyder
8:20	10.0	Academic Programs Update		E. Fritzell
8:45	11.0	Spring Meeting Update		H. M. Harrington
9:00	12.0	Working Group Reports		Project Leaders
9:30	Adjourn for Day			
<b>Wednesday June 23</b>				
<b>WAAESD Meeting Room, TBA</b>				
9:15	13.0	State Issues		All
9:50	14.0	Election of Officers		R. Cavalieri
10:00	15.0	Discussion of items on the Consent Agenda		R. Cavalieri/All
10:15	16.0	Future Meetings		
		16.1	2004 Fall EES Meeting	C. Kaltenbach
		16.2	2005 Spring Meeting	D. Cooksey
		16.3	2005 Joint Summer Meeting	L Daugherty
10:20	17.0	Resolutions		C.Y. Hu/D. Kress
10:25	18.0	Other Business		R. Cavalieri
10:30	Adjourn			
<b>Consent Agenda: (Agenda Briefs only)</b>				
		15.1	State Reports	All
		15.2	ESCOP Advocacy/Marketing	R Pardini
		15.3	ESCOP Budget and Legislative Committee	L. Daugherty
		15.4	ESCOP Science & Technology/Impact Assessment	R. Pardini
		15.5	ESCOP Partnership Committee	L. Sommers
		15.6	ESCOP Planning Committee	L. Daugherty

## **AGENDA BRIEFS**

### **Agenda Item: 1.0 Call to Order and Welcome**

**Presenter:** Ralph Cavalieri

**Background:**

Cavalieri called the meeting to order and welcomed the participants. The attendees introduced themselves.

**Action Requested:** For Information

**Agenda Item: 2.0**  
**Approval of Agenda and Minutes of March 2004 Meeting**

**Presenter:** Ralph Cavalieri

**Background:**

Cavalieri indicated that the Agenda and Briefs had been emailed to all the Western AES Directors and that the Draft Minutes of the March 2004 Meeting were posted on the WAAESD web site.

**Action Requested:** Approval of Agenda and Approval of Minutes of March 2004 Meeting

**Action Taken:** Approved Agenda as circulated and Approved Minutes of March 22-25, 2004 Meeting as posted on the WAAESD web site.



## **Agenda Item 3.0**

### **Chair's Report, Interim Actions, Executive Committee Report**

**Presenter:** R. Cavalieri

**Background:**

The following interim actions, letters and memoranda occurred:

- Renewed N-CFAR membership as an Affiliate Member (\$500)
- The State of Colorado and Colorado State University provided an opportunity for Administrative-Professional employees to receive a performance based bonus of up to 1.8 percent. At Lee Sommers' request, approved a one-time bonus of \$2,000 for the Executive Director
- April 12, 2004 memo to Gary Cunningham regarding requesting the establishment of an emergency response project on Sudden Oak Death (500 series project)
- April 23, 2004 fax letter to Senator Ted Stevens regarding the FY2005 budget

Cavalieri reported that the Executive Committee had met and discussed the following:

- Nominations for proposed slate of officers for 2005:
  - Chair
    - Lee E. Sommers (CO)
  - Chair-Elect
    - Don Snyder (UT)
  - Treasurer
    - Jeff Jacobsen (MT)
  - Secretary
    - Greg Bohach (ID)
  - Interim Secretary - (9/1/04 - 12/31/04)
    - Greg Bohach (ID)
  - At-Large Members - Executive Committee
    - C. Y. Hu (OR)
    - Ronald Pardini (NV)
  - RCIC
    - Charles Boyer (OR)
  - Resolutions:
    - Greg Bohach (ID)
    - Jeff Jacobsen (MT)
  - Western Rural Development Center Board of Directors
    - Rang Narayanan (NV)
    - Carol Lewis (AK)
- Executive Director Evaluation Process  
Kaltenbach indicated that the process needs to be restructured - and must be done by the March meeting. The evaluation is to be done by the WDA Executive Committee plus the Chairs of Extension Directors and Academic Program Directors. The Executive Director is to provide a summary of activities by January 15 for the previous calendar year for the WDA Chair to send to the committee members with a cover letter.

**Action requested:** For information

**Agenda Item 4.0  
Treasurer's Report**

**Presenter: J. Jacobsen**

**Background:**

**WESTERN DIRECTOR AT LARGE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FY 2004**

4-Jun-04

<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>FY04 Assessments Outstanding FY03</b>	<b>Payment Received</b>	<b>Balance Due</b>
Am Samoa	600.00	600.00	0.00
Micronesia	600.00	600.00	0.00
Northern Marianas	600.00	600.00	0.00
Alaska	8,045.19	8,045.19	0.00
Arizona	13,976.14	13,976.14	0.00
California	21,428.72	21,428.72	0.00
Colorado	16,063.11	8,263.11	7,800.00
Guam	7,846.35	7,846.35	0.00
Hawaii	10,370.88	10,370.88	0.00
Idaho	12,428.58	12,428.58	0.00
Montana	13,120.22	13,120.22	0.00
Nevada	10,197.98	10,197.98	0.00
New Mexico	10,552.45	10,552.45	0.00
Oregon	15,809.04	15,809.04	0.00
Utah	13,767.41	13,767.41	0.00
Washington	21,112.01	21,112.01	0.00
Wyoming	11,814.72	11,814.72	0.00
CSU Rent	-7,800.00		-7,800.00
<b>Assessment Total</b>	\$180,532.80	\$180,532.80	0.00

**INCOME/EXPENSE**

Date	Transaction	Income	Expense	Balance
07/01/03	Balance forward			\$10,206.86
				10,206.86
	YTD Assessments Rece	180,532.80		190,739.66
08/11/03	July Interest	7.18		190,746.84
09/05/03	August Interest	18.24		190,765.08
10/09/03	September Interest	61.84		190,826.92
11/05/03	October Interest	108.97		190,935.89
12/03/03	November Interest	129.30		191,065.19
01/06/04	December Interest	129.52		191,194.71
02/02/04	January Interest	50.91		191,245.62
03/02/04	February Interest	46.95		191,292.57
04/05/04	March Interest	47.82		191,340.39
05/05/04	April Interest	46.91		191,387.30
6/3/2004	May Interest	49.44		191,436.74
	June Interest			191,436.74
07/01/03	MT Accounting Fee		3,500.00	187,936.74
				187,936.74
09/03/03	CSU First Qtr		44,258.20	143,678.54
12/08/03	CSU Second Qtr		44,258.20	99,420.34
12/08/03	CSU Thrid Qtr		44,258.20	55,162.14
05/04/04	CSU Fourth Qtr		44,258.20	10,903.94
	<b>TOTAL</b>	181,229.88	180,532.80	10,903.94

**WESTERN DIRECTOR'S SPECIAL ACCOUNT  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FY 2004**

4-Jun-04

**ASSESSMENTS**

**NO ASSESSEMENT FOR FY2004**

		Payment	Balance Due
Alaska	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Arizona	0.00	0.00	0.00
California	0.00	0.00	0.00
Colorado	0.00	0.00	0.00
Guam	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hawaii	0.00	0.00	0.00
Idaho	0.00	0.00	0.00
Montana	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nevada	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Mexico	0.00	0.00	0.00
Oregon	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utah	0.00	0.00	0.00
Washington	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wyoming	0.00	0.00	0.00

<b>Assessment Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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**INCOME/EXPENSE**

Date	Transaction	Income	Expense	Balance
07/01/03	Balance forward			<b>\$7,231.16</b>
	YTD Assessments Received	\$0.00		7,231.16
	July Interest			7,231.16
09/05/03	August Interest	2.30		7,233.46
10/09/03	September Interest	5.46		7,238.92
11/05/03	October Interest	5.62		7,244.54
12/03/03	November Interest	5.50		7,250.04
01/06/04	December Interest	5.72		7,255.76
02/04/04	January Interest	5.69		7,261.45
03/02/04	February Interest	5.25		7,266.70
04/05/04	March Interest	5.34		7,272.04
05/05/04	April Interest	5.24		7,277.28
06/03/04	May Interest	5.52		7,282.80
	June Interest			7,282.80
08/07/03	Kaltenbach, Colin		\$1,220.80	6,062.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$51.64</b>	<b>\$1,220.80</b>	<b>\$6,062.00</b>

**WESTERN DIRECTOR EXTENSION ACCOUNT  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FY 2004**

04-Jun-04

<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>FY04 Assessments</b>	<b>Outstanding FY03</b>	<b>Payment Received</b>	<b>Balance Due</b>
Am Samoa	1,054.53		1,054.53	\$0.00
Micronesia	1,156.43		1,156.43	\$0.00
Northern Marianas	1,027.61		1,027.61	\$0.00
Alaska	1,251.08		1,251.08	\$0.00
Arizona	2,049.89		2,049.89	\$0.00
California	8,707.05		8,707.05	\$0.00
Colorado	3,270.95		3,270.95	\$0.00
Guam	1,116.71		1,116.71	\$0.00
Hawaii	1,530.46		1,530.46	\$0.00
Idaho	3,080.72		3,080.72	\$0.00
Montana	2,888.15		2,888.15	\$0.00
Nevada	1,267.04		1,267.04	\$0.00
New Mexico	2,310.34		2,310.34	\$0.00
Oregon	4,095.03		4,095.03	\$0.00
Utah	1,885.71		1,885.71	\$0.00
Washington	4,796.40		4,796.40	\$0.00
Wyoming	1,721.66		1,721.66	\$0.00
<b>Assessment Total</b>	<b>43,209.78</b>		<b>43,209.76</b>	<b>\$0.02</b>

**INCOME/EXPENSE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Transaction</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Balance</b>
07/01/03	Balance forward			\$971.95
	YTD Assessments Received	43,209.76		44,181.71
08/11/03	July Interest	0.37		44,182.08
09/05/03	August Interest	2.15		44,184.23
10/09/03	September Interest	12.51		44,196.74
11/05/03	October Interest	19.99		44,216.73
12/03/03	November Interest	25.96		44,242.69
01/06/04	December Interest	26.60		44,269.29
02/02/04	January Interest	7.30		44,276.59
03/02/04	February Interest	6.73		44,283.32
04/05/04	March Interest	6.86		44,290.18
05/05/04	April Interest	6.73		44,296.91
6/3/2004	May Interest	7.09		44,304.00
	June Interest			44,304.00
09/03/03	CSU First Qtr		10,802.45	33,501.55
12/08/03	CSU Second Qtr		10,802.45	22,699.10
12/08/03	CSU Third Qtr		10,802.45	11,896.65
05/04/04	CSU Fourth Qtr		10,802.45	1,094.20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$43,332.05</b>	<b>\$43,209.80</b>	<b>\$1,094.20</b>

**WESTERN DIRECTOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FY 2004**

4-Jun-04

<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>FY04 Assessments</b>	<b>Outstanding FY03</b>	<b>Payment Received</b>	<b>Balance Due</b>
Alaska	780.19		780.19	\$0.00
American Samoa	200.00		200.00	\$0.00
Arizona	780.19		780.19	\$0.00
California	780.19		780.19	\$0.00
Colorado	780.19		780.19	\$0.00
Guam	780.19		780.19	\$0.00
Hawaii	780.19		780.19	\$0.00
Idaho	780.19		780.19	\$0.00
Micronesia	200.00		200.00	\$0.00
Montana	780.19		780.19	\$0.00
Northern Marianas	200.00		200.00	\$0.00
Nevada	780.19		780.19	\$0.00
New Mexico	780.19	741.60	741.60	<b>\$780.19</b>
Oregon	780.19		780.19	\$0.00
Utah	780.19		780.19	\$0.00
Washington	780.19		780.19	\$0.00
Wyoming	780.19		780.19	\$0.00
<b>Assessment Total</b>	\$11,522.61	\$741.60	\$11,484.07	\$780.14

**INCOME/EXPENSE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Transaction</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Balance</b>
07/01/03	Balance forward			<b>\$171.17</b>
	YTD Assessments Received	11,484.07		11,655.24
08/11/03	July Interest	0.04		11,655.28
09/05/03	August Interest	0.40		11,655.68
10/09/03	September Interest	4.06		11,659.74
11/05/03	October Interest	5.53		11,665.27
12/03/03	November Interest	6.95		11,672.22
01/06/04	December Interest	7.01		11,679.23
02/02/04	January Interest	2.09		11,681.32
03/02/04	February Interest	1.92		11,683.24
04/05/04	March Interest	1.96		11,685.20
05/05/04	April Interest	1.92		11,687.12
06/03/04	May Interest	2.03		11,689.15
	June Interest			11,689.15
9/3/2003	CSU First Qtr		2,880.65	8,808.50
12/8/2003	CSU Second Qtr		2,880.65	5,927.85
12/8/2003	CSU Third Qtr		2,880.65	3,047.20
5/4/2004	CSU Fourth Qtr		2,880.65	166.55
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$11,517.98	\$11,522.60	166.55

**Agenda Item 5.0**  
**BAA Policy Board of Directors**

**Presenter:** C. Colin Kaltenbach

**Background:**

The Policy Board has not met since early March. Actions taken at this meeting were reported at the Spring meeting of WAAESD. There have been no significant actions taken since that time except the efforts to move the DOE collaboration forward have proceeded, including the organization of workshops. This effort is being carried primarily by the Regional ED's. The Board has also been working on the Questionnaire Regarding the New Organizational Structure of the Board on Agriculture Assembly which will be submitted to the various Sections for input.

**Action Requested:** For Information

## Agenda Item 6.0 ESCOP Report

**Presenter:** C. Colin Kaltenbach

**Background:**

**Strategic Planning Process, 2004** An operational plan is being developed for the Experiment Station Section (ESS) to help guide implementation of the Science Roadmap for Agriculture. Also included is the development of an operational plan for ESCOP, including Core Committees and other subgroups, to help guide its activities to contribute most effectively toward the goals and objectives of the ESS operational plan

**DOE-NASULGC Project** . The Executive Directors (both research and extension), NASULGC staff and members of DOE are providing leadership for the five projects within the NASULGC-DOE effort. Projects include: Expanded Opportunities for Cooperation Communication, Use of Extension and Outreach Systems for the Dissemination and Delivery of DOE/EERE Products and Services, Youth Education in Science and Technology, Engaging the Research Capacities of the NASULGC Institutions, and Workshops at the DOE Labs for Scientists from the NASULGC- Affiliated Institutions. The National Center for Food and Agricultural Policy, headed by Jill Long Thompson serves the point of contact and coordination.

**Farm Bill Committee** The Committee, headed by Jeff Armstrong is reinitiating operations in anticipation of a new Farm Bill. It is anticipated that there will be major challenges given the current budget deficit and also international concerns over commodity subsidy payments. The regional EDs will be providing staff support for the sub-committees.

**NRSP Review Committee** The Committee charged with providing general oversight for the National Research Support Projects (NRSP), held its first working meeting June 1-2 in Minneapolis. Reviews of the NRSP's by the Committee have been transmitted to the AA's who are in the process of providing responses to the critiques.

**National Institute for Agricultural Security:** The NIAS has transitioned to a membership-based organization, with forty experiment stations and nine extension services as members for 2004. High priority projects are detailed below. Details of recent activities will be given by others.

**Action Requested:** For information

## **Agenda Item 7.0**

### **National Institute for Agricultural Security (NIAS) Update**

**Presenter:** D. Thawley/M. Harrington

**Background:**

#### **I. Membership**

NIAS has transitioned to a membership-based organization. Forty (40) Experiment Stations in the States and Territories have joined as members of NIAS for 2004. After the Experiment Station Directors were given the opportunity to indicate if they would continue as individual members of NIAS in 2004, an invitation was extended to the Extension Directors. The Chair of ECOP conveyed an invitation letter from NIAS President D.C. Coston, and an explanatory note from Dr. Stan Johnson, the Extension representative on the NIAS Board of Directors. As of April 16<sup>th</sup>, nine (9) Extension Directors have indicated that they will join as NIAS members. Discounts: If both the Experiment Station and the Extension Service at a university both wish to join NIAS as members, each receives a 25% discount.

There have been a number of inquiries as to whether there will be additional types of memberships offered. For example, can private sector or federal laboratories join? The possibility of additional types of Memberships will be presented to the current NIAS membership for future consideration and determination.

#### **II. Priority Projects**

**Managing Hazardous Agents:** After inspecting a number of agricultural research facilities at land-grant universities, the USDA Office of the Inspector (OIG) recommended the possible expansion of regulations or federal guidelines regarding the management of hazardous agents at the Experiment Stations. As an alternative to expanded regulations, the OIG has accepted a CSREES recommendation that the Experiment Stations be given the opportunity to develop their own process for managing these hazardous agents at their facilities. The NIAS Executive Director and several Experiment Station Directors developed a proposal that was submitted to USDA. USDA/CSREES responded positively to the proposal and provided a grant to Oklahoma State University to work with NIAS and four additional universities to develop a process for managing hazardous non-select agents (HNSA).

NIAS is providing oversight and management for the HNSA project, which is unfolding in four stages: (1) initial workshop, (2) in-depth site evaluations in five states, (3) a national survey of the Experiment Stations, and (4) development of draft voluntary guidelines, which will be provided to all Experiment Station Directors for their review. The five pilot states include Oklahoma, Michigan, West Virginia, Colorado, and Utah, which provides a geographical spread and a mix of smaller and larger institutions. Each university has developed a team that includes an expert from university administration (President's office or Research VP), Experiment Station Director, a university Biosafety officer, university law enforcement officer, a laboratory manager, a field station manager, and representatives from plant science, animal science, and pathology/microbiology. Excellent progress was made at the initial workshop in Washington D.C. in April 2004. There were 30 university participants and approximately 10 federal agency officials and specialists at the workshop.

A report on recommended management practices for handling hazardous non-select biological agents will be presented to the Experiment Station Section at its annual meeting in September, 2004.

**Agrosecurity Research Priorities:** In 2003, the NIAS Executive Director was asked to serve on a Blue-Ribbon Panel convened by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) to examine animal science biosecurity research priorities. The NIAS ED has also been engaged in a series of discussions with personnel at the White House Council on Homeland Security and the Office of Science and Technology at the Department of Homeland Security. After a year of development, it appears that an array of biosecurity research and education programs will begin to emerge in 2004. NIAS will work closely with the appropriate federal agencies to assist in the full inclusion of agriculture and food science interests in these emerging programs.

**Securing IT Communications:** In 2003, NIAS began collaborating with emerging coalitions of universities that were examining the development of secure IT communications networks for conveying sensitive research information among scientists and between universities and federal agencies. This project may move to the prototype phase in 2004. As it develops, NIAS will facilitate the inclusion of an expanding network of Experiment Station participants.



**Emerging Opportunities:** NIAS will continue to respond to projects of high priority interest to federal agencies as they emerge, including the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Agriculture, and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. NIAS will continue to respond to requests from individual institutions and university consortia to serve as a link between specific projects and the national agricultural research and extension network.

**III. Executive Director Activities:** Dr. Terry Nipp serves as the Executive Director on a part-time basis.

**DHS Selection of University Research Centers:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is in the process of creating a number of university-based research Centers of Excellence. The Department of Homeland Security asked Dr. Nipp to serve of the Post-Harvest Food Protection and Defense Merit Review Panel and was subsequently asked to serve as a member of the DHS Site Evaluation Teams. During this process, Dr. Nipp talked with DHS University Program staff about the role of NIAS, the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and the Cooperative Extension system. Dr. Nipp traveled with the DHS team to a number of the university site visits.

- Presentations
  - Worked with Dr. Lund to provide a paper on agrosecurity and NIAS activities to the Institute of Food Technologists.
  - Provided a presentation on NIAS activities to the ESCOP Social Science Committee.
  - Presented a paper on the impact of federal biosecurity measures on agricultural trade to a Conference on Food Terrorism – Risks and Limitations, hosted by the Southern California Institute of Food Technologists. The meeting included a number of food industry representatives.
- Workshops
  - Attended a workshop held for the private sector by the Department of Homeland Security's Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency (HSARPA).
  - Attended a Workshop on Educational Paradigms for Homeland Security, hosted by the Policy and Global Affairs Division of the National Academy of Sciences.

• Meetings

**University:** Dr. Nipp regularly meets with Experiment Station Directors and other University leaders when they are town to discuss biosecurity and Homeland Security developments. In the past several months, Dr. Nipp has met with leadership from the following states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Ohio, Tennessee and West Virginia

**Congress:** As the Executive Director of NIAS, Dr. Nipp keeps key Congressional Committees and Member Offices briefed regarding NIAS activities. In the past quarter, Dr. Nipp has met with –

- House and Senate Agriculture Committee staff
- Senate Majority and Minority leadership staff
- Congressional Research Service Analysts, including specialists from Agricultural Policy, Science and Technology Policy, and Public Health and Epidemiology.

**Science Groups:** Dr. Nipp is communicating with the broader scientific community about NIAS activities, including the –

- Editor-in-Chief, Science Magazine.
- Director of Science and Policy Programs, American Association for the Advancement of Science.

#### **IV. Building Linkages**

Part of NIAS charge is to build linkages to the array of federal agencies and programs that are addressing biosecurity and homeland security, while sustaining good communication with our traditional partners at USDA/CSREES. As well, it is our goal to make sure that national leaders understand the role that the Experiment Stations and the Cooperative Extension Service can play in addressing critical national biosecurity and homeland security concerns. To that end, Dr. Nipp has had a vigorous schedule of meetings with Administration and Agency leadership. During the past three months, Dr. Nipp has been in contact with the following individuals.

**White House:** National Economic Council, Special Assistant to the President for Agricultural Trade and Food Assistance; Council on Homeland Security, Director for Agriculture, Food and Water Supply; Office of Science and Technology Policy, OSTP Director of Homeland Security, Assistant Director, Life Sciences

**Department of Homeland Security:** Director of University Programs, Science and Technology Directorate; State Department of Agriculture advisor to the Information Analysis and Infrastructure

Protection Directorate; Former FEMA leadership, now part of the DHS; Former Pentagon Liaison to the National Guard

**Department of Agriculture:** Office of the Secretary, USDA Director of Homeland Security; Office of the Inspector General, Division Director, Audits; Research, Education and Economics, REE Deputy Undersecretary; CSREES: Associate Administrator, Deputy Administrator, Plant and Animal Systems, National Program Leader, Plant and Animal Systems, National Program Leader, Plant and Animal Systems, Consulting Program Leader, Plant and Animal Systems Director; ARS Office of Homeland Security, ARS Facility Security Specialist; APHIS: Deputy Administrator, Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ), Assistant Director, Plant Health Programs, PPQ, Biosafety Officer, Biotechnology Permits (PPQ), Acting Director, Office of Emergency Management.

**Food and Drug Administration:** Acting Commissioner; Assistant Commissioner for Counterterrorism; Assistant Director, Office of Counterterrorism; Senior Scientist, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition; Director, Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, University of Maryland.

#### **V. Board of Directors Meetings**

The NIAS Board of Directors was convened by teleconference several times and held a Board Meeting on April 27, 2004 in Washington DC. Minutes of the meeting will be forthcoming. The composition of the Board is shown on the attached page.

#### **VI. New Contact Information**

National Institute for Agricultural Security  
Hall of the States, Suite 715  
444 North Capitol, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001

The new phone and fax number is 888-429-4784. Email contacts and website remain the same. Dr. Terry Nipp, Executive Director, [tnipp@agrosecurity.org](mailto:tnipp@agrosecurity.org), Aimee Child, Staff Assistant, [achild@agrosecurity.org](mailto:achild@agrosecurity.org), Website: <http://agriculturalsecurity.homestead.com/index.html>

**Action Requested:** For Information

## **Agenda Item 8.0**

### **Executive Director's Report and Organizational Culture**

**Presenter:** H. M. Harrington

**Background:**

**April- July, 2004**

**Regional Activities**

#### **WAAESD**

##### **Joint Spring Meeting follow-up:**

- Worked with Chuck Laughlin to finalize presentations made at the spring meeting and posted all materials on the website
- Worked with leaders of the 3 identified regional initiatives on draft action plans
- Collected additional background on AES values

**Management of *Phytophthora ramorum* in U.S. Nurseries W-501:** Assisted with the development of this rapid response project including procedures and logistics. Communicated the project to CSREES on behalf of the WAAESD. This species of Phtoptora causes Sudden Oak Death.

**T-STAR, Pacific Basin Administrative Group:** I represent the directors on this committee, which with the Caribbean Group oversees the USDA special grants T-STAR program of nearly \$7 million. I read all Pacific proposals and reviews in preparation for the joint meeting with the Caribbean Advisory Group in Washington DC, April 12-14.

**Western Region IMP Center Steering Committee:** I serve as the Western Directors' representative on this committee. Assisted with the development of the special needs RFA that will be released soon.

**Summer Meeting:** Worked with Ralph Cavalieri to organize the WAAESD meeting agenda and also with Jack Payne and Erik Fritzell on the joint WAAESD-WED-WAPD agenda.

**Administrative Advisor Virtual Notebook:** Shared our outline a Virtual Notebook for Administrative Advisors with the other regions. We are looking onto the feasibility of creating a single notebook.

**CSREES Administrative Officers Meeting:** Represented the Association at the meeting hosted by. The meeting agenda and breakout session descriptions are available at <http://www.uri.edu/cels/csrees2004/index.htm>. There were many informative topics that are covered in this annual meeting that might be of interest to the Directors. One session was entitled: the "Marriage of CES and AES" was particularly disconcerting in that the presenters appeared to be more focused on *divorce* than any type of partnership.

**Western Association of State Directors of Agriculture (WASDA):** Worked with Don Henderson (NV), current WASDA chair, on developing a more formal interaction with the WASDA. I will be attending the WASDA meeting in Lake Tahoe in late July.

#### **National Activities**

## **ESCOP**

**ESS Annual Meeting, September 26-29:** With the other regional EDs and the host institution (Oklahoma State University), serve as the organizing committee for the annual meeting. Organizing a workshop session on the “Impact of the Hatch Multistate Research Fund”.

**National Institute for Agricultural Security (NIAS):** Serve as the Secretary on the Board of Directors. Served as the point of contact for communications during the the drive to solicit memberships for 2004. There are currently 40 AES members and Attended the Board’s annual meeting May 27, in Washington DC

**LGU Partnership Working Group:** Serve as co-chair of this effort. Worked with Pat Jensen and Gary Cunningham on the agenda for the upcoming summer meeting in Orlando. Completed final revisions to the draft rules of operation, organized conference calls for the co-chairs and also for the group.

- Publications Subcommittee: Providing leadership for this group looking into the feasibility of a “Partnership Publication” that would highlight the successes of the LGU system. Held several conference calls and one face to face meeting of this group. The proposal for an in house CSREES grant was not funded. Working with the SC to develop an on-line survey on publications and set of recommendations.
- Futuring Subcommittee: Working with Pat Sobrero and other members to identify key resources, readings, processes and procedures involved in “futuring”. Negotiating to bring a “futurist” to the summer PWG meeting.
- The PWG will be providing overall leadership for the biannual New Deans/Directors Orientation to again be held December 8-10, 2004. Embassy Row Hotel on Dupont Circle. Working with Dick Wooton, Ian Maw, Karen Kubena, Cameron Hackney to develop the draft agenda.

**Farm Bill Committee:** The EDs will be providing assistance to the BAA-Farm Bill Committee. Participated in 2 conference calls and met with Marc Johnson to discuss the rural development section of the Bill

### **National Multistate Coordinating Committee (NMCC)**

This group consisting of all of the regional/national EDs (research, extension and academic programs) works to address issues within individual sections and facilitates interactions between the components of the LGU system. This group met in Washington DC April 27-30. Current efforts include developing a common nomenclature for MRF projects, assisting with Civil Rights reviews, assisting with the Multistate Office plan.

**NASULGC-DOE Project:** The AES and CES regional EDs, as well as the NASULGC EDs are providing leadership in implementing the agreement’s five sub-projects. Excellent progress has been made on each of the 5 projects. We are implementing a tracking database that will allow reports to be generated on status of the projects. We also have a website that should be released to the public soon. Worked with Stan Bull (NREL) to organize site visit for the NASULGC team to National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) in Golden, CO, May 19-21. The committee holds monthly conference calls

- Project 5 DOE Workshops: Stan Bull (NREL) and I are leading this effort with the assistance of Sam Donald (ARD) and Sam Baldwin (DOE). Two concurrent workshops on Biomass and Solar energy will be held at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden CO, August 3-4. Attendance is limited to 60 people for each workshop. Developed the memo seeking nominations and facilitated its transmission. Collected

nominations and requests for travel assistance. Drafted memos to nominees. Worked with Janet Fried and David Glickson (NREL) and the Marriott on logistics

**2004 NASULGC-ICA Meeting:** (ICA, Intra-University Consortium for Agriculture and related Sciences, is the European counterpart to NASULGC) Represented the association at the meeting held in Athens, GA, April 6-9. Discussion topics included:

Working with Neal Van Alfen, Daryl Lund, Ian Maw assist with organizing a Biotechnology conference on education and communications to be held in Vienna

**NASULGC Ag Staff Meeting:** To this end, the members of the NASULGC agricultural program staff and the regional EDs continue to either face to face or via conference call. There have been several conference calls and a meeting on April 28.

#### **Summary of Travel April - June 2004**

April 5, NASULGC meeting on the LGU mission, Washington DC

April 6-9 ICA-NASULGC meeting, Athens GA

April 12-14, T-STAR Pacific Basin Advisory Group meeting, Washington DC

April 17-22, CSREES Administrative Officers meeting, Newport, RI

April 26-30, NMCC meeting, Washington DC

May 7, NREL visit meet with Stan Bull and Janet Fried re DOE Workshops, Golden, CO

May 7, Marriott Denver West, meeting with Renee Valentine on facilities for the DOE workshops, Golden, CO

May 19-21, NREL site visit, Golden, CO

May 27, NIAS Board of Directors meeting, Washington DC

May 28-30 NMCC meeting, Washington, DC

June 14, NREL meeting with Stan Bull, Janet Fried, David Glickson on DOE workshop details, Golden, CO

## Organizational Culture/AES Values

The core values serve as an integral part of the identity and culture of an organization. In effort to better define the values of the WAAESD, a request was sent to all Directors asking to list “Values”, or those Principles, Standards, Morals Ethics and/or Ideals, that are important to them as individuals and central to the operation of an experiment station. There were 5 responses.

### Management

- Discovery: Providing an encouraging climate for discovery 5
- Honesty: 5
- Integrity: source of unbiased science based information. 3
- Discovery: Providing an encouraging climate for discovery 5
- Open: 3
- Cost effective management

### Research

- Maintain a research portfolio that is balanced between fundamental and applied. 1
- Premier provider of basic science (broadly defined) and social sciences (sociology, economics, etc.) 4
- Highly qualified faculty successful in competitive grants. (Capable of independent, individual creative work.) 3
- Provide cutting edge, relevant, peer reviewed research. 5
- Support of State, Regional and National priorities 3

### Service

- Contribute to the economic development of State, Region and Nation 4 (Local, regional, and national stakeholders e.g. consumers, producers, processors or manufacturers, marketers, etc.)
- Integrate research activities with outreach to be responsive to stakeholder needs. 5

### Collaboration

- Ability to work collectively with other AES and CES entities to solve problems broader than one or even a small number of states. 5

### Learning

- Engage students in research, research writing, and communication. (proposal, research budget, implementing a research activity and communicating research findings in written and verbal forms) 1

**Action requested:** Additional discussion

## Agenda Item 9.0 RCIC Report

**Presenter:** Don Snyder

**Background:**

Attendance:

Don Snyder (AES-UT), Chair  
David Thawley (AES-NV)  
C. Y. Hu (AES-OR)  
Tony Nakazawa (CES-AK)

Others Attending:

Lee Sommers (AES-CO)  
H. Michael Harrington (ED)

The following list of Western Multistate Research Projects/Coordinating Committees are currently scheduled to terminate on or before September 30, 2004.

- Requests were received for the March 22, 2004 RCIC meeting and are itemized in 1.0 below
  - Requests were received for the June 20, 2004 RCIC meeting and are itemized in 2.0 through 6.0 below
- Lack of a • or ○ indicates that no request was received and the project/coordinating committee will terminate on September 30, 2004.

Project	Title
• NRSP1	Research Planning Using the Current Research Information System (CRIS)
• NRSP4	A National Agricultural Program: To Clear Pest Control Agents for Minor Uses
• NRSP7	A National Agricultural Program to Approve Animal Drugs for Minor Species and Uses
○ W102	Integrated Methods of Parasite Control for Improved Livestock Production
• W128	Micro-Irrigation: Management Practices to Sustain Water Quality and Agricultural Productivity
○ W170	Chemistry and Bioavailability of Waste Constituents in Soils
• W171	Germ Cell and Embryo Development and Manipulation for the Improvement of Livestock
• W181	Modifying Milk Fat Composition for Improved Manufacturing Qualities and Consumer Acceptability
○ W187	Interactions Among Bark Beetles, Pathogens, and Conifers in North American Forests
○ W188	Characterization of Flow and Transport Processes in Soils at Different Scales
W189	Biorational Methods for Insect Pest Management (IPM): Bioorganic and Molecular Approaches
• W190	Water Conservation, Competition and Quality in Western Irrigated Agriculture
W194	Community Economic Development by Merchandising, Producing, and Distributing Textiles and Sewn Products
○ WCC011	Turfgrass Research
○ WCC021	Revegetation and Stabilization of Deteriorated and Altered Lands
○ WCC023	Textile and Apparel Research Coordination
WCC037	Maximizing the Effectiveness of Bees as Pollinators of Agricultural Crops
○ WCC058	Production, Transition Handling, and Reestablishment of Perennial Nursery Stock
• WCC072	Agribusiness Research Emphasizing Competitiveness
○ WCC077	Biology and Control of Winter Annual Grass Weeds in Winter Wheat
WCC091	Improving Stress Resistance of Forages in the Western United States
WCC092	Beef Cattle Energetics
WCC093	Western Region Soil Survey and Inventory
○ WCC095	Vertebrate Pests of Agriculture, Forestry, and Public Lands
○ WCC110	Improving Ruminant Use of Forages in Sustainable Production Systems for the Western U.S.
○ WCC201	Enhanced Use of Barley for Feed and Food

1.0 Items reviewed at **SPRING MEETING** - March 22, 2004 (this item is for information)

Outline or Petition	Title	W. Directors Recommended on 3/24/04
NRSP_temp181	Research Planning Using the Current Research Information System (CRIS)	Continuation Approved
NRSP_temp243	A National Agricultural Program for Minor Use Animal Drugs (from NRSP7)	Continuation Approved
NRSP_TEMP261	High Value Specialty Crop Pest Management (from NRSP4)	Continuation Approved
NRSP_temp281	National Center for Manure and Animal Waste Management	Rejected
w_temp761	Development of Effective and Efficient Parasite Control in Livestock (from W102)	Deferred - <b>W102 TO TERMINATE 9/30/04</b>
w_temp781	Reducing Barriers to Adoption of Microirrigation (from W128)	W1128 Conditionally Approved
w_temp801	Interfacing technological, economic, and institutional principles for managing inter-sector mobilization of water (from W190)	W1190 Conditionally Approved
w_temp941	Modifying Milk Fat Composition for Improved Nutritional and Market Value (from W181)	W1181 Conditionally Approved
w_temp1001	Germ Cell and Embryo Development and Manipulation for the Improvement of Livestock (from W171)	W1171 Conditionally Approved
wcc_temp663	Western Regional Turfgrass Research (from WCC11)	Deferred
wcc_temp802	Managing Invasive Weeds in Wheat (from WCC77)	Deferred
wcc_temp881	Agribusiness Research Emphasizing Competitiveness (from WCC72)	WCC72 Approved
wcc_temp982	Vertebrate Pests of Agriculture, Forestry and Public Lands (from WCC95)	Deferred
wcc_temp601	Agricultural and Community Development in the American Pacific	WCC1004 Approved

2.0 Requests for Project Extensions

None

3.0 Requests for Project Revisions

3.1 w\_temp1002 Chemistry, Bioavailability, and Toxicity Of Constituents In Residuals And Residual-Treated Soils(from W170)

An outline for continuation of W170 was submitted by Administrative Advisor Lee Sommers (CO).

RCIC recommends approval of the proposal for w\_temp1002 "Chemistry, Bioavailability, and Toxicity of Constituents in Residuals and Residual-Treated Soils" for five years, from 10/1/04 to 9/30/09.

(Action of Directors: **Continuation approved**)

3.2 w\_temp1101 Characterizing Mass and Energy Transport at Different Scales (from W188)

An outline for continuation of W188 was submitted by Administrative Advisor G. Allen Mitchell (AK).



RCIC recommends conditional approval of the proposal for w\_temp1101 “Characterizing Mass and Energy Transport at Different Scales” for five years, from 10/1/04 to 9/30/09. Changes in the key milestones and impacts are needed.

(Action of Directors: **Conditional continuation approved**)

3.3 w\_temp1241 Interactions among Bark Beetles, Pathogens, and Conifers in North American Forests (from W187)

An outline for continuation of W187 was submitted by Administrative Advisor David Thawley (NV).

RCIC recommends conditional approval of the proposal for w\_temp1241 “interactions among Bark Beetles, Pathogens, and Conifers in North American Forests” for five years, from 10/1/04 to 9/30/09. The proposal must include: (1) milestones; (2) critical review; (3) statement in procedures section for which individual states are responsible for accomplishing the stated objectives; and (4) expanded literature review.

(Action of Directors: **Conditional continuation 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 WCC Renewals or Extensions

6.1 wcc\_temp663 Western Regional Turfgrass Research (from WCC11)

A renewal proposal for WCC011 was resubmitted, per RCIC request at the Spring 2004 meeting, by Administrative Advisor Steven Wallner (CO).

RCIC recommends approval of the proposal for wcc\_temp663 “Western Regional Turfgrass Research” for five years, from 10/1/04 to 9/30/09.

(Action of Directors: **Renewal approved**)

6.2 wcc\_temp802 Managing Invasive Weeds in Wheat (from WCC77)

A renewal proposal for WCC077 was resubmitted, per RCIC request at the Spring 2004 meeting, by Administrative Advisor Lee Sommers (CO).

RCIC recommends conditional approval of the proposal for wcc\_temp802 “Managing Invasive Weeds in Wheat” for five years, from 10/1/04 to 9/30/09. The Outreach plan needs to be strengthened to reflect the reported 1.15 FTE, the Impact Statements and Governance sections are to be modified.

(Action of Directors: **Conditional renewal approved**)

6.3 wcc\_temp982 Vertebrate Pests of Agriculture, Forestry and Public Lands (from WCC095)

A renewal proposal for WCC095 was resubmitted, per RCIC request at the Spring 2004 meeting, by Administrative Advisor David Thawley (NV).

RCIC recommends approval of the proposal for wcc\_temp982 "Vertebrate Pests of Agriculture, Forestry and Public Lands" for five years, from 10/1/04 to 9/30/09.

(Action of Directors: **Renewal approved**)

- 6.4 wcc\_temp1061 Production, Transition Handling, and Reestablishment of Perennial Nursery Stock (from WCC058)

A renewal proposal for WCC058 was submitted by Administrative Advisor Charles Boyer (OR)

RCIC recommends conditional approval of the proposal for wcc\_temp1061 "Production, Transition Handling, and Reestablishment of Perennial Nursery Stock" for five years, from 10/1/04 to 9/30/09. The committee is to solicit more participants via the NIMSS and improve the rationale statement for the committee based on the activities of the committee.

(Action of Directors: **Conditional renewal approved**)

- 6.5 wcc\_temp1081 Textiles and Apparel Coordinating Committee (from WCC023)

A renewal proposal for WCC023 was submitted by Administrative Advisor Sandra Ristow (WA).

RCIC recommends rejection of the proposal for wcc\_temp1081 "Textiles and Apparel Coordinating Committee." The originating WCC023 will terminate on 9/30/04.

(Action of Directors: **Rejection approved**)

- 6.6 wcc\_temp1210 Improving Ruminant Use of Forages in Sustainable Production Systems for the Western U.S. (from WCC110)

A renewal proposal for WCC110 was submitted by Administrative Advisor CY Hu (OR)

RCIC recommends conditional approval of the proposal for wccd\_temp1210 "Improving ruminant use of forages in sustainable production systems for the western U.S." for five years, from 10/1/04 to 9/30/09. The proposal is to provide (1) information regarding duplication and linkages to other projects; (2) a rewritten educational plan that better defines how the outreach program will be implemented.

(Action of Directors: **Conditional renewal approved**)

- 6.7 wcc\_temp1222 Enhanced Use of Barley for Feed and Food (from WCC201)

A renewal proposal for WCC201 was submitted by Administrative Advisor Thayne Dutson (OR)

RCIC recommends rejection of the proposal for wcc\_temp1222 "Enhanced Use of Barley for Feed and Food." The originating WCC201 will terminate on 9/30/04.

(Action of Directors: **Rejection approved**)

- 6.8 wcc\_temp1242 Revegetation and Stabilization of Deteriorated and Altered Lands (from WCC021)

A renewal proposal for WCC021 was submitted by Administrative Advisor James Jacobs (WY)

RCIC recommends conditional approval of the proposal for wcc\_temp1242 "Revegetation and Stabilization of Deteriorated and Altered Lands." from 10/1/04 to 9/30/09, pending modification of statements in the "Statement of Issue(s) and Justification" and "Governance" sections of the proposal.

(Action of Directors: **Conditional renewal approved**)

- 7.0 Requests for Establishment of New or Ad Hoc WCC's

None

- 8.0 Follow-up of Ad Hoc Technical and Coordinating Committees

- 8.1 wcc\_temp601 Agricultural and Community Development in the American Pacific

WCC1004 "Agricultural and Community Development in the American Pacific" was approved from 10/1/04 to 9/30/09 at the 2004 Spring meeting (see item 1.0 above)

- 9.0 Administrative Advisor Assignments

The following Administrative Advisor assignments are made, pending acceptance of the suggested individuals:

- 9.1 W1004 "Marketing, Trade, and Management of Fisheries and Aquaculture Resources" - James Jacobs (WY) to replace Cathy Chan-Halbrendt (HI)

- 9.2 WCC103 "Nutrient Management and Water Quality" - Gary Peterson (CO) to serve as Lead-Administrative Advisor with Lee Sommers (CO) as Co-Administrative Advisor.

- 9.3 WCC202 "Climatic Data Applications in Irrigation Scheduling and Water Conservation" - Rang Narayanan (NV) to replace James Jacobs (WY).

- 10.0 Mid-Term Reviews

The specific RCIC review comments for all the mid-term reviews will be sent to the Administrative Advisors.

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

Mid-Term Reviews			
Project/Committee	Title	Administrative Advisor	Reviewer
W112	Reproductive Performance in Domestic Ruminants	Kaltenbach	Thawley
W173	Stress Factors of Farm Animals and Their Effects on Performance	Kaltenbach	Thawley
WCC20	Virus and Virus Like Diseases of Fruit Trees, Small Fruits and Grapevines	Cavalieri	Harrington
WCC40	Rangeland Ecological Research and Assessment	Jacobs	Sommers
WCC55	Rangeland Resource Economics and policy	Snyder	Nakazawa
WCC81	Systems to Improve End-use Quality of Wheat	Karow	Sommers
WCC102	Climate Data and Analyses for Applications in Agriculture and Natural Resources	Sommers	Snyder
WCC103	Nutrient Management and Water Quality	Sommers	Thawley
WCC207	Agricultural Literacy	Cox	Nakazawa

RCIC has concerns regarding the following projects: **unless otherwise stated**, records indicate that the projects are missing **some or all** of their required reports. Annual project/WCC reports are due 60 days following the annual meeting. An annual report from the previous year is required before authorization of the current year's meeting.

RCIC has requested the Office of the Western Directors Association to notify all of the Administrative Advisors of the policy statement regarding submission of the annual report from the previous year before authorization of the current year's meeting

Mid-Term Reviews			
Project/Committee	Title	Administrative Advisor	Reviewer
W192	Rural Communities and Public Lands in the West: Impacts and Alternatives	Snyder	Nakazawa
WCC66	Integrated Management of Russian Wheat Aphid and Other Cereal Aphids	Holtzer	Harrington
WCC89	Potato Virus Disease Control	Bohach	Hu
WCC99	Broodstock Management, Genetics and Breeding Programs for Molluscan Shellfish	Ristow	Harrington
WCC208	Western Region Impact Statement Development	Pardini	Hu

## 11.0 Other Business

### 11.1 Revision of regional guidelines

A committee of H. M. Harrington, Chuck Gay, and Don Snyder is to work on revision of the regional guidelines during the summer.

### 11.2 Multistate Activities Nomenclature

A modified policy to standardize the nomenclature of multistate activities has been proposed and RCIC discussed the impact on the Western Region. H. M. Harrington and Lee Sommers will work on some of the phrasing.

RCIC recommends that the Western Directors adopt the rephrased nomenclature.

(Action of Directors: **Approved adoption of rephrased nomenclature for multistate activities**)

#### 11.3 Virtual Administrative Advisor Notebook

A committee of H. M. Harrington and the other regional Executive Directors is in the process of developing a "Virtual Administrative Advisor Notebook" that will be used by all regions, with sections allowing for regional differences attached.

#### 11.4 Review Process

With problems in finding willing peer reviewers who will submit their reviews in a timely manner, RCIC recommends that the Western Directors appoint a committee to explore and develop options for peer review of multistate projects/coordinating committees.

(Action of Directors: **Approved appointment of committee**)

#### 11.5 Modification of Coordinating Committee/ERA Proposal Structure

RCIC discussed the possibility of incorporating a "Procedures" section into the structure of coordinating committee proposals (WCC's and WERA's) and thus expand the proposals to five pages.

RCIC recommends that the NIMSS coordinating committee and extension/research activity submission template be modified to include "Procedures" and thus expand the content of proposals to five pages.

(Action of Directors: **Modification of coordinating committee proposal structure to include "Procedures" section approved**)

## **Agenda Item 10.0 Academic Programs Update**

**Presenter:** Eric Fritzell

**Background:**

Fritzell reported on activities and concerns of the Academic Program Directors (AP). Currently, the AP has Chair Eric Fritzell and Chair-Elect Annie King.

There is to be an academic summit in February 2005 dealing with curriculum of educational systems. It will be a broad summit including ASCAR institutions.

Of concern is: best system for delivery, competencies of faculty, of undergraduates to prepare for graduate school.

Regional activities include teaching workshops. Colorado State University will host a workshop in 2005 that will include 1994 institutions.

There is a teaching awards program - two per region and one national. The West needs to double their efforts of nominations.

**Action Requested:** For Information

## **Agenda Item 11.0 Spring Meeting Update**

**Presenter:** H. Michael Harrington

**Background:**

Harrington reported that, based on input from both AES and CES, a joint spring meeting with CES is recommended every two to three years.

**Action Requested:** For Information

## **Agenda Item 12.0 Working Group Reports**

**Presenter(s):** Project Leaders

**Background:**

During the Spring meeting three items were established as priorities:

- Obesity and Nutrition - Pardini reported that a temporary proposal is being developed on NIMSS (w\_temp1187)
- Rural Communities - Payne reported that the group was collaborating on the topic.
- Water - Jacobs indicated that he has circulated two emails requesting input on the topic and has received no responses.

**Action Requested:** For Information



## **Agenda Item 13.0 State Issues**

**Presenter(s):** All

**Background:**

Sommers reported that the Colorado legislature had approved state funding of vouchers issued to students for the students to use in payment of their tuition, rather than providing funding to the institutions. Additionally, the University of Colorado has been granted enterprise status, which allows them to restructure their tuition and fees.

Hu reported that eastern Oregon was dealing with an infestation of black fly that is devastating to the livestock industry.

Additional information from individual states is included in Agenda Item 15.1

**Action Requested:** For Information

## **Agenda Item 14.0 Election of Officers**

**Presenter:** R. Cavalieri

**Background:**

Cavalieri presented the slate of officers as nominated by the Executive Committee and called for additional nominations from the floor. None were added. The following slate of officers was recommended by the Executive Committee.

- Chair
  - Lee E. Sommers (CO)
- Chair-Elect
  - Don Snyder (UT)
- Treasurer
  - Jeff Jacobsen (MT)
- Secretary
  - Greg Bohach (ID)
- Interim Secretary - (9/1/04 - 12/31/04)
  - Greg Bohach (ID)
- At-Large Members - Executive Committee
  - C. Y. Hu (OR)
  - Ronald Pardini (NV)
- RCIC
  - Charles Boyer (OR)
- Resolutions:
  - Greg Bohach (ID)
  - Jeff Jacobsen (MT)
- Western Rural Development Center Board of Directors
  - Rang Narayanan (NV)
  - Carol Lewis (AK)

**Action Requested:** Election of Officers

**Action Taken:** Unanimously elected slate of nominees

## **Agenda Item 15.1 State Reports**

**Presenter:** All

**Background:**

### **Arizona Report**

Arizona continues to be hot, dry and broke. The legislature finally adjourned in late May after being gridlocked most of the session on matters of the budget. It appears that they did appropriate a \$1,000 raise for every employee but for the second year in a row they did not appropriate sufficient funds to cover the increased costs of the benefits package. Thus, in real dollars we will take a further cut in our much reduced operating budget. I am sure a significant portion of the \$1,000 will be spent trying to determine how to distribute the magnificent raise!

Construction has begun on facilities for the long awaited USDA-ARS Arid Lands Research Center located on the University's Maricopa Agricultural Center. This new facility will house the current Western Cotton Research Laboratory and U.S. Water Conservation Laboratory. This is occurring as farm land surrounding the Maricopa Center is being sold at a rapid clip for development. We moved the Center to the country to escape development in the Phoenix area. It appears that the development has again caught up with us.

## Idaho Report

The State Board of Education recently announced that Dr. Timothy White has accepted an offer to become the 16<sup>th</sup> President at the University of Idaho (UI). Dr. White is currently Provost and Executive Vice President at Oregon State University and will replace Gary Michael who is serving as Interim President. The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALs) has had several recent administrative changes. John Hammel, Greg Bohach, and John Foltz, were appointed Dean, Agricultural Experiment Station Director, and Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, respectively.

A 2% merit raise is planned for university employees, excluding upper administration. This will likely start mid-year. CALs and other UI research programs continue grow. The UI Research Office announced that, for the first time, the milestone of \$100 million in external grants and contracts was reached last year. The most rapid growth, since 1999, has been in NIH funding. During the past two years, Idaho ranked #1 in the nation on a per capita basis in growth of NIH funding. Idaho has learned that it will receive a \$16 million NIH INBRE grant. It will also participate in \$9 million NIH Lariat project to enhance research by linking and providing broad bandwidth telecommunications to many of the western states including Washington, Idaho, Alaska, Montana, Hawaii, Nevada, and Wyoming.

The University of Idaho is still operating under a multi-year plan (FY03-FY07) in which each college was required to reduce its general education budget base by a certain amount. The CALs general education reduction was 21.5% (7.5% state plus 14.0% internal); the state Research and Extension appropriation was also reduced by 7.5%. For FY05, the university mandated an additional 6% reduction in the general education budget. Two concerns at the present time are 1) the planned "sunsetting" of a temporarily implemented additional 1% sales tax could affect our future appropriations, and 2) university budget deficits may force additional internal holdbacks.

Much of the CALs budget reduction was accomplished through an early retirement program. A large number (109) of CALs employees took advantage of this program. We have been able to re-fill approximately 60 of these positions and still meet our reduction target. The process was initiated by a prioritization program in which vacant positions were placed into three tiers. All tier-one and most tier-two positions have been filled. There are obviously numerous critical vacancies that need to be filled in the future. CALs is in the process of defining its current and future "signature" programs in teaching, research, and extension. This is being done simultaneously with a university planning process through an internal Vision & Resource Task Force appointed by the Provost with guidance by Dr. White.

**Agenda Item 15.2**  
**ESCOP Communications and Marketing**

**Presenter:** Ronald S. Pardini

**Background:**

On June 1, 2004 the ESCOP Communications and Marketing Committee met via teleconference and discussed the counterfactual study. Numerous suggestions were made and the document entitled "The Case of Public Funding of Agricultural Research" is an attempt to provide a concise, compelling argument for increased public funding of agricultural research. There seems to be potential overlap between the CSREES Impact Report, the Best of the West and the N-CFAR one page summaries and this effort.

Science on the Hill plans are in process.

**Action Requested:** For information

**Agenda Item 15.3**  
**ESCOP Budget and Legislative Committee**

**Presenter: LeRoy Daugherty**

**Background:**

No action has been taken by the ESCOP Budget and Legislative Committee since the March WAAESD meeting in Las Vegas. However, as vice chair of the committee, I set on the Board on Agriculture Assembly Farm Bill Committee. That committee held a conference call. The minutes of that call follow:

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**FARM BILL COMMITTEE**  
**BOARD ON AGRICULTURE ASSEMBLY**

**CONFERENCE CALL**  
**May 18, 2004**  
**3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

- Roll Call
  - Updates from subcommittee chairs
    - Note - we still have two vacancies - Conservation and Forestry suggestions are welcome
    - Energy, Rural Development and Research
    - Proposal to add executive directors to subcommittees
    - General discussion of farm bill - will the FB be re-opened in 05?
    - Timeline for preparing for next FB (assuming 05 action)
- Action steps?  
Key people?
- November 14-16 NASULGC meeting - important FBC meeting to be scheduled
  - Additional items
  - Adjourn by 4 PM EDT

Chairman Jeffrey D. Armstrong called the conference call to order at 3:00 p.m. and asked Eddie Gouge to call the roll.

The following people participated in the conference call:

Jeffrey D. Armstrong, Chair, *Michigan State University*  
Gale A. Buchanan, *University of Georgia*  
Nancy H. Bull, *University of Connecticut*  
Fred A. Cholick, *South Dakota State University*  
LeRoy A. Daugherty, *New Mexico State University*  
Samuel L. Donald, *Association of Research Directors*  
David O. Hansen, *The Ohio State University*  
H. Michael Harrington, *WAAESD*  
Marc A. Johnson, *Colorado State University*  
Stanley R. Johnson, *Iowa State University*  
Alfred L. Parks, *Prairie View A&M University*  
C. P. Patrick Reid, *University of Arizona*  
Milo J. Shult, *University of Arkansas System*  
Phil Schwab, *CSREES/USDA*

John Thomson, *Mississippi State University*  
Eric Young, *SAAESD*  
Fred Hutchison, *BRT (Fleishman-Hillard Government Relations)*  
Mark Rokala, *BRT (Cornerstone Government Affairs)*  
Fred Clark, *BRT (Cornerstone Government Affairs)*  
Kerry D. Bolognese, *NASULGC*  
Luke Forrest, *NASULGC*  
Eddie G. Gouge, *NASULGC*  
Ian L. Maw, *NASULGC*  
Mortimer H. Neufville, *NASULGC*

## ACTION ITEMS

- Requested nominations to fill the chair of the subcommittees for conservation and forestry; Pat Reid will submit names for the forestry subcommittee
- Decided to contact each of the sections/boards represented on the FBC for a listing of their priorities and interests (including any new authorizations or changes) for a new farm bill; Eddie Gouge was asked to collect and compile this listing for the FBC.
- Asked Eddie Gouge to distribute to the FBC the invitation to the National Center for Food and Agricultural Policy event involving former USDA Secretaries Glickman and Block
- Approved having the Executive Directors of research and extension become a part of the FBC and having at least one appointed to serve on each of the FBC's subcommittees; Chairman Armstrong was encouraged to move forward with these appointments
- Decided to explore having a face-to-face meeting during the Joint COPs meeting in Orlando, FL and FBC members were asked for suggestions
- Agreed to have substitutes participate in FBC meetings and conference calls when the primary representative is unavailable; the primary representative is responsible for transmitting all pertinent information about the meeting to the substitute

## MINUTES

Chairman Armstrong indicated that two vacancies still existed in the subcommittees – conservation and forestry. He also indicated that the FBC needed to have substantive activity by the NASULGC Annual Meeting in November. Chairman Armstrong stated that the FBC needed to be as aggressive as possible.

In the event the farm bill is opened earlier, Milo Shult and Fred Cholick indicated the various sections and boards of the FBC should be asked to bring forth their respective priorities and interests (including new authorizations or any changes that should be made) in the next farm bill. Shult felt that the FBC needed to develop its basic tenets as soon as possible.

Even though the current farm bill does not expire until 2007, the BRT reported that it could be opened up in the near future. This may result from the need to find savings in mandatory spending accounts (\$10 billion over five years). The BRT indicated that there may be a "framework" farm bill document by June or July, and Congress could vote on the changes by 2006. In order to keep from being reactive, it was suggested that the FBC should suggest its changes by December of this year.

Phil Schwab stated that the budget reconciliation would cause a new farm bill to be a cutting farm bill.

There was some discussion about the \$200 million for the Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems (IFAFS). The consensus was that if the money is not going to be spent on IFAFS, then the system needed to find a way to keep the money in our account. It was suggested that the \$200 million might be used as a lever to bring the commodity groups to the table, since they will be facing major reductions too.

Chairman Armstrong thought the FBC should look and see how the report of the Danforth Committee might affect the farm bill. It was reported that this report had been given to the Secretary of Agriculture but had not been made public yet.

Gale Buchanan commented that the FBC needed to get the immediate support from the commodity groups. He reported that he shared these thoughts with the National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research (N-CFAR), and they were receptive to the idea.

There was some discussion as to whether or not the research title should be pulled out of the farm bill and considered as a separate entity.

Chairman Armstrong indicated that new chairs for the subcommittees on forestry and conservation needed to be appointed, so these groups could begin working. Pat Reid was asked to submit some names for the forestry subcommittee. These subcommittees should be headed by a member of the Administrative Heads Section or be a dean. Armstrong will work with Bobby Moser in getting these positions filled as soon as possible.

There was some discussion about having the research and extension Executive Directors join the FBC and working with specific subcommittees. The FBC approved this idea and encouraged the chairman to move forward with the subcommittee appointments.

It was decided that the FBC needed to pick up its activity by several notches. This activity would include contacting each of the sections/boards represented on the FBC for a listing of their priorities and interests (including any new authorizations or changes) in the farm bill. Eddie Gouge was asked to collect and compile this for the FBC.

Stan Johnson indicated that the National Center for Agricultural and Food Policy would be hosting a discussion involving former USDA Secretaries Dan Glickman and John Block on June 4, 2004 in Washington, DC. Eddie Gouge was asked to distribute the invitation to the FBC.

There was a suggestion to have a subset of the FBC meet with the BRT 3 or 4 weeks before the meetings in July and November. No action was taken on this suggestion.

There was discussion about when the FBC would have a face-to-face meeting. One suggestion was for the FBC to meet during the Joint COPs meeting on July 24-28, 2004 in Orlando, Florida. Chairman Armstrong asked the FBC to **send suggestions for the face-to-face meeting to Eddie Gouge by June 11, 2004.**

The FBC agreed that substitutes could participate in the face-to-face meetings and conference calls when the primary representative is unable to participate. However, the primary representative would be responsible for preparing (including providing all of the meeting's materials and other pertinent information) to the substitute.

Chairman Armstrong adjourned the conference call at 4:10 p.m.

**Action Required:** For information



## Appendix Item 15.4 ESCOP Science & Technology/Impact Assessment

**Presenter:** Ron Pardini

**Background:**

No S&T meetings have taken place since the March WAAESD meeting. There is no update at this time.

On March 15-19, 2004 the National Impact Writing Team met in Washington, D.C. and prepared Impact 2004, which is available on line at

<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/newsroom/impacts/04index.html>

### **2004 Science and Education Impact National Summaries**

- Disease Fighters - Tackling health threats to animals, people, and the food supply.
- Drive to Thrive - Nurturing the entrepreneurial spirit and economic leadership.
- Family Matters - Thriving under pressure.
- Fast Tracking Biosecurity - Get ready, get set, stop!
- Horticulture More than a Hobby - Greening our urban environment.
- Ready for the World - Keeping it real.
- Reclaim, Renew, Respect - Environment, energy, and education go hand-in-hand.
- Shrink to Fit - Super-sized techniques for small acreage farms.
- Stimulating Community Economic Growth - Surviving in economically distressed times.
- Tapping Genetic Tools - Biotechnology shows promise for health, environment, economy.
- The Thin Line between Obesity and Nutrition - Eating right, exercise key to preventing disease, controlling health care costs.
- Tribal Colleges Celebrate Decade of Service - Striving to improve the lives of Native Americans.
- Uninviting Uninvited Guests - Invasive species creep, seep and dig in deep.
- Water Wonderful World - Safeguarding and enhancing the nation's water resources.

This year, with the leadership of Mike Harrington, each region submitted impacts from several multi-state projects, and they were carried directly to the impact writers. As a result one multi-state project was mentioned in Impact 2004 in the Disease Fighters Impact Sheet.

Terry Meisenbach has indicated that this next year an entire impact sheet will be devoted to multi-state research activities, so we should be sure to submit good impact statements from our multi-state projects into the national database.

The "Best of the West" western impact writers have been relatively inactive and several have expressed concern over cut-backs in staff and travel expenses. We are planning a conference call meeting to construct Best of the West 2004-05.

CSREES  
Terry Meisenbach  
WAAESD  
Michael Harrington  
WAAESD  
Ron Pardini, Nevada

**Action Requested:** I suggest we briefly discuss the best mechanism to insure that the impacts of the western multi-state research programs are appropriately represented in the National Impact Database, in Impact 2005 and Best of the West.

**Action Taken:** It is recommended that, as W and WCC committees meet, they send their impact statements to H. Michael Harrington (W-ED). In addition, Harrington and Pardini are to develop a set of instructions for participants to use in developing their impact statements.

## **Agenda Item 15.6 ESCOP Planning Committee**

**Presenter:** LeRoy Daugherty

**Background:**

Conference Call meeting April 28, 2004

Members participating: Virginia Clark Johnson; John Gardner, David Morrison, LeRoy Daugherty, Alfred Parks, Fen Hunt, and Allen Dedrick.

The draft as revised after committee discussion follows. This will now be sent to the ESCOP Executive Committee (CAC) for their review and suggestions. The committee will take that feedback, make revisions, and provide for review at the July ESCOP meeting in Orlando, Florida. It is hoped that a final draft can be presented for a final vote at the September meeting in Oklahoma City.

### **OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR THE SCIENCE ROADMAP DRAFT DOCUMENT CREATED 2/24/04 BY ESCOP PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The purpose of this plan is to identify an operational plan that can be used to meet the seven challenges identified in the Science Roadmap. One overall goal has been identified for the plan; four topics were identified that are important to the achievement of that goal, with strategies for each topic. The Plan was intentionally written to provide broad, simple and basic guidance, with the realization that regions and stations would need to build goals to meet their particular challenges and needs.

**GOAL: CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL RESEARCH ENTITIES TO WORK TOGETHER, AND WITH EXTENSION AND EDUCATION, TO ADDRESS THE SEVEN CHALLENGE AREAS IDENTIFIED IN THE SCIENCE ROADMAP: BE COMPETITIVE IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY; ADD VALUE TO OUR FUTURE HARVESTS; ADJUST AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES TO A CHANGING CLIMATE; BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES; MAKE OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES STRONG; AND, IMPROVE FOODS AND PROCESSING FOR BETTER HEALTH.**

#### **TOPIC 1 - STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION - STRATEGIES:**

- 1) Recruit and support champions; people and organizations who are recognized by all partners as leaders.
- 2) Leverage resources and expertise through multiple partners (federal and state agencies, and other campuses) to strengthen research.
- 3) Use the food systems approach to establish the role of agriculture in societal issues.
- 4) Establish mechanisms to insure stakeholders' input is heard (advisory groups, focus groups).
- 5) Identify organizational structures that allow for and encourage collaboration, and create incentives to encourage collaboration (National Research Initiative Coordinated Agriculture Program, Multistate Research Funding process, integrated research, education and extension projects, National Research Initiative).
- 6) Create a system that better differentiates and identifies "niches" and builds on these so response time for addressing issues and problems can be quicker.

## **TOPIC 2 - PERSONNEL AND EXPERTISE - STRATEGIES:**

- 1) Identify capacity and "gaps", including gaps in education among diverse groups.
- 2) Actively recruit persons from all segments of society to educate and train the next generation of researchers to meet the 7 challenges.
- 3) Utilize expertise without regard to location and discipline (across campus, among campuses, domestically as well as internationally).
- 4) Maximize the use of technology, where appropriate.
- 5) Provide incentives to encourage collaboration (release time, awards, salary stipend, hourly assistant, etc.).
- 6) Create joint programs to leverage resources (for example, World Food Distribution training programs offered through Texas universities; Great Plains IDEA).

## **TOPIC 3 - INFRASTRUCTURE/FACILITIES - STRATEGIES:**

- 1) Establish a network of service centers (equipment used by many researchers; pay uses fee for service).
- 2) Share equipment and facilities to better utilize resources and minimize duplication.
- 3) Create matching sources of support for centralized service and/or shared equipment and facilities (as existing NIH or NSF programs).
- 4) Create Memo's of Agreement and/or Memo's of Understanding with Plans of Work to encourage sharing of new and existing equipment and facilities.

## **TOPIC 4 - FUNDING AND SUPPORT - STRATEGIES:**

- 1) Create incentives to encourage pursuit of grants and contracts, for an example overload pay, grantsmanship training.
- 2) Create an incentive fund in competitive grants programs to provide matching funds for pooling resources (facilities, equipment and personnel).

**Action Required:** For information

**Agenda Item 16.1**  
**2004 Fall ESS Meeting**

**Presenter:** C. Colin Kaltenbach

**Background:**

The 2004 Fall ESS Meeting and SAES Workshop will be held in Oklahoma City, OK September 26-29, 2004.

**Action Required:** For information

**Agenda Item 16.2**  
**2005 Spring Meeting**

**Presenter:** Donald Cooksey

**Background:**

The 2005 Western Region Spring Meeting will be held in Riverside, CA March 21-23, 2005.

**Action Required:** For information

**Agenda Item 16.3**  
**2005 Joint Summer Meeting**

**Presenter:** LeRoy Daugherty

**Background:**

The 2005 Western Region Joint Summer Conference will be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico July 10-13, 2005. The meeting will be in the El Dorado Hotel, 309 W. San Francisco Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico (505) 988-4455. The hotel web site is [www.eldoradohotel.com](http://www.eldoradohotel.com).

The theme for our conference will be "Blazed Trails to Future Frontiers."

**Action Required:** For information

## **Agenda Item 17.0 Resolutions**

**Presenter:** C. Y. Hu

**Background:**

**WHEREAS**, The Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors met at the Hyatt Regency, Guam, June 21-23, 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, those attending were educated and stimulated by meetings and the field trip; and

**WHEREAS**, the location for the meeting was outstanding and the accommodations were both compatible 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. Lee Yudin, Dr. Jeff Barcinas, Dr. Ross Miller, Dr. Henry Taijeron, Mr. Felix Quan, Mr. Jesse Rosario, Ms. Annie Santos, Mr. Pete Barcinas, Mr. Pierre Wong, Ms. June Calvo, Ms. Frances Tomboc for arranging the facilities and coordinating the meeting and the field trip, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that an original of this resolution be provided to Dr. Lee Yudin and that a copy be filed as part of the official minutes of this meeting.

**Action Requested:** Approval of Resolution

**Action Taken:** Unanimously approved resolution honoring Guam for their efforts in hosting the meeting.



## **Agenda Item 18.0 Other Business**

**Presenter:** R. Cavalieri

**Background:**

Questions have been raised by CARET about the performance of the Blue Ribbon Team (BRT).

NRSP Oversight Committee Activities:

The NRSP Oversight Committee has developed a set of recommendations:

- Each NRSP budget is to be approved for five years at the time the project is approved.
- Each NRSP has been asked to provide a business plan.
- Budgets for NRSP's
  - NRSP1 - budget is supported by 25% SAES and 75% from other agencies and is not tied to Hatch dollars
  - NRSP3 - \$112,000 to be phased down to \$50,000
  - NRSP4 - \$480,000 to stay at \$480,000
  - NRSP5 - to be phased down to \$0
  - NRSP6 - to be phased down to \$0
  - NRSP7 - to stay at \$0
  - NRSP8 - to be kept at stable funding.

Comments regarding the NRSP budget recommendations are to be directed to Gary Lemme or Daryl Lund.

The motion was made and seconded to appoint Lee Sommers to serve on the NRSP Oversight Committee.

**Action Requested:** For Information

**Action Taken:** Approved appointment of Lee Sommers to serve on the NRSP Oversight Committee.