

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



Wood Center - University of Alaska
Fairbanks, Alaska
July 6-9, 2008

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	Adjourn	

WAAESD Meeting

Participants:

Alaska	Carol Lewis	Oregon	Jan Auyong
Arizona	C. Colin Kaltenbach		Larry Curtis
California	Barbara AllenDiaz	Washington	Ralph Cavalieri
Colorado	Lee Sommers	Wyoming	Stephen Miller
Guam	Greg Wiecko	OTHERS:	
Hawaii	C. Y. Hu	ARS	Toni Betschart
Idaho	Greg Bohach		Andrew C. Hammond
Micronesia	Singeru Singeo		Michael McGuire
Montana	Jeff Jacobsen	CSREES	Ralph Otto
Nevada	Ron Pardini		Luis Tupas
	David Thawley	W. Exec. Dir.	H. Michael Harrington
New Mexico	LeRoy Daugherty	OWDA	Harriet Sykes

AGENDA Summer WAAESD Meeting July 7, 2008 Wood Center C University of Alaska

1:45	1.0	Call to Order and Welcome	Greg Bohach
1:50	2.0	Approval of Agenda and Minutes of March 2008 Meeting (See http://www.colostate.edu/Orgs/WAAESD/WAAESD/SP08Min.pdf)	Greg Bohach
1:55	3.0	Chair's Report, Interim Actions, Executive Committee Report	Greg Bohach
2:00	4.0	Treasurer's Report	Jeff Jacobsen
	5.0	Agency Reports	
2:10	5.1	CSREES Update	Ralph Otto
2:20	5.2	ARS Update	Andy Hammond/Micky McGuire/Toni Betschart
2:30	6.0	ESCOP Report	Ron Pardini
2:40	7.0	ESCOP Advocacy/Marketing Committee	Ron Pardini
2:50	8.0	ESCOP Budget & Legislative Committee	Mike Harrington
3:00		Break	
3:15	9.0	NRSP Review Committee Recommendations	Ralph Cavalieri

- 3:30 10.0 Plant Germplasm Task Force Report Lee Sommers
- 3:40 11.0 Executive Director's Report Mike Harrington
- 3:50 12.0 Western Region Energy Consortium Mike Harrington
- 4:00 13.0 Implications of Farm Bill Legislation: Discussion Tim Sanders/All
- 4:45 14.0 Appointments and Election of Officers Greg Bohach
- 4:55 15.0 Discussion of items from the Consent Agenda Greg Bohach /All

Consent Agenda: (Agenda Briefs only)

- 15.1 State Reports All
- 15.2 ESCOP Science & Technology Committee G. Bohach
- 15.3 Create 21, Farm Bill Committee Mike Harrington
- 15.4 BAA Policy Board Mike Harrington
- 15.5 EERE/NASULGC Partnership Mike Harrington
- 15.6 RCIC Digest of Actions for 2008 Harriet Sykes
- 5:15 16.0 Future Meetings
 - 16.1 2008 Fall ESS Meeting Ron Pardini
 - 16.2 2009 Spring Meeting Barbara Allen-Diaz
 - 16.3 2009 Joint Summer Meeting Ralph Cavalieri
- 5:25 17.0 Resolutions Jan Auyong/Greg Bohach

5:30 Adjourn for day

Afternoon, Tuesday, July 8

- 4:00 18.0 State Issues Discussion Greg Bohach, All
- 5:30 **Adjourn**

Agenda Item 1.0: Call to Order and Introductions

Presenter: Greg Bohach

Background:

Bohach called the meeting to order and welcomed the participants to the meeting.

The attendees introduced themselves.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 2.0: Approval of Agenda and Minutes of March 2008 Meeting

Presenter: Greg Bohach

Background:

Bohach requested a motion for approval of the Agenda and approval of the Minutes of the March 18-20, 2008 Spring Meeting (<http://www.colostate.edu/Orgs/WAAESD/WAAESD/SP08Min.pdf>).

Action Requested: Approval of the Agenda and approval of the Minutes of the March 18-20, 2008 Spring Meeting

Action Taken: **Approved Agenda and Briefs as circulated**
 Approved Minutes of March 18-20, 2008 WAAESD Meeting as posted
 on the WAAESD web site.

Agenda Item 3.0: Chair's Report, Interim Actions, Executive Committee Report

Presenter: Greg Bohach

Background:

Bohach reported that the Executive Committee had met July 6, 2008. Most items discussed are included in the WAAESD meeting agenda.

A specific item was a discussion of a slate of officers for 2009. A suggested slate is:

Chair - David Thawley (NV)

Chair-Elect - Carol Lewis (AK)

Secretary - Jan Auyong (OR)

Member-at-Large - Greg Weicko (GU)

Member-at-Large - Steve Miller (WY)

RCIC - Milan Shipka (AK)

Nominations for officers from the floor will be accepted later in the meeting in Agenda Item 14.0 "Nominations and Election of Officers."

Action Requested: For information

**WESTERN DIRECTOR EXPERIMENT STATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FY 2009**

23-Jun-08

ASSESSMENTS	FY09 Assessments	Outstanding FY08	Payment Received	Balance Due
Am Samoa	600.00		322.35	277.65
Micronesia	600.00			10,645.98
Northern Marianas	600.00			600.00
Alaska	10,645.98			10,645.98
Arizona	18,513.53			18,513.53
California	29,623.41			29,623.41
Colorado	21,907.35			21,907.35
CSU Rent	(7,800.00)			-7,800.00
Guam	10,382.18			10,382.18
Hawaii	13,731.05			13,731.05
Idaho	16,460.61			16,460.61
Montana	17,378.09		17,378.09	0.00
Nevada	13,501.69			13,501.69
New Mexico	13,971.89			13,971.89
Oregon	20,944.89			20,944.89
Utah	17,592.61			17,592.61
Washington	26,407.38			26,407.38
Wyoming	15,646.34			15,646.34
Assessment Total	\$240,707.00		\$17,700.44	233,052.54

INCOME/EXPENSE

Date	Transaction	Income	Expense	Balance
07/01/07	Balance forward			\$56,781.32
	YTD Assessments Receiver	17,700.44		74,481.76
	July Interest			74,481.76
	August Interest			74,481.76
	September Interest			74,481.76
	October Interest			74,481.76
	November Interest			74,481.76
	December Interest			74,481.76
	January Interest			74,481.76
	February Interest			74,481.76
	March Interest			74,481.76
	April Interest			74,481.76
	May Interest			74,481.76
	June Interest			74,481.76
07/01/08	MT Accounting Fee		3,500.00	70,981.76
	CSU First Qtr			70,981.76
	CSU Second Qtr			70,981.76
	CSU Third Qtr			70,981.76
	CSU Fourth Qtr			70,981.76
TOTAL		17,700.44	3,500.00	70,981.76

**WESTERN DIRECTOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FY 2009**

23-Jun-08

ASSESSMENTS	FY09 Assessments	FY08 Outstanding	Payment Received	Balance Due
Alaska	1,267.29			\$1,267.29
American Samoa	200.00			\$200.00
Arizona	1,267.29			\$1,267.29
California	1,267.29			\$1,267.29
Colorado	1,267.29			\$1,267.29
Guam	1,267.29			\$1,267.29
Hawaii	1,267.29			\$1,267.29
Idaho	1,267.29			\$1,267.29
Micronesia	200.00			\$200.00
Montana	1,267.29		1,267.29	\$0.00
Northern Marianas	200.00			\$200.00
Nevada	1,267.29			\$1,267.29
New Mexico	1,267.29			\$1,267.29
Oregon	1,267.29			\$1,267.29
Utah	1,267.29			\$1,267.29
Washington	1,267.29			\$1,267.29
Wyoming	1,267.29			\$1,267.29
Assessment Total	\$18,342.00	\$0.00	\$1,267.29	\$17,074.71

INCOME/EXPENSE

Date	Transaction	Income	Expense	Balance
07/01/08	Balance forward			\$6,852.84
	YTD Assessments Received	1,267.29		8,120.13
	July Interest	0.00		8,120.13
	August Interest	0.00		8,120.13
	September Interest	0.00		8,120.13
	October Interest	0.00		8,120.13
	November Interest	0.00		8,120.13
	December Interest	0.00		8,120.13
	January Interest	0.00		8,120.13
	February Interest			8,120.13
	March Interest			8,120.13
	April Interest			8,120.13
	May Interest			8,120.13
	June Interest			8,120.13
	CSU First Qtr			8,120.13
	CSU Second Qtr			8,120.13
	CSU Third Qtr			8,120.13
	CSU Fourth Qtr			8,120.13
TOTAL		\$1,267.29	\$0.00	8,120.13

**WESTERN DIRECTOR EXPERIMENT STATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FY 2008**

23-Jun-08

ASSESSMENTS	FY08 Assessments	Outstanding FY06/FY07	Payment Received	Balance Due
Am Samoa	600.00	1,200.00	2,122.35	-322.35 overpayment
Micronesia	600.00		600.00	0.00
Northern Marianas	600.00		600.00	0.00
Alaska	9,664.65		9,664.65	0.00
Arizona	16,802.54		16,802.54	0.00
California	25,771.68		25,771.68	0.00
Colorado	19,990.87		12,190.87	7,800.00
CSU Rent	(7,800.00)			-7,800.00
Guam	9,425.32		9,425.32	0.00
Hawaii	12,463.61		12,463.61	0.00
Idaho	14,940.04		14,940.04	0.00
Montana	15,772.43		15,772.43	0.00
Nevada	12,255.53		12,255.53	0.00
New Mexico	12,682.13		12,682.13	0.00
Oregon	19,008.43		19,008.43	0.00
Utah	16,567.25		16,567.25	0.00
Washington	24,449.25		24,449.25	0.00
Wyoming	14,201.27		14,201.27	0.00
Assessment Total	\$217,995.00	\$1,200.00	\$219,517.35	-322.35

INCOME/EXPENSE

Date	Transaction	Income	Expense	Balance
07/01/07	Balance forward			\$7,518.21
	YTD Assessments Receiver	219,517.35		227,035.56
	July Interest	57.89		227,093.45
	August Interest	58.05		227,151.50
	September Interest	57.29		227,208.79
	October Interest	181.44		227,390.23
	November Interest	439.61		227,829.84
	December Interest	446.57		228,276.41
	January Interest	402.76		228,679.17
	February Interest	296.12		228,975.29
	March Interest	286.22		229,261.51
	April Interest	221.79		229,483.30
	May Interest	144.27		229,627.57
	June Interest			229,627.57
	MT Accounting Fee		3,500.00	226,127.57
11/21/07	CSU First Qtr		56,448.75	169,678.82
11/21/07	CSU Second Qtr		56,448.75	113,230.07
02/29/08	CSU Third Qtr		56,448.75	56,781.32
	CSU Fourth Qtr			56,781.32
	TOTAL	222,109.36	172,846.25	56,781.32

**WESTERN DIRECTOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FY 2008**

23-Jun-08

ASSESSMENTS	FY08 Assessments	Outstanding FY06/FY07	Payment Received	Balance Due
Alaska	1,181.93		1,181.93	\$0.00
American Samoa	200.00	\$400.00	600.00	\$0.00
Arizona	1,181.93		1,181.93	\$0.00
California	1,181.93	1,120.21	2,302.14	\$0.00
Colorado	1,181.93		1,181.93	\$0.00
Guam	1,181.93		1,181.93	\$0.00
Hawaii	1,181.93		1,181.93	\$0.00
Idaho	1,181.93		1,181.93	\$0.00
Micronesia	200.00		200.00	\$0.00
Montana	1,181.93		1,181.93	\$0.00
Northern Marianas	200.00		200.00	\$0.00
Nevada	1,181.93		1,181.93	\$0.00
New Mexico	1,181.93		1,181.93	\$0.00
Oregon	1,181.93		1,181.93	\$0.00
Utah	1,181.93		1,181.93	\$0.00
Washington	1,181.93		1,181.93	\$0.00
Wyoming	1,181.93		1,181.93	\$0.00
Assessment Total	\$17,147.00	\$1,520.21	\$18,667.23	\$200.00

INCOME/EXPENSE

Date	Transaction	Income	Expense	Balance
07/01/07	Balance forward			\$1,029.07
	YTD Assessments Received	18,667.23		19,696.30
	July Interest	0.00		19,696.30
	August Interest	0.00		19,696.30
	September Interest	0.00		19,696.30
	October Interest	0.00		19,696.30
	November Interest	0.00		19,696.30
	December Interest	0.00		19,696.30
	January Interest	0.00		19,696.30
	February Interest	0.00		19,696.30
	March Interest	0.00		19,696.30
	April Interest	3.78		19,700.08
	May Interest	13.01		19,713.09
	June Interest			19,713.09
11/21/2007	CSU First Qtr		4,286.75	15,426.34
11/27/2007	CSU Second Qtr		4,286.75	11,139.59
2/29/2008	CSU Third Qtr		4,286.75	6,852.84
	CSU Fourth Qtr			6,852.84
TOTAL		\$18,684.02	\$12,860.25	6,852.84

Agenda Item 5.1: CSREES Report**Presenter: Ralph Otto****Background:**

Otto reported that George Cooper had left CSREES and that Frank Boteler was appointed to that position.

He reported that the Specialty Crops RFA was almost released for public viewing.

Due to the new Farm Bill, an agency reorganization meeting is to be held on 7/14/2008.

By October 1, 2009 NIFA will take over for CSREES. All authorities will remain.

There has been much discussion of the matching requirements for the specialty crops program. CSREES has found that there must be 100% match, which can be a direct match or in-kind match. The specialty crops grants will likely be medium to small grants (\$250,000 to \$1,000,000) for this year. It is unknown the amount of funding that will be available under the program next year.

Questions about the program are to be sent via email to Ralph Otto or Ellen Danus.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 5.2: ARS Report
Presenter: Andy Hammond
Background:

ARS REPORT

LEADERSHIP

Pacific West Area

- Area Director: Andrew Hammond
- Associate Area Director: Vacant
- Assistant Area Director: Bob Matteri
- Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington

Northern Plains Area

- Area Director: Will Blackburn
- Associate Area Director: Larry Chandler
- Assistant Area Director: Mickey McGuire
- Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming

Southern Plains Area

- Area Director: Dan Upchurch
- Associate Area Director: James Coppedge
- Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, (Panama)

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION

Pacific West Area

- Albany, CA – Western Regional Research Center, Research and Development Facility Modernization. Two of six phases complete. Some progress on a third phase. Remaining phases awaiting additional appropriations.
- Davis, CA – Center for Advanced Viticulture and Tree Crop Research. In planning and design phase. Progress awaits additional appropriations for construction.
- Salinas, CA – Salinas Agricultural Research Center. Design completed. Construction of Phase 1 of 3 awaiting additional appropriations.
- Hilo, HI – U.S. Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center. Phase 1 completed and occupied in 2007. Redesign for revised scope of Phase 2 and 3 is ongoing.

- Hagerman (Billingsley, Creek), ID – National Trout Production and Evaluation Facility. Conceptual design is complete. Construction awaits additional appropriations.
- Pullman, WA – Pullman ARS Research Laboratory. Design is 35% complete for original project scope. Construction awaits additional appropriations.

Northern Plains Area

- Bozeman, MT – Animal Bioscience Research facility. Program of Requirements completed. Design initiated. Construction funding needed.
- Miles City, MT – Fort Keogh Modernization. Planning and Design and some construction money appropriated.
- Sidney, MT – Biological Control and Soil Conservation Research Laboratory. Design build contract for a BL-2 Quarantine Laboratory has been awarded.
- Logan, UT – ARS Agricultural Research Center. Facility needs study completed.

Southern Plains Area

- None

BUDGET

FY 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Bill

- \$1.12 Billion – ARS Programs
 - No new or expanded projects
 - No pay cost
 - .7% across-the-board reduction
- \$46.8 Million – ARS Buildings and Facilities
 - Pacific West Area:
 - \$1.87 Million – Center for Advanced Viticulture and Tree Crop Research, Davis, CA
 - \$1.87 Million – U.S. Agricultural Research Center, Salinas, CA
 - \$1.74 Million – U.S. Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center, Hilo, HI
 - \$.70 Million – Aquaculture Facility, Hagerman, Billingsly Creek, ID
 - \$1.87 Million – ARS Research Laboratory, Pullman, WA
 - Northern Plains Area:
 - \$1.87 Million – Animal Bioscience Facility, Bozeman, MT
 - \$1.39 Million – Systems Biology Research Facility, Lincoln, NE
 - \$5.56 Million – ARS Agricultural Research Center, Logan, UT

Southern Plains Area:

- \$1.39 Million – U.S. Agricultural Research Facility, Knipping-Bushland Laboratory, Kerrville, TX

FY 2009 President's Budget

- \$1.04 Billion – ARS Programs
 - \$84 Million Reductions
 - \$62 Million Redirections
- \$54.0 Million Rescission – ARS Buildings & Facilities
 - \$13.2 Million – Biocontainment Laboratory and Consolidated Poultry Research Facility, Athens, Georgia
 - \$67.2 Million Rescission
- ARS Initiatives
 - Food Safety
 - Obesity Prevention
 - Water Reuse in Agricultural Systems
 - Crop and Animal Protection
 - Ag Genomics, Germplasm and Cultures
 - Bioenergy and Bioproducts
 - Library and Information Services
 - Colony Collapse Disorder

WESTERN ARS LOCATIONS

ALASKA

Fairbanks

- Subarctic Agricultural Research Unit, Dr. Alberto Pantoja, Research Leader

Palmer

- Arctic Germplasm Preservation (Worksite of Fairbanks Research Unit), Dr. Alberto Pantoja, Research Leader

ARIZONA

Maricopa

- U.S. Arid Land Agricultural Research Center, Dr. Bert Clemmens, Center Director
 - Pest Management and Biocontrol Research Unit, Dr. Steve Naranjo, Research Leader
 - Plant Physiology and Genetics Research Unit, Dr. Mike Salvucci, Research Leader
 - Water Management and Conservation Research Unit, VACANT, Research Leader

Tucson

- Carl Leader Hayden Bee Research Center, Dr. Gloria DiGrandi-Hoffman, Research Leader
- Southwest Watershed Research Center, Dr. Mark Nearing, Research Leader

CALIFORNIA

Albany

- Western Regional Research Center, Dr. James Seiber, Center Director
 - Genomics and Gene Discovery Research Unit, Dr. Olin Anderson, Research Leader
 - Crop Improvement and Utilization Research Unit, Dr. Maureen Whalen, Research Leader
 - Processed Foods Research Unit, Dr. Tara McHugh, Research Leader
 - Bioproduct Chemistry and Engineering Research Unit, Dr. William Orts, Research Leader
 - Produce Safety and Microbiology Research Unit, Dr. Robert Mandrell, Research Leader
 - Foodborne Contaminants Research Unit, Dr. J. Mark Carter, Research Leader
 - Plant Mycotoxins Research Unit, Dr. Bruce Campbell, Research Leader
 - Exotic and Invasive Weeds Research Unit, Dr. Raymond Carruthers, Research Leader
- Plant Gene Expression Center, Dr. Sarah Hake, Center Director

Davis

- Crops Pathology/Genetics Research Unit, Dr. Dan Kluepfel, Research Leader
- National Clonal Germplasm Repository for Tree Fruit/Nut Crops and Grapes, VACANT, Research Leader
- Western Human Nutrition Research Center, Dr. Lindsay Allen, Center Director
 - Obesity and Metabolism Research Unit, Dr. Sean Adams, Research Leader
 - Immunity and Disease Prevention Research Unit, Dr. Charles Stephensen, Research Leader
- Exotic & Invasive Weeds Research (Worksite of Albany EIW Research Unit), Dr. Raymond Carruthers, Research Leader

Parlier

- San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Sciences Center, Dr. Ed Civerolo, Center Director
 - Water Management Research Unit, Dr. Dong Wang, Research Leader
 - Crop Diseases, Pests and Genetics Research Unit, Dr. Drake Stenger, Research Leader
 - Commodity Protection and Quality Research Unit, Dr. James Leesch, Research Leader
- Arid Land Plant Genetic Resources (Worksite of WRPIS, Pullman), Jinguo Hu, Research Leader

Riverside

- George E. Brown Jr. Salinity Laboratory, Dr. Donald Suarez, Laboratory Director
 - Water Re-use and Remediation Research Unit, Dr. Donald Suarez, Research Leader
 - Contaminant Fate and Transport Research Unit, Dr. Scott Yates, Research Leader
- National Clonal Germplasm Repository for Citrus and Dates, Dr. Richard Lee, Research Leader

Salinas

- Crop Improvement and Protection Research Unit, Dr. James McCreight, Research Leader

Shafter

- Western Integrated and Cropping Systems Research Unit, Dr. Dale Spurgeon, Research Leader

COLORADO

Akron

- Central Great Plains Research Station, Dr. Merle Vigil, Research Leader

Fort Collins

- Rangeland Resources Research Unit, Dr. Jack Morgan, Research Leader
- Sugarbeet Research Unit, Dr. Lee Panella, Research Leader
- National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation Center, VACANT, Center Director
 - Center was restructured into one management unit led by a Research Leader/Center Director (Dr. Harvey Blackburn, Acting CD). Recruitment for a permanent RL in progress.
- Agricultural Systems Research Unit, Dr. Lajpat Ahuja, Research Leader
- Soil Plant Nutrient Research Unit, Dr. Ron Follett, Research Leader
- Water Management Research Unit, Dr. Tom Trout, Research Leader

HAWAII

Hilo

- U.S. Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center, Dr. Dennis Gonsalves, Center Director
 - Tropical Plant Genetics Resource Management Research Unit, Dr. Frances Zee, Research Leader
 - Tropical Plant Physiology, Disease, and Production Research Unit, VACANT, Research Leader
 - Tropical Plant Pests Research Unit, Dr. Eric Jang, Research Leader
 - Postharvest Tropical Commodities Research Unit, VACANT, Research Leader

IDAHO

Aberdeen

- Small Grains and Potato Germplasm Research Center, Dr. J. Michael Bonman, Research Leader

Boise

- Northwest Watershed Research Center, Dr. Fred Pierson, Research Leader

Dubois

- U.S. Sheep Experiment Station, Dr. Greg Lewis, Research Leader

Hagerman

- National Trout Production and Evaluation Facility (Worksite of Small Grains and Potato Research Center), Dr. J. Michael Bonman, Research Leader

Kimberly

- Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Laboratory, Steve Evett (effective August 31, 2008), Research Leader

Parma

- Viticulture Research (Worksite of Horticultural Crops Research Unit, Corvallis), Dr. Robert Martin, Research Leader

MONTANA

Miles City

- Fort Keogh Livestock and Range Research Unit, Dr. Tom Geary, Acting Research Leader (recruit for permanent Research Leader in process)

Sidney

- Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory
 - Agricultural Systems Research Unit, Dr. Robert Evans, Research Leader
 - Pest Management Research Unit, Dr. John Gaskin, Research Leader

NEVADA

Reno

- Exotic and Invasive Weeds Research Unit (Worksite of Albany EIWRU), Dr. Raymond Carruthers, Research Leader

NEW MEXICO

Las Cruces

- Cotton Ginning Research Unit, Mr. Sidney Hughs, Research Leader
- Range Management Research Unit, Dr. Kris Havstad, Research Leader

OREGON

Burns

- Range and Meadow Forage Management Research Unit, Dr. Tony Svejcar, Research Leader

Corvallis

- Horticultural Crops Research Unit, Dr. Robert Martin, Research Leader
- Forage Seed and Cereal Research Unit, Dr. Gary Banowetz, Research Leader
- National Clonal Germplasm Repository, Dr. Kim Hummer, Research Leader

Newport

- Pacific Shellfish Aquaculture (Worksite of Forage Seed and Cereal Research Unit, Corvallis), Dr. Gary Banowetz, Research Leader

Pendleton

- Columbia Plateau Conservation Research Center, Dr. Daniel Long, Research Leader

UTAH

Logan

- Forage and Range Research Unit, Dr. Jack Staub, Research Leader
- Poisonous Plant Research Unit, Dr. Kip Panter, Research Leader
- Pollinating Insect-Biology, Management Systematics Research Unit, Dr. Rosalind James, Research Leader

WASHINGTON

Prosser

- Vegetable and Forage Crops Production Research Unit, Dr. Ashok Alva, Research Leader
- Viticulture Research (Worksite of Horticultural Crops Research Unit, Corvallis), Dr. Robert Martin, Research Leader
- Temperate Forage Legume Genetic Resources (Worksite of WRPIS, Pullman), Jinguo Hu, Research Leader

Pullman

- Western Regional Plant Introduction Station, Jinguo Hu, Research Leader
- Wheat Genetics, Quality, Physiology and Disease Research Unit, Dr. Daniel Skinner, Research Leader
 - Western Wheat Quality Laboratory, Dr. Craig Morris, Supervisor
- Animal Disease Research Unit, Dr. Don Knowles, Research Leader
- Land Management and Water Conservation Research Unit, Dr. Donald McCool, Research Leader
- Root Disease and Biological Control Research Unit, Dr. David Weller, Research Leader
- Grain Legume Genetics Physiology Research Unit, Dr. George Vandemark, Research Leader

Wenatchee

- Physiology and Pathology of Tree Fruits Research Unit, Dr. James Mattheis, Research Leader

Wapato

- Fruit and Vegetable Insect Research Unit, Dr. Peter Landolt, Research Leader

WYOMING

Laramie

- Arthropod Borne Animal Disease Research Unit, Dr. Jim Mecham, Acting Research Leader, Recruitment suspended pending outcome of FY 2009 budget process proposing transfer of all personnel to Ames, IA

Cheyenne

- (see Ft. Collins Rangeland Resources Research Unit)

Department: Department Of Agriculture

Agency: Agricultural Research Service

Job Announcement Number:

ARS:SES:08-12

Associate Director, Pacific West Area

Salary Range: 114,468.00 - 158,500.00 USD per year
Current SES employees may be reassigned/transferred at their current salary.

Open Period: Monday, June 23, 2008 to Thursday, July 31, 2008

Series & Grade: ES-0401,1301-00/00

Position Information: Full-Time (Permanent SES Career)

Promotion Potential: N/A

Duty Locations: 1 vacancy - Albany, Alameda County, CA

Who May Be Considered:

Applications will be accepted from all groups of qualified individuals.

Job Summary:

Find Solutions to Agricultural Problems that Affect Americans Every Day, From Field to Table

This position is in the Senior Executive Service (SES)-Career Reserved. Positions in the SES are not graded. Only one position to be filled under this announcement. The salary range is (\$114,468- \$158,500) per annum. SES employees are also eligible for bonuses and awards based on performance. Veteran's preference is not applicable to the SES. The selectee is subject to a one-year probationary period unless currently serving under an SES appointment. Visit www.opm.gov./ses for additional information and benefits for SES employees.

Key Requirements:

- Specialized Experience
- Background and/or Security Investigation required.
- Specialized Education

Major Duties:

The incumbent serves as Associate Director, Pacific West Area, which includes the States of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, and Arizona. As Associate Area Director, the incumbent participates fully with the Area Director in planning, directing, and evaluating overall research programs. Provides leadership and operational accountability within the Area for implementing research programs and ensuring quality of the results. Ensures integration of mission oriented research with that of other Federal agencies, Land-grant institutions, and other outside organizations. Ability to work with the Department Ethics Office to provide advice and guidance on ethics-related issues..

Qualifications:

MANDATORY QUALIFICATIONS (*Fully described on attached supplemental applicant statement sheets*)

SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE: Experience that equipped the applicant with the particular **Executive Core Qualifications and Technical Qualifications** to successfully perform the duties of the position, and that is typically in or related to the work of the position to be filled.

You will be evaluated on the following Executive Core Qualifications (ECQs): Leading Change; Leading People; Results Driven; Business Acumen; Building Coalitions. Responses addressing the ECQs are mandatory (not to exceed 10 pages total). Detailed information on the ECQ'S and Key Characteristics may

be found at: www.opm.gov/ses/handbook.html and at http://www.opm.gov/ses/pdf/SES_Quals_Guide_2006.pdf or applicants are encouraged to contact Deborah Crump at 301-504-1448, deborah.crump@ars.usda.gov to obtain information on preparing an application for this position in the Senior Executive Service.

ECQ 1 - LEADING CHANGE . This core qualification involves the ability to bring about strategic change, both within and outside the organization, to meet organizational goals. Inherent to this ECQ is the ability to establish an organizational vision and to implement it in a continuously changing environment.

ECQ 2 - LEADING PEOPLE. This core qualification involves the ability to lead people toward meeting the organization's vision, mission, and goals. Inherent to this ECQ is the ability to provide an inclusive workplace that fosters the development of others, facilitates cooperation and teamwork, and supports constructive resolution of conflicts.

ECQ 3 - RESULTS DRIVEN. This core qualification involves the ability to meet organizational goals and customer expectations. Inherent to this ECQ is the ability to make decisions that produce high-quality results by applying technical knowledge, analyzing problems, and calculating risks.

ECQ 4 - BUSINESS ACUMEN. This core qualification involves the ability to manage human, financial, and information resources strategically.

ECQ 5 - BUILDING COALITIONS. This core qualification involves the ability to build coalition internally and with other Federal agencies, State and local governments, nonprofit and private sector organizations, foreign governments, or international organizations to achieve common goals.

B. Technical Qualifications: All applicants must address. **(Not to exceed 2 pages per qualification)**

1. Knowledge of research methods related to the biological sciences, agricultural engineering, or chemistry.
2. Knowledge of cooperative and user oriented programs directed toward agricultural research including Federal Agencies, State agencies, and private industry.

Specialized Education:

For 0401: Successful completion of a full 4-year course of study leading to a bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited college or university with major study in biological sciences, agriculture, natural resource management, or allied disciplines pertinent to the work of the position to be filled; OR four years experience demonstrating an acquired knowledge and understanding which would have been obtained through completion of a 4-year course described above. Ph.D. in one of the aforementioned disciplines is desirable.

For 1301: Successful completion of a full 4-year course of study leading to a bachelor's or higher degree in physical science, engineering, or mathematics that include 24 semester hours in physical science and/or related engineering science such as mechanics, dynamics, properties of material, and electronics. OR combination of education and experience--education equivalent to one of the majors that is described in the aforementioned disciplines that includes at least 24 semester hours in physical science and/or related engineering science, plus appropriate experience or additional education.

Background and/or Security Investigation required.

**How You Will Be Evaluated:
EVALUATION METHOD:**

Applicants who meet the mandatory requirements will be considered qualified for this position. Rating and ranking to determine 'best qualified' will be conducted by a panel of experts (Executive Resources Board) in the field and will be based upon consideration of the degree to which applicants meet the executive core and mandatory technical qualifications.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Interviews and qualification inquiries may be required. Unless the person selected is a certified SES/CDP graduate or already in the SES, his/her application will be submitted to OPM for certification of executive qualifications by a Qualification Review Board (QRB).

Benefits:

You may participate in the Federal Employees Health Benefits program, with costs shared with your employer. More info: <http://www.usajobs.gov/jobextrainfo.asp#FEHB>.

Life insurance coverage is provided. More info: <http://www.usajobs.gov/jobextrainfo.asp#life>

Long-Term Care Insurance is offered and carries into your retirement. More info: <http://www.usajobs.gov/jobextrainfo.asp#ltci>

New employees are automatically covered by the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS). If you are transferring from another agency and covered by CSRS, you may continue in this program. More info: <http://www.usajobs.gov/jobextrainfo.asp#retr>

You will earn annual vacation leave. More info: <http://www.usajobs.gov/jobextrainfo.asp#VACA>

You will earn sick leave. More info: <http://www.usajobs.gov/jobextrainfo.asp#SKLV>

You will be paid for federal holidays that fall within your regularly scheduled tour of duty. More info: <http://www.usajobs.gov/jobextrainfo.asp#HOLI>

Tele-work / telecommuting may be made available after you have come on board. More info: <http://www.usajobs.gov/jobextrainfo.asp#TELE>

Alternative work schedule options are available.

If you use public transportation, part of your transportation costs may be subsidized. Our human resources office can provide additional information on how this program is run.

Qualified federal employees may be covered by our child care subsidy program or dependent care flexible spending account. Our human resources office can provide additional information on eligibility. More info: <http://www.usajobs.gov/jobextrainfo.asp#CCRS>

You can use Health Care Flexible Spending Accounts for expenses that are tax-deductible, but not reimbursed by any other source, including out-of-pocket expenses

and non-covered benefits under their FEHB plans. More Info:
<http://www.usajobs.gov/jobextrainfo.asp#FSA>

Other Information:

The materials you send with your application will not be returned.

Send only those materials needed to evaluate your application. Please do not place your application in a notebook or binder or send pictures.

If you are selected and you have not previously served as a federal manager, you will be required to serve a one-year managerial probation period.

Before entering on duty, you will be required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report, SF-278. You will need to provide the information annually.

How To Apply:

You must submit your application so that it will be received by the closing date of the announcement.

1. OF-612, Application for Federal Employment, or resume that includes all specific information that your application must contain (see 'Applying for a Federal Job: and forms at www.opm.gov/forms/html/of.asp)
2. Complete responses to executive and technical qualifications. (Managerial statements, i.e., ECQ's must not exceed 10 pages). Visit www.opm.gov/ses/writingstate.asp for additional guidance on writing your Qualifications Statements.
3. Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program graduates must provide proof of current OPM certification and address the Mandatory Technical Qualifications.
4. Current or former SES members must submit documentation of SES status and a narrative statement addressing only the Mandatory Technical Qualifications.
5. If you are a current or former federal employee with reinstatement eligibility, you must submit a copy of your last Notification of Personnel Action (SF50) and a copy of your most recent Performance Appraisal.

Additional Information:

1. This position is covered under the post-employment restriction of the Ethics in Government Act of 19078 (P.L. 95-521). This Law also requires the selectee to file an Executive Personnel Financial Disclosure Report (Standard Form 278), within 30 days of appointment.
2. Applications sent in U.S. Government postage-paid envelope and submitted through Federal Agency courier services will not be considered, however use of government e-mail systems and government fax machines is permitted if the agency states those systems may be used to send applications.
3. Male applicants born after December 31 1959, must be registered with the Selective Service System before they can be employed by an executive agency of the Federal government. This requirement does not apply to Agency employees appointed before November 8, 1985.
4. The 1993 Hatch Act Reform Amendments prohibit oral and written political

recommendations for Federal jobs.

5. ALL APPLICATION FORMS ARE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND BECOME THE PROPERTY OF USDA.

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What To Expect Next:

Once your complete application is received we will conduct an evaluation of your qualifications and determine your ranking. The most highly qualified candidates will be referred to the hiring manager for further consideration and possible interview. We expect to make a selection within 30 days of the closing date of this announcement. You will be notified of the outcome.

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Agenda Item 6.0: ESCOP Report

Presenter: Ron Pardini

Background:

Leadership

ESCOP is currently chaired by Bruce McPheron (Penn State), Steve Pueppke (Michigan State) is the chair-elect and assumes office in September.

Communications with CSREES

ESCOP Chair Bruce McPheron and Dan Rossi hold regular “conversations” with Colien Hefferan to discuss issues relating to ESCOP and the ESS.

SCRI

Efforts are underway to clarify requirements for the SCRI which has a 1:1 matching requirement. Many states have indicated that meeting this matching requirement will be problematic. Apparently there is a policy that using unrecovered indirect costs (an important matching mechanism) cannot be used when there is a statutory cap of the indirect charges for a program. A national survey is currently underway to determine the extent of the problem

Communications and Marketing Committee

Extension has joined the ESS in supporting this initiative. There was considerable discussion of the draft scope of work with Peter McPherson and the scope was crafted to ensure that the proposed program would focus on education and not become an advocacy effort. Special thanks to Ian Maw and Fred Cholick for guiding this proposal through NASULGC. The Communications and Marketing effort will be officially launched at the joint COPS summer meeting in Puerto Rico as ECOP has agreed to financially support this joint effort by \$100,000.

Science and Technology Committee

The S&T committee completed its review and selection of the recipient of the 2008 Excellence in Multistate Research Award. The committee is currently working to develop a priorities survey for the NRI/AFRI.

Budget and Legislative Committee

The B&L committee deployed a short survey of specialty crops and provided input to CSREES on priorities for consideration in the developing SCRI program. The B&L committee will be initiating a priority setting process for FY 2011 prior to the fall ESS meeting. The committee will be providing input on FY 2010 priorities at the BAC meeting in San Juan PR.

Implementation of the Farm Bill

During the Chairs Advisory Committee Call (CAC) we discussed potential ESCOP involvement in implementing the Farm Bill including appointment of the USDA’s Chief Scientist and NIFA Director, interactions of the 6 designated REE program offices and

the interaction with the four agencies, suggestions for developing a Science Roadmap and the transfer authorities from CSREES to NIFA. There will be an implementation committee meeting with CSREES on July 14th and ESCOP will be represented by Eric Young, Mike Harrington and Bruce McPherson. Implementation follow up will be on the agenda for the joint summer COPS meetings

Excellence in Multistate Research Award

The first annual Excellence in Multistate Research award will be presented at the NASULGC meeting in Chicago at the annual awards recognition program. It is anticipated that this will raise the awareness of multi-state research. There will be a permanent plaque honoring award winners that will hang in CSREES. We encourage all administrative advisors to consider nominating western multi-state projects that have a documented excellent track record for next year's award.

Meetings:

- **ESCOP Meeting :** Joint COPS, San Juan PR, July 23-24
- **Experiment Station Section Annual Meeting:** The ESS meeting will be held in Traverse City MI, September 21-24, 2007 at the Grand Traverse Resort. Links for registration and hotel information are listed on the ESCOP home page, or may be reached at <http://www.grandtraversaresort.com> .

Agenda Item 7.0: ESCOP Communications & Marketing Committee

Presenter: Ronald S. Pardini

Background:

ESCOP Communications and Marketing Committee Report

Background Information:

Why

Despite the exciting discoveries and valuable extension programs at the State Agricultural Experiment Stations (AES) and Cooperative Extension Services (CES), support for their programs has not increased, in real terms, over the past 30 years. To remedy this situation, the System Communication and Marketing Implementation Committee recommended development of a System Communication and Marketing Plan (hereafter call the Plan) that includes an educational campaign aimed at raising the awareness of the System.

Who is involved?

The System Communication and Marketing Implementation Committee was formed to oversee and guide a coordinated and targeted educational effort to increase awareness of AES and CES. The System Implementation Committee is made up of one Senior Vice President, one dean from the College of Agriculture, the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP) and Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy (ESCOP) Chairs, the ESCOP and ECOP Marketing Committee Chairs, one member each from Academic Programs Committee on Organization and Policy (ACOP) and International Programs Committee on Organization and Policy (ICOP), and staff from the regional associations and NASULGC. Academic and international programs are also included in this effort.

Strategy

How do we build upon existing efforts to get better recognition of AES and CES and turn that into strategic support for our programs? The System Communication and Marketing Implementation Committee (SCMIC) believes that earlier and repeated use of the media to educate and attract key stakeholders for the System's programs is the best way to go forward. The Plan will build support at the local level and convert that support into explanations of and publicity for the national AES and CES system.

The System Communication and Marketing Plan proposes to identify key targets that will be the focus of this educational campaign. Marketing efforts will strategically target the right issue with the right champion.

Cornerstone and the Podesta Group

The Podesta Group has been hired to launch the Plan and its education campaign. Cornerstone will coordinate closely with the Podesta Group in this effort. Cornerstone is the System's advocacy firm and Podesta is a nationally recognized marketing/public relations firm. There is no duplication of effort between Podesta and Cornerstone. Formal contracts and scopes of work have been executed with the Podesta Group and Cornerstone.

Accountability and Coordination

The progress of the Plan will be monitored through written quarterly reports to SCMIC which will culminate in a year end report prior to the NASULGC annual meeting. Reports will detail the number of

impressions and outcomes generated by the campaign and specific actions taken by the target audiences. Reports will include quantitative analysis of outcomes and actions, including listings of the following:

- Rationale for targeting of specific stakeholders for education campaign
- Press clippings, public statements, letters to the editor, op-eds, newsletter submissions, testimonials;
- Contacts with trade, regional and national media, conference calls and meetings with system officials;
- University system event planning and tracking, research and extension story development, e-newsletter copy development and distribution;

In addition, the Podesta Group will closely coordinate all marketing activities with the SCMIC, appropriate Land Grant system officials and Cornerstone Government Affairs.

Development and Deployment of Messaging Materials

The Plan will generate compelling messaging materials that highlight the unique services and value provided by the research, extension, teaching and international entities at Land Grant Universities. The development of materials will be monitored by the SCMIC and done in concert with relevant officials from various Land Grant institutions and Cornerstone Government Affairs. These materials will be used in our communication efforts with members of the media, stakeholders, the public and target audiences. Message materials will be utilized regularly in a quarterly e-newsletter and will be designed to highlight unique extension and research activities.

Targeted Grassroots Public Relations

The SCMIC will identify key targets that will be the focus of this Plan. Where possible, we will tailor specific events or utilize existing relevant events at Land Grant institutions to match research, extension, teaching or international activities with the interests and priorities of target audience members. These events will be scheduled quarterly and will be aggressively marketed to the local media with goal of securing several favorable impressions with the target audience for each visit that is conducted.

Budget

The Experiment Station Section has approved a three year annual assessment at the \$300,000 level for this effort which will become available on July 1, 2008. The Cooperative Extension System has approved a \$100,000 per year investment for three years in the System Marketing Plan. Extension will make the investment in the System Marketing plan from their existing funds.

There will be a launching of the Marketing and Communication Implementation Plan at the Joint COPs meeting. Hunt Shipman of Cornerstone and John Scofield of Podesta will be at the meeting.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 8.0: ESCOP Budget and Legislative Committee

Presenter: H. Michael Harrington

Background:

Implementing the Farm Bill

The BAA has appointed a Farm Bill implementation committee who will be assisting Undersecretary Gale Buchanan.

- Various provisions in the Bill, e.g. AFRI, increase in indirect (F&A) costs, splits between basic, applied and integrated work, etc
- The requirement that the Administration submit a single line budget for REE. Even though there will be a single request line there will be supporting documentation indicating how the funds will be allocated among the different agencies.
- There is considerable new money mandated in the Farm Bill, e.g. Specialty Crops Research Initiative, Bioenergy, etc. There is also specific language in the managers' statement indicating that new resources are to be added to AFRI in recognition of the commitment to IFAFS.
- Potential impact on advocacy. Since there will be supporting documentation to the budget request, the BAA advocacy effort will not change.

Research Priority Setting: The Science and Technology Committee is charged with developing research priorities for the NRI. There needs to be a mechanism to harmonize the efforts of B&L with those of S&T.

Planning for 2011 Budget Priorities: ESCOP needs to sharpen its focus such that there are only one or two priorities. This is consistent with the message from Congress and Cornerstone.

The Committee discussed the idea of developing programmatic foci. Are the programs that all directors could support? One example might be the National Plant Germplasm System. At present this program operates primarily on ARS funding; however, each region has plant introduction projects which are supported by off the top funding from each region. It might be possible to seek and authorization and appropriation for the "system" leading to more stable funding. Currently approximately \$45 million/yr is spent on the system, but estimates of what is needed approach \$100 million/yr.

The Committee will conduct an electronic survey prior to the ESS Annual meeting with results serving as background for break-outs. There would also be a follow-up survey after the section meeting. Suggestions for programmatic efforts will be included as part of the preliminary survey.

Committee Participation: There was discussion of the need to have active participation by all members of the committee. It was decided to send a memo to the chairs of the regional associations where there has been little or no participation.

Agenda Item 9.0: NRSP Review Committee Recommendations

Presenters: Ralph Cavalieri/H. Michael Harrington

Background:

NRSP-1

\$346,829 FY'09 budget recommended for approval.

Comments –

- Important for One Solution Stakeholder Committee to stay engaged with REE policy makers and IT folks to make sure the databases are useful for universities as well as USDA and Congress.
- Current project terminates Sep 30, 2010.

NRSP-3

It is recommended that the NRSP-3 renewal proposal not be approved and that this activity be established as a multistate project that can be funded through MRF by participant AES's and other sources. The NRSP-3 group is commended for exemplifying the ideal of becoming self supporting.

Note: Disapproval of the NRSP-3 renewal proposal will automatically grant a one year extension for this project to Sep 30, 2009 with a budget of \$50,000.

Comments –

- Off-the-top funding is now less than 2%, an excellent example of decreasing dependency on this funding source.
- NE region suggested this project become a multistate project with participating stations supporting the \$50,000.
- No compelling argument to keep this project as an NRSP and maintain a low level of funding.
- Current project terminates Sep 30, 2008.

NRSP-4

\$481,182 FY'09 budget is recommended for approval.

Project extension to Sep 30, 2010 is recommended for approval.

Comments –

- Specialty Crops Research Initiative is not designed to support this type of activity, so this funding still needs to come from off-the-top Hatch.
- Project group should consider how they could reduce dependence on off-the-top funding when the renewal proposal and next 5-year budget are developed.
- Current project terminates Sep 30, 2009.

NRSP-5

Project extension to Sep 30, 2009 is recommended for approval.

\$145,678 FY'09 budget is recommended for approval, if funds do not become available from the National Clean Plant Network.

Comments –

- 2008 Farm Bill includes mandatory funding for NRSP-5 activities through the National Clean Plant Network.
- It appears these funds will be administered through APHIS, but it is not sure the funds will be available for FY'09, so off-the-top funding approval is needed to ensure continuation.
- If it is learned that APHIS will provide funding for FY'09 prior to the ESS meeting, the off-the-top funding request will be withdrawn.
- If APHIS provides funding during FY'09, the difference between that funding and the approved off-the-top will be returned to CSREES for redistribution to the SAES.
- One year project extension is needed to allow off-the-top funding in '09, if necessary.
- Current project terminates Sep 30, 2008.

NRSP-6

\$110,000 FY'09 budget is recommended for approval and the National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee is requested to consider new ways to fund this by end of the current project.

Comments –

- Request that the National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee take another look at whether or not this project should be funded in some other way through the National Plant Germplasm system.
- As project is rewritten there needs to be a serious justification for off-the-top funding.
- Current project terminates Sep 30, 2010.

NRSP-7

\$325,000 FY'09 budget is recommended for approval, minus any funds made available to this project in the FY'09 federal budget.

Comments –

- Proposal for renewal of this project in 200 will have to show substantial funding from other sources, including industry, in order to be approved and funded.
- Current project terminates on Sep 30, 2009.

NRSP-8

The renewal project from Oct 1, 2009 to Sep 30, 2013 is recommended for approval.

\$500,000 FY'09 budget is recommended for approval with the understanding that subsequent years' funding be contingent on more details regarding other funding sources supporting the NRSP-8 activities and information on efforts to obtain funding from industry and other non-public sources.

Comments –

- Need to include grants and other funding sources that support activities of this project in the FY'10 budget request to justify recommendation of this level of funding again.
- Current project terminates Sep 30, 2008.

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It is recommended that this new NRSP project proposal not be approved. Any subsequent submission of this proposal should include a better justification of the activity as a NRSP, explanation of the priority need for this information and its use, and how this activity could support research on global climate change.

Comments –

- Discussion at the spring regional meetings resulted in the following general opinions on this project proposal:
 - West favored approval and funding
 - Northeast was not favorable because the proposal did not justify the project as a NRSP and the deliverables from the activity are not a high priority need.
 - North Central was not in favor of approving this proposal and thought it was more suited to being established as a multistate project.
 - South did not favor approval because most stations not using this data and generally thought that the data collection should be supported by other agencies.

Action Requested: Discussion and Feedback

Agenda Item 10.0: National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee

Presenter: Lee Sommers

Background:

The National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee (NPGCC) met in Ft. Collins, CO on June 5, 2008 at the ARS-USDA National Center for Genetic Resource Preservation. The meeting attendees were Peter Bretting, Lee Sommers, P.S. Benepal, Dan Upchurch, Ann Marie Thro, Eric Young, Candice Gardner, Jerry Arkin, and Mike Harrington. A summary of issues facing the National Plant Germplasm System was presented by Peter Bretting including the following:

- Static or shrinking budgets
- Collection increasing, now >1/2 Million accessions
- Increase in distribution demand, average per year increased from 120,000 - >150,000 over last 4 year average, 3/4 of these are domestic distributions
- APHIS now has responsibility for moving germplasm through quarantine, which is one reason '08 budget went down
- APHIS also does phytosanitary certificates, but currently charges for services. ARS is discussing the possibility of eliminating these charges
- Cost of new technology is increasing rapidly, hard to balance that with increased quantity or quality of output, have to make sure the investment is worth it
- Increase in distribution is greatest in specialty crops
- Farm Bill funding for specialty crops will probably increase demand even more
- Genomic research is generating a large number of transgenic crop lines. National Plant Germplasm System is considering criteria to decide which of these to maintain long term
- Priority order of National Plant Germplasm System activities:
 1. Maintenance
 2. Regeneration, documentation, and data management
 3. Acquisition
 4. Distribution
 5. Characterization and evaluation
 6. Enhancement
- If budget differentials get too large between stations, may need to move a collection, which could be politically and operationally difficult and would have to be carefully justified
- If the National Plant Germplasm System collections were distributed strictly on technical merit, it would be different, but politically a different arrangement is usually better
- The location of collections is dependent on many factors, but there may be a few collections that should be moved
- National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee could oversee this decision process with technical experts and industry consultation
- There is approximately an 18 month window now to make some changes due to new Farm Bill, changes in administration, and current economic condition
- Major factors in locating a collection
 - Technical expertise of curators
 - Adaptation of crop to local environment
- Future curators have to now be trained "on the job" because there is no academic program in genetic resources curation
- There might be an opportunity to develop a curriculum in this area under Ag Idea Consortium, with classes being offered from many locations to students located near a collection so they can have hands-on experience

- GrinGlobal – Global Crop Diversity Trust awarded 3-year \$1.8 Million grant to transform Grin to GrinGlobal. ARS is putting \$900 K into this also.

Funding Mechanisms for NPGS

- NRSP-5 will be funded through National Clean Plant Network after FY '09
- NRSP-6 – National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee opinion is still the same on funding, ie. national off-the-top funding for NRSP-6 and regional off-the-top for other four stations
- A one-page summary will developed on history of how the 5 introduction stations were established and how funding has changed over time
- One-pager will be sent to regions with recommendation to put funding back to \$150 K for consideration at summer meetings
- There may be some potential for funding National Plant Germplasm System activities from funding in the new consolidated competitive program (AFRI) created in the Farm Bill

National Plant Germplasm System Video

- New marketing initiative could choose National Plant Germplasm System activity or station for marketing piece
- CSREES Partner's Video might consider doing a segment on National Plant Germplasm System.
- National Plant Germplasm System stations and activities have been featured on news and public interest spots due to the attention given to Svalbard opening
- Purpose for video is to gain support of general public and decision makers
- Jerry Arkin will take this idea to Marketing Initiative and the ESCOP Communications and Marketing Committee

Industry Contacts and Liaisons

- AOSCA, ASTA, Organic Seed Producers
 - ASTA is willing to assign either a staffer or a member company representative as a liaison, depending on role of that person in NPGCC
- Role of industry representative should be:
 - Represent interests of industry in National Plant Germplasm System
 - Assist in supporting funding for National Plant Germplasm System
 - Raise awareness of industry issues and concerns related to National Plant Germplasm System
 - Communicate back to industry the NPGS issues, concerns, and needs
 - Provide perspective of industry on topics and actions being considered by NPGCC, like the video
- ASTA will be invited to appoint a liaison

ASA/CSA '09 Plant Germplasm Symposium Ideas – The NPGCC discussed potential programs related to plant germplasm and they will be considered in program planning by Ann Marie Thro.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 11.0: Executive Director's Report
Presenter: H. Michael Harrington
Background:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
H. Michael Harrington
April - June, 2008

I. REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

WAAESD

Meeting Support and Logistics

- **Joint Summer Meeting:** Worked with Chair and Executive Committee to finalize WAAESD agenda. Worked with Carol Lewis, Pete Pinney and others at the University of Alaska to develop agenda for combined session. Secured participation of Jim Fischer and Joe Dunn for the joint session.

Follow-up from joint Spring meeting with Extension

- **Western Bioenergy Consortium:** Developed draft charter document for Consortium for Renewable Energy in the West (CREW).
- **NSF GK-12 Program:** Worked with Carol Lewis, Mike Sfraga, Greg Bohach, John Foltz, Nancy Irlbeck and Lyla Houglum to develop a letter of intent for this program.
- **Western Water Listening Session:** Worked with the National Committee for Shared Leadership for the CSREES Water Quality program and the other EDs to develop a concept to hold listening session in each region during CY 2009. See attached summary.

Committee Activities

- **Western SARE Administrative Council:** I serve as the Western Directors' representative on this activity. Participated in special meeting on long term agricultural systems research (June 24-25, Spokane, WA). Completed review of graduate student grant applications.
- **Western Region IMP Center Steering and Advisory Committees:** I participate in policy development discussions, provide background information, review proposals, and participate in funding decisions. Approved priority areas for the FY 2009 RFA.

Multistate Program

- **Excellence in Multistate Research Awards Program:** Facilitated collection and review of nominations and forwarded to the ESO Science and Technology Committee.
- **Impact statements:** Facilitated collection of impact statements from those committees that are being renewed or at the 3rd year review. Edited all statements for consistency and format.
- **Revision of RCIC Guidelines:** With Duane Williams (WY) and Deb Young (CO) developed draft revisions to the RCIC Guidelines.

Western Region CSREES Grantsmanship Workshop, October 7-8, 2008: The western grants workshop will be held in Denver in partnership with the Utah State University, WAAESD and CSREES at the Marriott Metro Center in Salt Lake City. Working with Chuck Gay, Paul Rasmussen, others at Utah State and the CSREES team to finalize the workshop.

Western Academic Program Directors

Worked with John Foltz to communicate FY 2009 budget and obtain approval from WAPD.

Western Administrative Heads

Assisted Dan Bernardo with agenda topics for summer AHS meeting and developed draft revision of the W-AHS Bylaws

II. NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

ESCOPE

Committee Activities

- **ESCOPE Budget and Legislative Committee:** Provide support to Chairman David Boethel as the Executive Vice Chair on this important committee. Participated in a number of calls. Kept Committee members informed of latest developments with the Farm Bill and its implementation. Developed white paper of opportunities presented by the Farm Bill (attached). Developed survey on priorities for the Specialty Crop Research Initiative. Provided input to CSREES in based on the survey. Will attend BAC meeting in San Juan in July.
- **Specialty Crops Research Initiative requirements:** The SCRI has a 100% matching requirement but there are questions as to what can be used to meet this requirement. Apparently unrecovered indirect (F&A) can not be used when there is a cap on the indirect rate – in this case 22%. The EDs trying ascertain the nature of this requirement and to determine if it might be feasible to change. Developed and deployed national survey of the potential impacts of the CSREES interpretation of the matching requirement.
- **NRSP Review Committee:** Attended the National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee, Ft Collins, June 5-6.
- **Farm Bill Implementation Committee:** I am serving on this committee which is providing input on behalf of the BAA to Gale Buchanan and REE on issues related to the Farm Bill
- **CREATE-21-Farm Bill Committee:** I serve on the Executive Committee for this activity representing AES directors and the Western Region. Participated in both EC and regular conference calls.
- **LEAD²¹:** Represent ESCOP on the Board for this program and serve as the Chair of the Recruitment Committee.
- **REE Energy Science Workshop Steering Committee:** By virtue of assisting in planning the strategic planning workshop I am a member of the group which developed of the plan including responding to numerous drafts and participation in ABBREE council conference calls to discuss progress. Assisted with planning for BEAD II and am serving on the planning committee for the Second Annual REE Energy Summit to be held in early October as a follow to last year's planning session which resulted in the REE Energy Strategic Plan.
- **LGU Energy Working Group:** Serve as the principle interface between REE and the university system on the energy strategic plan. Provide support to this group comprised of representatives from ACOP, ECOP and ESCOP including 1890 participation. The group interfaces with REE on the Energy Science strategic plan and is expected to assist with implementation.
- **BAA Policy Board of Directors:** I provide assistance to the Policy Board's Energy liaison group to the REE Energy Science Program.
- **Development of National Strategic Plan for Vegetable Crops:** The EDs serve on a steering committee and participate regular in conference calls facilitated by Tom Bewick (CSREES NPL-Horticulture) aimed at developing a strategic plan for vegetable crops and to promote a greater

awareness of the research and extension needs on vegetable crops. A straw man draft plan was developed based on discussion within the steering committee and is under revision based on input received at the planning meeting held in Denver. A strategic planning workshop was held in Denver May 12-13 with some 80 participants including producers, packers, mechanization, ARS and university scientists. Made local hotel arrangements for workshop.

NASULGC-DOE/EERE Partnership

The BAA-Policy Board of Directors was charged with implementing the activities for this partnership effort. I represent the executive directors (both AES and CE) on the Steering Committee which provides guidance and oversight for the project. This is the final year of the project.

- **Pacific Northwest Extension Energy Initiative:** Continue to work with Linda Fox (WA), Charlotte Eberlein (ID), Scott Reed (OR), Pete Pinney (AK), Jake Fey and Sheila Riggs (EERE Information Center-WSU energy program) and Lyla Hougum to implement the 2007-08 program. Developed Jan-Mar 2008 quarterly report to DOE based on state input.
- Using the PNW survey that was developed last year to obtain information on the types of informational requests that are received by extension agents, I worked with Lyla Hougum to develop and deploy a similar survey in all states/territories. There were some 443 responses generated. Participated in conference calls and collected and assimilated data. Specific data has been provided to each state.

Summary of Travel April-June 2007

April 16-18: NMCC Meeting, Washington DC

May 4-8: CSREES Administrative Officers Meeting, Savannah, GA

May 12-13: National Vegetable Crops Initiative Strategic Planning Workshop Denver

June 23-24: W-SARE Long Term Ag Systems Research Planning meeting, Spokane

June 24: Meeting with Ralph Cavalieri and Dan Bernardo, WSU, Pullman

June 25: Meetings with John Foltz and Greg Bohach, Moscow

June 26: LEAD-21 Board meeting, Indianapolis

Regional Water Listening Sessions

The EDs met with the Committee for Shared Leadership of the CSREES Water Quality Projects in February to discuss areas of intersection and ways that Water Quality groups could collaborate with the multistate water committees operating within the Multistate Research Fund and regional research structure.

From these discussions it was agreed to plan a series of regional listening sessions in 2009 with one in each region that would bring in:

- Key stakeholders
- Deans, Directors
- Multistate committees working on various aspect of water
- Water quality project representatives

Purpose:

- Develop a better understanding of the current water issues from a regional perspective,
- Develop an understanding of the current research and education efforts,
- Identify information gaps and research and education opportunities,
- What is our competitive niche?
- What can/should the LGUs do?
- What resources are needed?
- The summit should also aid in identifying new multistate needs and refocusing current multistate committee efforts.

Outputs/outcomes:

- White paper or Strategic Plan
- Better integration of regional water efforts
- Integration of research, extension and education on water topics
- Enhanced programmatic efforts to address pressing needs

Background information:

- USDA Agricultural Water Security Report (2005)
- Envisioning the Agenda for Water Research in the 21st Century (NRC, 2002)
- Confronting the Nation's Water Problems: The Role of Research (NRC, 2004).
- Water 2025 (EPA, 2003)

Next Steps:

Identify planning committee membership, possible participants:

WAAESD – 2 reps

WEDA – 2 reps

WR WQ – 2 reps

WGA – 1 rep

CSG-West – 1 rep

WIR-NACO – 1 rep

Multistate Water Committees (W-1190)

**ESS Priorities within the Context of the New Farm Bill
ESCOP Budget and Legislative Committee
H. M.Harrington**

The provisions in the new Farm Bill provide more opportunity for input than ever before. This input can and should be provided relative to policy issues as well as funding programs.

The Secretary will submit a single budget line covering agricultural research, education and extension. On the surface, this could be problematic; however, there will be supporting data which will detail for all the different funding lines/programs contained in the budget request.

The REE Under Secretary is charged with developing a “Science Roadmap”. ESCOP is well positioned to provide input on this new roadmap by virtue of having created a Science for ...

There are more funds, both mandatory and discretionary, for competitive grants than ever before. The NRI and IFARS were combined to create the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) with an authorization \$700 million/year. Sixty percent (60%) of funding is to be for basic research and 40% for applied research, and 30% of funds must go to integrate activities. In addition the indirect cost rate was increased from 19% to 22%. Using the CSREES method of calculation this results in a recovery rate of approximately 30%. In the Mangers’ Statement there is an expectation that additional funds will be appropriated.

New mandatory programs include:

- Specialty Crops Research Initiative: \$230 million with \$30 million in 2008
- Biomass Research and Development: \$118 million
- Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program: \$75 million
- Organics Agriculture: \$78 million

In addition, these programs are authorized for an additional \$389 million subject to appropriation providing an opportunity for ESCOP and the system to advocate for additional resources in priority areas. (See table below prepared by Cornerstone from the C-21 website.)

Opportunity – Provide input on REE Science Roadmap

ESCOP the Science Roadmap for Agriculture was developed in 2001 and updated in 2005. There is an excellent opportunity for ESCOP to provide input as the REE Roadmap is developed.

Timing: Now

Opportunity – Influence Science Funding Policy: The ESS’ top priority has been to increase formula funds; however, we are well aware to the Administration’s position relative to formula funds as reflected in their reduction of elimination in the last several years’ budget submissions. Our best intelligence strongly suggests that this is a policy statement coming out of the OMB and OSTP.

With the change in administration and the recent successes of the C-21 effort, every effort should be made to inform new administration officials and to affect the OMB Policy relative to formula funds. We should also seek contact the Democratic and Republican Teams. Contacts should be made with the respective campaigns to determine the “right” channels to provide input.

Timing: Now, through elections and into 2010

Opportunity – Provide input on existing competitive program priorities: With the new competitive funding lines there is an excellent opportunity for the ESS to have input as the different priorities with each of the research programs. This has been the purview of the Science and Technology Committee but there should be some coordination and harmonization between these recommendations and those of the Budget and Legislative Committee. Recommendations should provide very specific input rather than broad ideas.

Timing: Now for the next round of RFAs, continuing

Opportunity – Advocate for increases in AFRI program funding: As indicated above, there are excellent opportunities to increase funding in AFRI, especially in those areas with additional authorizations. The Farm Bill authorizes some \$190 million/yr for those programs listed above in FY's 2009 through 2012.

Opportunity – Advocate for ESS Priorities: For the last several years, the ESS' second priority has been to increase funding in the NRI and to increase the percentage of funds allocated to integrated activities. To a certain extent there has been some success in that the integrated program has grown to 30%.

Timing: Now for FY 2009, continuing

Opportunity – Define Matching Requirements: The advent of the Specialty Crop Research Initiative with its 100% matching requirement has revealed a problem with programs that have a cap of indirect cost charges. According to current policy, CSREES can not allow unrecovered indirect costs; that is the difference between the allowable indirect charge rate and the institutional negotiated rate, to be used as matching contributions.

Every effort should be made to affect a change in this policy either through legislation or a change in policy.

Timing: Now, continuing

Opportunity – Develop Programmatic Thrusts: Under the advice of Cornerstone Governmental Affairs, the BAA Budget and Legislative Committee has sought to simplify its message. In keeping with this approach, the ESS might consider developing "a request" with a specific programmatic thrust. The timing might be right to develop legislative authorization and appropriation to support the national plant germplasm system including the regional introduction centers. With the recent and growing attention to food security, such an approach might result in secure long term funding for this crucial system.

Timing: Now

NIFA Program Funding Levels: FY 2008 – FY 2012							
Organic Agriculture R&E	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total	
Mandatory Funding		18	20	20	20	78	
Authorized Funding*		25	25	25	25	100	
Organics Subtotal						\$178	
Specialty Crops Research	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total	
Mandatory Funding	30	50	50	50	50	230	
Authorized Funding*	100	100	100	100	100	500	
Specialty Crops Subtotal						\$730	
New Farmer/Rancher	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total	
Mandatory Funding		18	19	19	19	75	
Authorized Funding*	30	30	30	30	30	150	
New Farmer/Rancher Subtotal						\$225	
Biomass R&D	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total	
Mandatory Funding		20	28	30	40	118	
Authorized Funding*		35	35	35	35	140	
Biomass R&D Subtotal						\$258	
TOTALS						Mandatory	\$501
						Authorized	\$890

Notes: R&E = Research and Extension

*Authorized funding is subject to Congressional appropriations.

Agenda Item 12.0: Western Region Energy Consortium

Presenter: H. Michael Harrington

Background:

At the joint WAAESD-WEDA meeting in Tucson, it was decided to pursue the creation of a consortium similar to the effort in the North Central region. Lyla Houglum and I drafted a consortium document for review and modification by Carol Lewis, Greg Bohach, Chuck Gay, Judy Barth and Scott Reed. Unfortunately this effort is not as advanced as I would have liked; however, the above group will have a breakfast meeting on Monday morning here to discuss next steps. The draft charter is attached.

THE CONSORTIUM FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY IN THE WEST¹ (CREW)

CHARTER

DRAFT

Official Designation:

The official designation of this multi-state agreement is the CONSORTIUM FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY IN THE WEST and herein after referred to as the “CREW”

Objective:

The CREW was created by the Directors of Extension and agricultural experiment stations at the Land Grant Universities in the states which comprise the Western Region, along with partnering not-for-profit and for profit organizations to identify and jointly act upon opportunities to ensure our states move toward greater energy independence. Through this agreement, member states will collaborate on projects including research, education, policy development, and other ventures to meet the objectives outlined in the charter.

Scope of Activity:

The CREW will accomplish this objective through the following essential activities:

- Expand the production and use of renewable energy and bioenergy to replace fossil fuels and expand the production of energy, fuels and products in the Western Region
- Expand the use of energy efficient and conservation practices in the Western Region
- On an on-going basis, conduct needs analyses to identify opportunities for regional collaboration on issues affecting the transition to renewable energy sources and the bioeconomy.
- Raise the profile of energy efficient and conservation practices and the bioeconomy in the media and among policymakers.
- Facilitate better information-sharing and dissemination of reliable information sources about the renewable energy and energy efficiency and the bioeconomy.
- Organize a coordinated regional approach for working with The Western Governors’ Association, the Council of State Governments - West, The State energy offices, WIR-National Association of Counties (WIR-NACo), the US-DOE, USDA and other federal agencies.
- Organize a coordinated regional approach for implementing the REE Energy Science Education and Extension Strategic Plan
- Develop a regional approach for attracting venture capital investment for projects that advance energy efficient and conservation practices, renewable energy sources and the bioeconomy.
- Reach consensus on regional policies (such as preferential purchase agreements) for encouraging the use of biomass. Strive for multistate collaboration through implementation of regional policy goals.
- Share resources and expertise that mutually advances each of the Western states’ efforts in energy efficient and conservation practices, renewable energy sources and the bioeconomy.

American Samoa, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Micronesia, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Northern Mariana Island, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

- Create a clearing house for information and materials.

Membership:

- ◆ State Agricultural Experiment Stations
- ◆ State Extension Services
- ◆ ??
- ◆ ??

The CREW reserves the right to invite ad hoc or ex officio membership (e.g., NGOs, etc.) to meet expertise requirements necessary to fulfill its mission. The CREW may enter into contracts with other non-member organizations to fulfill its mission.

The CREW recognizes that some of its membership may represent a government entity with inherent legal authorities and parameters within which they must operate. At times, these authorities may restrict a member's ability to provide agreement on a decision and/or directly lobby on any issue. These inherent legal authorities must be clearly articulated and understood by the CREW as the basis for dissent and the inability to enter into the consensus.

Consortium Members agree to the following:

- Participate in CREW conference calls and meetings
- Promote CREW materials and projects
- Actively engage in workgroups
- Provide an equal annual financial contribution at the specified time
- Work with CREW members to identify major priorities
- During CREW meetings only members providing an annual contribution may vote on decisions related to revenue and expenditures

Principles of Participation:

- ◆ All members must be working towards the same goals and purposes; this is working toward greater energy independence, utilizing more renewable energy, bioenergy and bioproducts;
- ◆ All members agree to fully participate;
- ◆ Discussion and deliberations must recognize and take advantage of each members strengths, skills, and perspective
- ◆ The CREW strives to be a coherent voice made up of each member's contributions;
- ◆ Each discussion shall be honest and forthright.

Number and Frequency of Meetings:

The CREW will meet at least two times annually to develop the initial, short term and longer term plans, and to review the accomplishments since the prior meeting. These plans will include working with Federal Agencies and State Governments to develop programs to support the energy efficient and conservation practices, renewable energy and bioeconomy.

Initial Actions:

At its first meeting, the CREW will:

- ◆ Review (and modify) its organizational structure that supports its goals.
- ◆ Establish initial and long-term priorities for the CREW.
- ◆ Determine staffing needs for the CREW

Governance:

Planning Committee

Three persons and one alternative shall be selected by each of the following organizations: (1) Western Region Extension Directors; (2) Western Region Experiment Station Directors; and (3) ????. This will create a nine member Planning Committee.

Executive Committee

From within the nine member Planning Committee, a chair, vice chair and secretary/treasurer will be selected. One Executive Committee member shall be from each of the three entities to insure representation and rotation of leadership. The terms shall be one year. The past chair will stay on as a member of the leadership team for an additional year to assure continuity of the CREW. The Committee shall provide fiscal management and oversight.

Workgroups

Workgroups are established when substantial investigation, research, or projects are required which cannot be achieved at a regular CREW meeting. All products of the workgroups are meant to advise all CREW members on various issues, directions, and processes. All members of the CREW will make final decisions on action items, expenditures or expansion of membership separate of workgroup activities.

Staff Support

The Executive Director of Western Extension Directors Association (Dr. Lyla Houglum); the Executive Director of the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors (Dr. Michael Harrington) and ...

External Contracts

The CREW may enter into contracts for services. This consortium may utilize funding from Foundations, Federal Agencies and other entities for operational expenses. Furthermore, the CREW may contract for services or hire staff as determined by a majority of the members.

Specifically, an annual contract with XXXX (WR a 501c3) will be executed for development of facilitation and organizational support, a webpage and publications. The XXXX is recognized for its ability to provide assistance in basic meeting organization, external communications and the development of publications that describe the actions, outcomes and impacts of the CREW. The webpage should be a focal point for information on of the Western Region. The CREW should identify resources needed for development of the webpage as well as specialized publications and materials.

Fiscal Accounting:

Each state-based entity electing membership in the CREW agrees to pay annual dues of \$2,000 resulting in approximately \$XXXXX. In addition a 1:1 match, with a maximum of \$80,000 is expected by the Energy Foundation of San Francisco, California, resulting in an estimated annual budget of \$XXXXX. These funds will be managed by the WAAESD in consultation with the membership.

Review of Agreements and Commitments:

Accomplishments of the CREW shall be reviewed annually by the membership. A comprehensive review of this Charter Agreement and Existing Memorandums of Understanding will be conducted every three years.

Next Steps:

- ◆ Refinement and/or approval of the Charter Document.
- ◆ Each entity will formalize their membership to the CREW by August 2008.
- ◆ Executive Committee selections will be made during the Joint Summer Meeting in Alaska in July 2008.

Agenda Item 13.0: Implications of Farm Bill Legislation: Discussion

Presenter: Tim Sanders/All

Background:

Sanders indicated that new ideas need to be presented by the SAES system for the next budget request. Congress does not always favor continuing to approve the same line items over again.

Sanders plans to develop a summary of the changes for the SAES system due to the Farm Bill.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 14.0: Election of Officers

Presenter: Greg Bohach

Background:

Bohach presented the slate of officers and representatives as recommended by the Executive Committee:

Chair - David Thawley (NV)

Chair-Elect - Carol Lewis (AK)

Secretary - Jan Auyong (OR)

Member-at-Large - Greg Weicko (GU)

Member-at-Large - Steve Miller (WY)

RCIC - Milan Shipka (AK)

Action Requested: Election of officers and representatives

Action Taken: Unanimously approved election of slate of officers and representatives as presented by Executive Committee

Agenda Item 15.1: State Reports

Presenters: All

Background:

State Report–Arizona

Presenter: Colin Kaltenbach

As of this writing we are still waiting for the Arizona Legislature to figure out how they are going to deal with a \$2+ billion deficit in the coming year. It is unknown as to how it will affect us but many prognosticators are predicting a minimum cut of 5%.

We are finally getting very close to being operational at our new Agricultural Center facility at Red Rock, AZ which is located off of I-10 approximately 40 NW of Tucson. We have attempted to make this as close to state of the art in terms of an irrigated facility as money would allow. We will also have a significant solar array located at that site.

We will move into our new 20,000 sq. ft. office/laboratory building in Yuma in September with a formal dedication planned for November 14th. We have been trying to accomplish this since 1990 so are very pleased that it is finally coming to completion.

Also, we have just occupied a new ultramodern, four-story building to house our School of Family and Consumer Sciences. In the end, this will all be paid for with private monies. The former building will be used to ameliorate some of our space needs.

Finally, I am pleased to note that Gene Sander, who spent the last year as Executive Vice President and Provost for the university has returned to his former position as dean—we are starting to get back to normal.

Action Requested: For information

State Report – Hawaii
Presenter: C. Y. Hu

**College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources,
University of Hawaii at Mānoa
Station Report for Western Directors Joint Summer Meeting, July 2008**

Centennial of the University of Hawai‘i and CTAHR

The University of Hawai‘i was founded in 1907 and held its first classes in 1908. Centennial celebrations are ongoing for UH, its flagship Mānoa campus, and its founding college, the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

- CTAHR centennial book: To mark our first century, CTAHR has produced an enduring history of the college and its people. *Hawai‘i’s College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources: Celebrating the First 100 Years* is a beautifully illustrated 300-page volume that reflects the hard work of more than 90 contributors. The book features nearly 700 images and names more than 1,700 individuals who have helped shape our college, including 52 outstanding achievers honored for their unique impact. Congratulations to the editors of the book, Dr. Barry Brennan and James Hollyer, and its designer, Nancy Hoffman-Valies, on this impressive accomplishment.
- Centennial open houses: CTAHR’s instruction, research, and outreach programs are housed at 27 locations throughout the state, with research stations and extension offices on five islands in four counties. This year, each county hosted a centennial celebration at which members of the public could learn more about the college’s activities. On March 8, more than 800 visitors attended an open house at the Urban Garden Center in Pearl City on the island of O‘ahu (City and County of Honolulu). A garden fair held April 19 at Kaua‘i Community College and jointly organized by the Kaua‘i County Farm Bureau and CTAHR’s Kaua‘i faculty and staff attracted about 2,500 guests. On April 26, the college’s Mealani Research Station hosted a Hawai‘i County centennial event, which drew more than 350 people and inspired more than \$900 in donations to the college. CTAHR’s centennial celebration for Maui County, which includes the islands of Maui and Moloka‘i, was held June 14 as part of the Maui Upcountry Fair in Makawao; attendance for the day was estimated at between 7,500 and 9000 visitors.

UH Mānoa Update

- Tuition increases: In 2005, the UH Board of Regents approved a tuition schedule for academic years 2006–2007 through 2011–2012. Between 2006–2007 and 2008–2009, tuition at UH Mānoa increased by 35 to 38 percent. In the upcoming year, Hawai‘i residents will pay \$2,976 per semester for full-time undergraduate

education and \$3,948 per semester for full-time graduate studies. For non-residents, full-time tuition will be \$8,304 per semester for undergraduates and \$9,468 per semester for graduate students. These cost increases are scheduled to continue in the coming years: between the 2008–2009 and 2011–2012 academic years, tuition will increase by 39 to 41 percent for all UH Mānoa students.

CTAHR Update

- 20th Annual CTAHR Student Research Symposium: Hawai‘i’s geographic isolation and the high cost of travel can pose barriers to student participation in scientific and professional meetings. The CTAHR Student Research Symposium was inaugurated in 1989 so that students could present their research findings in a supportive, collegial environment that mirrors the format of national and international conferences. This year the 20th CTAHR Student Research Symposium was held April 11 and 12. More than 90 undergraduate and graduate students from all six CTAHR departments presented posters and talks that reflected the breadth and depth of the investigations taking place in the college. The research presented by the student participants ranged from fundamental studies to novel applications and encompassed engineering, production agriculture, biological sciences, health and food sciences, environmental resource management, and social sciences. The top four student presenters received grants to fund their travel to a conference on the U.S. mainland or abroad.
- Enrollment: CTAHR’s reorganized academic programs were formally announced to students in 2002. Student enrollment has increased in each of the subsequent academic years. Between the Fall 2002 and Fall 2007 semesters, the college’s total enrollment increased by 40 percent. During the same time period, enrollment in the UH system increased by 3 percent, and UH Manoa enrollment rose by 9 percent. Enrollment in the college’s six academic departments is at its highest level in more than 20 years, with 815 undergraduate and graduate majors registered in Fall 2007.
- Grants and contracts: As we approach June 30, the end date for CTAHR’s fiscal year 2008, the college’s faculty and staff members have received 113 extramural awards worth roughly \$11 million. During FY2008, the college experienced steep declines in both the number and value of its grants and contracts. The number of grants has dropped by 36 percent, with CTAHR receiving 63 fewer awards in FY2008 than the record-setting 176 awards the college garnered in FY2007. Even more precipitous was the decline in the monetary value of the college’s awards, which fell by \$12.5 million, down 53 percent from the near-record total of \$23.5 million received in FY2007. The discontinuation of special grants (earmarks) in the federal FY2007 budget was the most important factor in these FY2008 reverses.

- Changes in Leadership: Dr. James Carpenter has replaced Dr. Halina Zaleski as chair of the college's Department of Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences. Roy Yamakawa has been appointed as county administrator for Kaua'i. Kelvin Sewake has completed his service as interim county administrator for Hawai'i county and returned to duties as an extension agent serving the floriculture industry. Dr. Susan Miyasaka has been named the new interim county administrator for Hawai'i county.

Action Requested: For information

State Report–Oregon

Presenter: Jan Auyong and Larry Curtis

The Oregon State University (OSU) Capital Campaign is going amazingly well despite the state and national economic downturn. Six months into the public phase of the campaign, the College of Agricultural Sciences has raised approximately 70% of its goal of \$35 million.

In contrast, it appears that the Oregon University System (OUS) may be facing a probable 5% budget cut by the Oregon Legislature in the next biennium.

Grants and contracts: The College and the Experiment Station brought in \$33,614,890 in State Fiscal Year 2007. This represents 23% of the total grant awards (\$145,020,894) received by OSU, the largest percentage of any unit with the University.

Changes in Leadership: Dr. Thayne Dutson retired effective June 30, 2008 after 17 years as Dean and Director and almost 20 years at OSU. Dr. Bill Boggess has been appointed Interim Dean and Director while the University administration develops a position description and search process. He is supported by Associate Deans Stella Coakley and Larry Curtis.

Dr. Cary Green began as Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs in October 2008. This new leadership position was created to raise the focus on undergraduate programs, such as curriculum standards and coordination, recruitment, and advising.

Two new departmental chairs began work in May 2008. Dr. Marcus Craig will head Environmental Molecular Toxicology and Dr. Susan Capalbo will lead Agricultural & Resource Economics.

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 15.2: ESCOP Science and Technology Committee

Presenter: Greg Bohach

Background:

ESCOP Science and Technology Committee Meeting

Admiral Fell Inn, Baltimore, MD

March 27, 2008

In attendance: Greg Bohach (Chair), Deb Hamernik, Bob MacDonald, Patricia Dyk, Frank Zalom, Clarence Watson, Dan Rossi, Ambrose Anouro, Steve Meredith, Steve Pueppke, and Rubie Mize (Recorder)

Key Points:

1. Committee Charge

The motion to approve the new charge was seconded and passed:

“The ESCOP Science and Technology Committee is charged with promoting and enhancing science and technology in the Land-grant university system. The Committee will assist ESCOP to identify future directions and anticipate and respond to research needs and opportunities for funding. It will assist in linking science and technology programs to multistate and national research initiatives. It will recommend how ESCOP will respond to reports, recommendations and planning documents from the national science community. It will provide guidance to ESCOP strategic planning and priority setting.”

2. Committee Membership

- One representative each from CSREES, ARS and ERS will be assigned.
- New representatives from OSTP and FAIR will be sought.
- One representative each from ECOP and ACOP will be invited.
- One more delegate from the North Central and Western Associations need to be appointed – Dr. Steve Pueppke and Dr. Greg Bohach will follow up.
- One or two at-large appointments

(Note: Dr Rossi suggested including this topic at the next meeting. Should there be a fixed “term” for serving as members/officers?)

3. Plans for NRI 2010 Priorities

- A subcommittee was formed with Dr. Greg Bohach as Chair. The members are Dr. Dan Rossi, Dr. Cornelia Flora and an ECOP member. Dr. Dan Rossi will follow-up with ECOP. Dr. Patricia Dyk will confirm with Dr. Cornelia Flora [confirmed 3/29/2008].
- The subcommittee, once formed, will meet by teleconference ASAP to discuss the steps and the timetable.
- Prior to the first teleconference, Dr. Dan Rossi will put together a strawman as a starting point for the subcommittee’s discussion.

4. NRI Funding for Integrated Projects

The following motion was seconded and passed:

Motion to recommend that if 406 is folded into NRI that a minimum of 35% of NRI funding will be allocated for integrated projects. If 406 does not go into NRI, a minimum of 25% of NRI funding will be allocated for integrated projects.

5. Multistate Research Award

- NASULGC needs the information about the winning project by July 1.
- All the regions should have their nominations submitted by mid-April to Dr. Dan Rossi.
- The four nominations (ARD-1890s did not submit a nomination this year) will be forwarded to all the members of the ESCOP Science and Technology Committee. The Committee members will then rank the nominations from #1 to #4 (#1 as the winner). A teleconference will be convened to discuss the results of the ranking.
- ESCOP Science and Tech. Committee members serving as Administrative Advisors or technical committee members to the nominated projects will be exempted from this process.
- An electronic ballot from the ESCOP Chair will be sent out to confirm the Committee's recommendation.
- The winner will be submitted to NASULGC and CSREES.
- The winning project will be honored at NASULGC's Annual Meeting. The project title will be engraved in a plaque to be provided and displayed at CSREES. A letter from the ESCOP Chair (copied to the Deans) will be sent to all the scientists participating in the project. The winning project with a brief description (that can be used for press releases) will be on the ESCOP homepage.
- Feedback will be provided to all nominated projects following the review process.

6. Use of "Grants.gov" for submission of formula fund projects

There are potential unintended complications that should be seriously and urgently considered on the CSREES requirement to use grants.gov for submitting formula fund projects now referred to 'formula grants' (16 formula programs will fall under this requirement). For most land grant universities, the responsibility for using grants.gov falls on the Office of Sponsored Programs or an equivalent entity. There are issues on fund management and fiscal responsibility being moved from the experiment stations to central administration, imposition of standard university indirect costs on "formula" grants, state match implications etc. that CSREES should take into consideration. Bob MacDonald will bring these to the attention of the CSREES executives and will ask that the next national teleconference that was postponed be convened ASAP. SAES Directors will be encouraged to join this call to address these issues and other concerns.

7. Future Meetings

- Teleconference to discuss the multistate award ranking will be convened in late April or early May. Rubie Mize will start setting this up.
- Teleconference sometime in October or early November
- Face-to-face meeting with the Social Sciences Subcommittee, and in conjunction with the AHS/CARET and ESCOP meetings in Washington, DC, on the first week of March 2009. Final date to be decided later after NASULGC has posted the dates for the AHS/CARET meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:
Rubie G. Mize
March 28, 2008

Action Requested: For information

Agenda Item 15.3: Create-21/Farm Bill Committee

Presenter: H Michael Harrington

Background:

These two committees were combined last year to facilitate communication and coordination as the Farm Bill took form. Certainly the success of the Create-21 initiative was very successful with nearly 90% of the desired provisions being included in the final bill. This success demonstrates the effectiveness of the “system” when it comes forward with a single message. There were also several notable successes relative to appropriations, e.g. the 2007 CR and overturning the House Ag Appropriations Committee initial decision to move some \$45 million for university capacity program in FY 2008. These successes could not have been achieved without the leadership of Cornerstone Government Affairs and demonstrate the system’s effectiveness if it works in concert.

The Board on Agriculture Assembly has appointed a Farm Bill Implementation Committee which will provide input to Gale Buchanan on structural issues relating to REE.

With passage of the Farm Bill, D.C, Coston becomes the Committee Chair

FARM BILL IMPLEMENTATION ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

Name	Affiliation
D. C. Coston	Chair
Jeffrey D. Armstrong	Past Chair, FBC
Fred A. Cholick	Chair, PBD
Jack M. Payne	Chair-elect, PBD
Daniel M. Dooley	BAC Chair-elect
Robert D. Steele	Past Chair, BAC
Paul D. Coreil	ECOP Chair-elect
Steven G. Pueppke	ESCOP Chair-elect
L. Washington Lyons	Co-Chair, CREATE-21
Ian L. Maw	NASULGC
Jim Richards	CGA
James C. Wade	Ex.. Dir., ECOP
Eric Young	Ex. Dir., SAAESD
H. Michael Harrington	Ex. Dir., WAAESD
Eddie G. Gouge	NASULGC

For information only

Agenda Item 15.4: BAA Policy Board of Directors

Presenter: H Michael Harrington

Background:

The Policy Board Meeting met March 11-12 in Memphis, TN. Discussion items included:

NASULGC name change

- A committee appointed to propose new name for NASULGC
- Current name & acronym thought to be too complicated, Want to have name that is easier to understand and pronounce
- NASULGC name is recognized by most ag staff on Hill, doesn't appear to be any compelling reason to change
- +200 institutions, 70 Land Grant Universities, so LGUs are a minority
- Strong resistance to dropping Land Grant from name
- Committee will propose new name at next NASULGC Board meeting
- Policy Board of Directors strongly opposes changing the name

Board on Agriculture Assembly/CARET Assessment

- Collected >99% last year, only one institution didn't pay entire assessment
- ESCOP marketing assessment will be sent to directors as a separate invoice
- All assessments same as last year, except APS down slightly

Advocacy contract

- Review last year was very positive and bonus was approved
- New contracts were signed in January, no significant changes from last year

PBD Task Forces

- **PBD System Integration Task Force:** Responsible for PBD goal 4, System Integration, including Dean & Director Orientation Workshop, Two members per section plus CSREES, ED support will be Eric Young and James Wade
- **PBD Emerging Issues Task Force:** Responsible for Policy Board of Directors goal 1, futuring efforts and emerging issues, including stake holder input gathering and analysis. Two members per section plus CSREES, ED support will be Eric Young and James Wade

Disposition of funds held by NASULGC

- Possibly moved to a NASULGC foundation account at University of Minnesota
- Withdrawal of funds would require prior notice
- May be a management fee, but interest return would be a lot higher than currently
- Control of funds would shift more to NASULGC
- Fred Cholick will get answers to questions about withdraw approval, management fees, why specifically University of Minnesota, and what is their portfolio consist of and its history.

Effort to move advocacy contract to within NASULGC with CGA staff

- Peter McPherson thinks we pay too much and also thinks it would be better to do numerous subcontracts for specific items
- There are advantages to having same firm/people advocate for all items each year
- Danger of advocacy becoming less focused and different lines competing
- Current system gives some independence to BAA advocacy

- Move to decline offer to place BAA advocacy with NASULGC CGA staff (passed)

Policy Board of Directors Election

Sections that need to hold elections this year are Administrative Heads, Experiment Station, International, and 1994s

Role of Policy Board of Directors Alternates

- Alternates will be on distribution list now so they'll have all information the members have
- Alternates may be called on to have more active role on Task Forces, etc

Next meeting: July 22, 2008 San Juan PR.

For information only

Agenda Item 15.5: EERE/NASULGC Partnership

Presenter: H Michael Harrington

Background:

The BAA-Policy Board of Directors was charged with implementing the activities for this partnership effort. I represent the executive directors (both AES and CE) on the Steering Committee which provides guidance and oversight for the project. This is the final year of the project. Based on the success of this project there will be new resources available for extension activities in the future.

- **Pacific Northwest Extension Energy Initiative:** Continue to work with Linda Fox (WA), Charlotte Eberlein (ID), Scott Reed (OR), Pete Pinney (AK), Jake Fey and Sheila Riggs (EERE Information Center-WSU energy program) and Lyla Houghlum to implement the 2007-08 program. Developed Jan-Mar 2008 quarterly report to DOE based to state input.
- Using the PNW survey that was developed last year to obtain information on the types of informational requests that are received by extension agents, I worked with Lyla Houghlum to develop and deploy a similar survey in all states/territories. There were some 443 responses generated. Participated in conference calls and collected and assimilated data. Specific data has been provided to each state.

For information only

Agenda Item 15.6: RCIC Digest of Actions for 2008

Presenter: Harriet Sykes

Background:

REGIONAL COORDINATION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE (RCIC)

DIGEST OF ACTIONS FOR 2008

(summary of Spring and Summer meetings)

1.0 The following Western Multistate Research Projects/Coordinating Committees/Development Committees are to terminate on September 30, 2008.

- 1.1 W1002 "Nutrient Bioavailability--Phytonutrients and Beyond" (replaced by W2002)
- 1.2 W1003 "Parent and household influences on calcium intake among preadolescents" (replaced by W2003)
- 1.3 W1147 "Managing Plant Microbe Interactions in Soil to Promote Sustainable Agriculture" (replaced by W2147)
- 1.4 W1168 "Environmental and Genetic Determinants of Seed Quality and Performance" (replaced by W2168)
- 1.5 W1186 "Genetic Variability in the Cyst and Root-Knot Nematodes" (replaced by W2186)
- 1.6 WDC9 "Sustainable Rangeland and Watershed Stewardship" (replaced by WERA1011)
- 1.7 WDC11 "Mountain and Southwest Regional Evaluation and Introduction of Native Plants" (replaced by WERA1013)
- 1.8 WDC14 "Reduction of Error in Rural and Agricultural Surveys" (replaced by WERA1010)
- 1.9 WDC15 "Management of a Volunteer Rainfall-Hail-Snowfall Network" (replaced by WERA1012)
- 1.10 WDC16 "Integrated Systems Research and Development in Automation and Sensors for Sustainability of Specialty Crops" (replaced by W1009)

2.0 The following multistate projects are approved from 10/1/2008 - 9/30/2013

- 2.1 W1009 "Integrated Systems Research and Development in Automation and Sensors for Sustainability of Specialty Crops" (**pending minor revisions**)
- 2.2 W1010 "Integrated Approach to Enhance Efficiency of Feed Utilization in Beef Production Systems "
- 2.3 W2002 "Nutrient Bioavailability–Phytonutrients and Beyond" (from W1002)
- 2.4 W2003 "How to Motivate Parents to Promote Intake of Calcium Rich Foods among Early Adolescents" (from W1003)

- 2.5 W2147 “Managing Plant Microbe Interactions in Soil to Promote Sustainable Agriculture” (from W1147)
- 2.6 W2168 “Environmental and Genetic Determinants of Seed Quality and Performance” (from W1168) (**pending minor revisions**)
- 2.7 W2186 “Genetic Variability in the Cyst and Root-Knot Nematodes” (from W1186)

3.0 The following WERA projects are approved for five years, from 10/1/2008 to 9/30/2013.

- 3.1 WERA001 “Beef Cattle Breeding in the Western Region”
- 3.2 WERA043 “Developing Sustainable and Organic Pest Management Programs for Western Orchard Systems” (**pending minor revision**)
- 3.3 WERA1010 “Reduction of Error in Rural and Agricultural Surveys” (from WDC14)
- 3.4 WERA1011 “Sustainable Rangeland and Watershed Stewardship” (from WDC9)
- 3.5 WERA1012 “Managing and Utilizing Precipitation Observations from Volunteer Networks” (from WDC15)
- 3.6 WERA1013 “Intermountain Regional Evaluation and Introduction of Native Plants” (from WDC11)

4.0 The following WERA project was rejected

- 4.1 wera_temp 2382 “Sustainable Management of Forage-Livestock Systems for the Western U.S.” RCIC notes that the stated objectives are similar to those of WERA110. The participants are encouraged to participate in WERA110.

5.0 The following multistate projects/development committees/coordinating committees received one-year extensions (to 9/30/2009)

- 5.1 W006 “Plant Genetic Research Conservation and Utilization”
- 5.2 W1004 “Marketing, Trade, and Management of Fisheries and Aquaculture Resources”
- 5.3 WDC12 “Integrating Access to Information from Herbaria”
- 5.4 WDC13 “Implementation and Assessment of IPM in Urban Environments”
- 5.5 WCC1003 “Coordination of Western Regional Extension Forestry Activities”

6.0 The following NRSP projects are approved for five years, from 10/1/2008 to 9/30/2013 (these projects require approval of a majority of the four regional associations, as well as approval by the NRSP Review Committee and the ESS)

- 6.1 NRSP003 “The National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP)”
- 6.2 NRSP008 “National Animal Genome Research Program”

7.0 The following NRSP projects are extended for one year, from 10/1/2008 to 9/30/2009 (these projects require approval of a majority of the four regional associations, as well as approval by the NRSP Review Committee and the ESS)

7.1 NRSP4 “High Value Specialty Crop Pest Management”

7.2 NRSP5 “National Program for Controlling Virus Diseases of Temperate Fruit Tree Crops”

8.0 The following NRSP project was approved by RCIC for five years, but rejected by the ESCOP NRSP Review Committee and the other regional associations

8.1 NRSP_TEMP101 “USDA UV-B Monitoring and Research Program: Enhancement of Network Data Products, Research Support, and National Research Collaboration”

9.0 Mid-term Reviews: The specific RCIC review comments for all the mid-term reviews are available on NIMSS. The Administrative Advisors have been notified to view the review comments.

9.1 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. The review comments are available to the Administrative Advisor on NIMSS.

Project/Committee	Title	Administrative Advisor
W1045	Agrochemical Impacts on Human and Environmental Health: Mechanisms and Mitigation	Pardini (NV)
W1082	Evaluating the Physical and Biological Availability of Pesticides and Pharmaceuticals in Agricultural Contexts	Sommers (CO)
W1150	Exotic Germplasm Conversion and Breeding Common Bean (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.) for Resistance to Abiotic and Biotic Stresses and to Enhance Nutritional Value	Bohach (ID)
WERA027	Potato Variety Development	Bohach (ID)
WERA039	Coordination of Sheep and Goat Research and Education Programs for the Western States	Battaglia & Bohach (ID)
WERA097	Diseases of Cereals	Murray & Cavalieri (WA)
WERA101	Assessing China as a Market and Competitor	Whipple (WY)
WERA103	Nutrient Management and Water Quality	Peterson & Sommers (CO)
WERA202	Climatic Data Application in Irrigation Scheduling and Water Conservation	Narayanan (NV)
WERA1005	Western Rural Development	Gay (UT) & Narayanan (NV)

9.2 RCIC has concerns regarding the following projects:

Project/Committee	Title	Administrative Advisor
W1167	<p>The Changing Landscape of Women in America: Understanding Work, Family, and Personal Issues</p> <p>This project has a long history and addresses issues important to the organization. However, the membership has changed as well as the objectives. It appears that the group needs to re-consider its objectives and to focus on one or two.</p>	Christenson (AZ)
WERA069	<p>Coordination of Integrated Pest Management Research and Extension/Educational Programs for the Western States & Pacific Basin Territories</p> <p>RCIC recommends that, unless the annual reports are submitted immediately, a new Administrative Advisor be appointed. If a new AA is appointed, an effort is to be made to get the missing annual reports submitted by Spring 2009. The project is to be reviewed again in 2009.</p>	Holtzer & Sommers (CO)
WERA102	<p>Climate Data and Analyses for Applications in Agriculture and Natural Resources</p> <p>This committee addresses important issues related to climate and agriculture. The committee seems to have fair participation but somewhat poor information exchange. Their individual output by state is good, and they share some good impacts in their mid-term report.</p>	Sommers (CO)

10.0 Administrative Advisor assignments:

- 10.1 W1004 - Marketing, Trade, and Management of Fisheries and Aquaculture Resources - Larry Curtis (OR) to replace Carol Lewis (AK)
- 10.2 W1006 - Agricultural Literacy - Gary Straquadine (UT) to replace David Cox (AZ)
- 10.3 W2177 "Enhancing the Competitiveness and Value of U.S. Beef" - CY Hu (HI) to replace Thayne Dutson (OR)
- 10.4 WERA101 - Assessing China as a Market and Competitor - Glen Whipple (WY) to replace Vicki McCracken (WA)
- 10.5 WERA1010 "Reduction of Error in Rural and Agricultural Surveys" - Jim Christenson (AZ) to replace Vicki McCracken (WA)

Agenda Item 16.1: Experiment Station Section Annual Meeting

Presenter: Ronald S Pardini

Background:

The ESS meeting will be held in Traverse City MI, September 21-24, 2007 at the Grand Traverse Resort. Links for registration and hotel information are listed on the ESCOP home page, or may be reached at <http://www.grandtraversaresort.com> .

For information only

Agenda Item 16.2: 2009 Spring Meeting

Presenter: Barbara Allen Diaz

Background:

Allen Diaz indicated that the 2009 Spring Meeting could be held in either Napa or Davis, CA. However, airport access and traffic would be better if the meeting were held in Davis.

The meeting location and venue will be determined by the California hosts. The meeting will be held March 23-26, 2009, with RCIC and the Executive Committee meeting on March 23.

Action Requested: For information



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Agenda Item 17.0: Resolutions

Presenter: Jan Auyong

Background:

RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS Dr. Thayne Dutson served as Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences, Director, Agricultural Experiment Station, and Reub Long Professor at Oregon State University from 1993 through June 2008;

WHEREAS Dr. Dutson served as Associate Dean and Director at Oregon State University from 1987-1993;

WHEREAS Dr. Dutson has also served as Director of the Western Sun Grant Center and one of the founding directors of the Sun Grant Initiative;

WHEREAS Dr. Dutson has served as a long-time chair of the Board of Directors of the American Distance Education Consortium, as member and chair of the Board of Trustees of the Consortium for International Development, as past chairman of the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology, and as a fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists;

WHEREAS Dr. Dutson also had a distinguished career as Chairperson and Professor, Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition (1983-1987), as well as Associate Director of the Health Promotion Program (1984-1987) and as Director of the Food Industry Institute (1983-1987) at Michigan State University

WHEREAS Dr. Dutson served on numerous state and national boards, including as a member of the Executive Committee, National Administrative Heads Section, National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges; and as chair of the Western Administrative Heads Section, National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges

WHEREAS Dr. Dutson has been recognized for his exemplary academic record, as evidenced by one of the highest citation records among agricultural scientists, his contributions to scientific knowledge in food science as member;

WHEREAS Dr. Dutson retired on June 30, 2008, from Oregon State University; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors at their meeting in Fairbanks, Alaska, on July 7-9, 2008, expresses its sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Dutson for the many contributions he has made to our Association and his friendships within the membership; and be it further

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

RESOLUTION #2

WHEREAS Dean of the School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences and Director of the Alaska Agricultural Experiment Station, Dr. Carol Lewis, Interim Vice-Provost of Outreach and Extension and Interim Director of the Cooperative Extension Service, Dr. Pete Pinney, Mr. Greg Kramer of Destination Services North, and their colleagues from the University of Alaska Fairbanks were organizers and hosts for the Summer meeting of the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Wood Center in Fairbanks, AK, on July 6-9, 2008; and

WHEREAS Drs. Lewis and Pinney, and their colleagues, Ms. Marilyn Childress, Administrative Assistant to the Dean and Director, Ms. Wanda Tangerman, Departmental Administrative Assistant, Ms. Sarah Hettrick, Assistant to the Vice-Provost, Ms. Katrina Paul, Communications Coordinator, and Ms. Debbie Carter, Editor, provided such hospitable surroundings in which to meet; and

WHEREAS Drs. Lewis and Pinney, and their colleagues as well as members of the Alaska Chapter of FFA (particularly Calib Krepps, Jordan Sewer, Sean Perry, Deirdre Adbams) were also outstanding hosts; and

WHEREAS Drs. Lewis and Pinney, and their colleagues arranged excellent joint meetings and excellent presentations, be it

RESOLVED, that the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors at its meeting at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Wood Center on July 6-9, 2008, expresses its sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Drs. Lewis and Pinney, and their colleagues for their significant contributions to successful individual and joint meetings; and be it further

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

Action Requested: Approval of Resolutions

Action Taken: Unanimously approved resolutions to: Thayne Dutson, Alaska meeting hosts

Agenda Item 18.0: State Issues Discussion

Presenter: Greg Bohach/All

Background:

No discussion took place as the group was at the Chena Hot Springs. Assembling the WAAESD was difficult as there was no meeting place assigned.