ESCOP Meeting Kansas City, MO July 26, 2005

Participants

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Agenda Item 1.0 - Approval of Minutes

ESCOP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, February 28, 2005, approved (Boethel/McPheron)

Agenda Item 1.0 - Approval of Interim Actions

Interim Actions approved Sommers/McPheron)

Agenda Item 2.0 - Budget and Legislative Committee

The BAC decided, at its meeting on July 25, to support increases in base budget thru all formula funds and urgent initiatives for under-served audiences, including 1890's extension, FNEP, insular institutions, etc.

Fred Cholick will lead evaluation of BRT and a template for section feedback will be provided. Daryl Lund, Darrell Nelsen, and LeRoy Daugherty will coordinate ESS feedback.

*Action taken – Greg Weidemann (AR) was nominated as Budget and Legislative Committee chair-elect. (Boethel/Parks) Approved

Agenda Item 3.1 - ESS Support of Proposed BRT Seminars

Communication and Marketing Committee endorses the BRT seminar concept and supports ESCOP's financial support of this.

*Action taken –

CAC moves approval of \$5000.00 for each of the two seminars currently planned (no second needed) - **approved**

The ESS will be requested to approve an additional \$5000.00 for each seminar – (Wendy/Lee) – **approved**

BRT has suggested that the seminar theme also be adopted as the Science on the Hill exhibit theme. ESCOP endorses this idea – (Daugherty/Boethel) – **approved**

Agenda Item 4.0 - Science and Technology Committee

ESCOP endorses Science and Tech proposal to send out the Roadmap survey results and challenge area modifications to ESS for feedback and to request adoption of modifications at the ESS meeting.

Survey results and modifications will be published as an addendum or as Roadmap volume 2.

Agenda Item 5.0 - Partnership Working Group

Partnership Working Group will discuss publishing the results of the Futuring conference at their meeting following the Joint COPs.

ESS membership on Partnership Working Group will now be ESCOP chair, past-chair, chair-elect, and an ED.

In order to formalize the relationship of the Partnership Working Group with ESCOP, it will be listed as a Subcommittee of ESCOP.

Agenda Item 6.0 - Proposed Elimination of Planning Committee

*Action taken -

Executive Committee moves to eliminate ESCOP Planning Committee by changing the ESS Rules of Operation at the ESS meeting. – **approved**

Agenda Item 7.0 - Germplasm Task Force Report

National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee core membership will have three representatives from each SAES, ARS, and CSREES. Additional liaisons may be added as needed. National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee will report annually to SAES, ARS, and CSREES.

Suggested SAES members Lee Sommers (CO) Jerry Arkin (GA) Ken Grafton (ND) Tom Fretz will continue as ED support.

*Action taken -

Motion to endorse Task Force recommendations - (Lee/Daugherty) - approved

Agenda Item 9.0 - Formula Funds Task Force

Question raised on what the Task Force time line should be. It seems appropriate that Task Force time line should be similar to the BAA Think Tank, with early '06 as deadline for recommendations. This will be discussed with the ECOP Co-Chair.

ARS would also like to be engaged in these discussions because any significant charges in Formula Funds would impact ARS.

BAC and Think Tank are now calling these Base Funds, not Formula Funds.

Agenda Item 11.0 - NIAS Update

NIAS member meeting will be held at the SAES/ARD Workshop.

Agenda Item 12.0 - BAA Policy Board Update

Policy Board of Director is recommending some changes to its Rules of Operations

- In case of unexpected vacancy of chair-elect, AHS will submit two names and BAA will vote.
- Eligibility for service on Policy Board of Directors includes your institution having paid all assessments.
- Quorum was better defined.

Agenda Item 14.0 - NASULGC Report

See handout.

Agenda Item 15.0 - Experiment Station Section Meeting Agenda

Western Region Association nominations committee chair (Lee Sommers) will report nominee for ESCOP chair-elect at ESS meeting. Nominee is Ron Pardini (NV).