

Item 8.0

ESCOP Budget and Legislative Committee Agenda Brief

Presenters: Steve Slack and Mike Harrington

For information only

The committee holds regular monthly conference calls that have generally been well attended. The current B&L Committee membership is shown below.

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| <p>Chair: Steve Slack (NCRA)</p> <p>Delegates: William (Bill) Brown (SAAESD) Jeff Jacobsen* (WAAESD) Ernie Minton (NCRA) Karen Plaut (NCRA) Orlando McMeans (ARD) Carolyn Brooks (ED-ARD) Bob Shulstad (SAAESD) Tom Brady (NERA) Thomas Burr (NERA) Bret Hess (WAAESD)</p> <p>Executive Vice-Chair Mike Harrington (WAAESD)</p> | <p>NIFA Liaison Christina Buch (NIFA)</p> <p>Representatives Caird Rexroad (ARS) Glen Hoffsis (APLU Vet Med) Eddie Gouge (APLU) Ian Maw (APLU) Dina Chacon-Reitzel (CARET) Cheryl Achterberg (APLU - B of Hum Sci)</p> <p>Jim Richards (Cornerstone) Hunt Shipman (Cornerstone)</p> <p>*Chair elect</p> |
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BAC: The BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee met during the Joint COPS meeting in Boston. Given the current climate in Washington DC, it was decided that we “should keep our heads down” and would do well to hold the line on our current positions by not seeking increases at this time. In addition the Committee, Cornerstone and EDs worked to get the potential impacts of the House action for use in working with the Senate. These efforts were apparently successful as the Senate “mark” was far more favorable.

FY2012 Budget: Both the House and Senate numbers are out with the House proposing cuts totaling \$212.754 million such that all NIFA lines but one were reduced or eliminated. Significant cuts proposed by the House were Hatch: nearly \$30 million, Evans-Allen: \$3.37 M, McIntire Stennis: \$3.16 million and AFRI: \$41.1 million. Every Extension line was reduced, including Smith Lever 3b and c (\$36.7 million), EFNEP (\$10.3 million), 1890 Extension (\$6.8 million). Water Quality and Food Safety Program were zeroed out.

The Senate committee received a more favorable allocation and proposed funding for research lines at or near the FY 2011 levels. AFRI is proposed at approximately \$1.5 million over 2011.