

**ESCOP Chair's Advisory Committee
Teleconference Notes
Monday, April 20, 2009 – 4 pm EDT**

Participants:

Steve Pueppke – ESCOP Chair
Carolyn Brooks - ARD
David Boethel (Chair-Budget and Legislative Committee)
Greg Bohach (Chair-Science & Tech. Committee)
Eric Young - SAAESD
Dan Rossi – NERA
Arlen Leholm – ESCOP Executive Vice-Chair, NCRA
Chris Hamilton – NCRA, Recorder

Who	Action	Status
Dan Rossi	Prepare informational material for ESCOP Committee to vote on S&T Roadmap budget	
Arlen Leholm	Compile and send REEO responses	
Mike Harrington	Inform Lead 21 board of ED change	
EDs	Discuss best response to REEO questions during regional spring meetings	Done
Arlen Leholm	Interact with Tim Sanders to discuss how to best proceed with the BioCentury Initiative	Done
EDs	Develop a strategy to facilitate discussion of state budget shortfalls during March 3 ESCOP Meeting	Done
Carolyn Brooks	Suggest representatives from the 1890s for the BioCentury Initiative process group	Done
Arlen/EDs	Follow-up on advancing BioCentury Initiative nationally and create process group with reps from each region	In Progress

1. Report from the Chair - Steve Pueppke
2. Review of past Action Items from February 17 call (see table above) – Steve Pueppke
3. Budget Update – Cornerstone

Unable to attend.

4. Budget and Legislative Committee Issues - David Boethel

Although we are happy to be receiving annual Hatch increases, we need to work to reduce the number of line items. Also need to work to push AFRI up to authorized levels.

5. System Marketing Update and Assessments – Jerry Arkin/Arlen Leholm

Arlen Leholm is working with Ian Maw (APLU) to send out marketing assessment next week. Please refer to Steve Pueppke's letter from a few weeks ago regarding the evaluation of Podesta's marketing effort.

6. REEO Stakeholder Q&A – EDs

Arlen agreed to compile responses from all regions and forward them on to the REEO directors and other appropriate recipients.

7. Other business

- a. Proposed topic for Fall ESS meeting: Restrictions to research by big biotech – Steve Pueppke – Agreements between researchers and biotech companies are causing severe limitations on the use of seed for research. Steve suggests scheduling a session/discussion during the fall ESS meeting that would include representatives from both research and industry. Program will be discussed by EDs this week.
- b. Science and Technology Committee – Greg Bohach – Moved forward with the Roadmap process and produced a detailed, aggressive timeline. On May 1 (target date), the prestudy will be sent out, followed by five Delphi rounds through July 13.

Action Needed: Approval of ESCOP Executive Committee to spend up to \$5000 to hire a student to work on the survey.

Action Taken: No action could be taken at this time due to lack of quorum. Dan Rossi agreed to prepare materials during the EDs' meetings this week to take forward to the Executive Committee.

Action Needed: Approval from Steve Pueppke to sign off on two letters: (1) letter to research directors to solicit names for individuals willing to work on the survey, (2) letter to participants.

Action Taken: Steve Pueppke agreed to sign off on both letters

Chair Pueppke closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their time and participation.

Respectfully submitted by:
Christina Hamilton
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