

**ESCOP Chair's Advisory Committee
Teleconference Notes
Monday, May 18, 2009 – 4 pm EDT**

Participants:

Steve Pueppke – ESCOP Chair

Dan Rossi - NERA

David Boethel - Budget and Legislative Committee Chair

Mike Harrington - WAAESD

Eric Young - SAAESD

Bruce McPherson – Past Chair

Jerry Arkin - Communication and Marketing Committee Chair

Arlen Leholm – ESCOP Executive Vice-Chair, NCRA

Chris Hamilton – NCRA, Recorder

Who	Action	Status
Dan Rossi	Discuss \$350 registration fee for 1.5 day APLU meeting with Ian Maw	
Dan Rossi/Greg Bohach	Obtain ESCOP approval of OTT \$15,000 multi-state award	
Arlen Leholm	Add approval of OTT \$15,000 multi-state award to ESS agenda at July APLU meeting in Minneapolis	
Dan Rossi/Greg Bohach	Obtain ESCOP approval to spend \$5000 to hire student to work on Roadmap	Done/Approved
Jerry Arkin/Arlen Leholm	Send out marketing assessment through APLU/Ian Maw	Done
Mike Harrington	Inform Lead 21 board of ED change	Done
EDs	Finalize REEO Q&A responses and send to REEO Directors	Done
Arlen Leholm	Interact with Tim Sanders to discuss how to best proceed with the BioCentury Initiative	Done
Arlen/EDs	Follow-up on advancing BioCentury Initiative nationally and create process group with reps from each region	In Progress

1. Budget and Legislative Committee Issues - David Boethel

The last B&L call was held on 4/28/2009. The committee is currently working with Administrative Heads to obtain signature support for AFRI - have about 35 out the 80 signatures needed.

Mike Harrington mentioned that there has not been a formula fund reduction and that the suggested Hatch budget was based on last year's allocation. He also requested a call to action for writing "Dear Colleague" letters in support of budget priorities. During the OK City meeting, Wednesday afternoon from 1 – 3 pm has been set aside to discuss priorities. We need to work to get agriculture on the President's radar and become better acquainted with Dr. Shah.

2. Science and Technology Committee Report – Dan Rossi for Greg Bohach

S1039 was chosen as the 2009 winner of the multi-state research award. The S&T committee discussed reaching out to project committee members with the hope of increasing the number of nominations for this award in the future. There seems to be a reluctance/lack of time available for AAs to fill out the required forms, but perhaps committee chairs will be more enthusiastic.

Eric Young discussed CSREES' proposed \$15,000 award for the multi-state research award (please refer to Eric's 5/14/2009 ESCOP-CAC email). Because this is OTT MRF Hatch money, it must be approved by ESCOP and then taken to the ESS meeting in Oklahoma City for approval by the section.

Roadmap budget was approved. Should Extension be included?

3. 2009 ESS/SAES/ARD Meeting and Workshop Schedule – Eric Young/other EDs

The Wednesday 3:30 to 5 pm session (Research Constraints related to Intellectual Property and Genetic Modification) will include three speakers not from industry. It was decided to keep the discussion internal for now. Peter Sherman from Texas A&M will be included as a speaker.

Arlen and Steve will prepare an invitation to Dr. Shah inviting him to the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted by:
Christina Hamilton
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