

**ESCOP Chair's Advisory Committee
Teleconference Notes
Monday, June 15, 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
 Greg Bohach – Science and Technology Chair
 Clarence Watson – Chair-Elect
 Jerry Arkin - Communication and Marketing Committee Chair
 Carolyn Brooks - ARD
 Arlen Leholm – ESCOP Executive Vice-Chair, NCRA
 Chris Hamilton – NCRA, Recorder

Action Items:

Who	Action	Status
Arlen Leholm	Draft letter to Rajiv Shah inviting him to the Oklahoma City ESS Workshop	
All	Review Smith memo and send any changes to Mike Harrington by COB on 6/18.	
Arlen Leholm	Send Smith letter to BAA on Steve's behalf	
EDs	Discuss approval of OTT \$15,000 multi-state award at regional summer meetings	
Eric Young	Prepare an agenda brief for the OTT \$15,000 multi-state award discussion	
Dan Rossi	Discuss \$350 registration fee for 1.5 day APLU meeting with Ian Maw	Done
Arlen Leholm	Add approval of OTT \$15,000 multi-state award to ESS agenda at July APLU meeting in Minneapolis	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

We are pleased that President Obama's May 5 announcement of a new biofuels program totaling \$786.5 million will achieve much of what we wanted in the BioCentury Initiative. We decided to ask Clarence Watson, Ralph Cavalieri, Mike Hoffman, Steve Pueppke, and Carolyn Brooks, who had provided edits to the BioCentury Initiative, to be available for a potential meeting with Rajiv Shah, Tom Vilsack and Steven Chu as soon as possible to express our interest in this DOE funding line. A three person working committee chaired by Vilsack will oversee the new biofuels program.

An AHS meeting with Rajiv Shah involving Steve Pueppke, ESCOP Chair, Paul Coreil, ECOP Chair, and a number of Deans has been set up for July 2 which will start the communication process.

Arlen Leholm reminded the group to have their regions submit nominations of scientists for the five summit tracks for the Biofuels Aviation Summit to be held in Washington, DC on 9/1 and 9/2. (Context: by 2012, the Air Force plans on obtaining 50% of its jet fuel from biofuel)

2. Action Items from May 18 – Steve Pueppke and others

Dan Rossi contacted Ian Maw regarding the APLU meeting registration fee. At this time, nothing can be done, but our concerns with cost have been communicated.

Eric Young is still waiting to hear back on having the \$15,000 sent to NCSU for distribution to the annual multi-state research award winners. In addition, it was decided that each ED will take the OTT funding issue regarding this award to their regional directors' meetings for a discussion and vote. The final decision will be brought to the ESCOP meeting in Minneapolis in July. Arlen and Chris will add this item to the agenda and Eric Young will provide the agenda brief.

3. Budget Update – NA

4. Budget and Legislative Committee Issues - David Boethel

Mike drafted the Smith letter for Steve to send on to the BAA. Please review this letter (see email) and let him know of any changes by COB this Thursday, 6/18. Arlen will then send this letter on Steve's behalf.

5. Science and Technology Committee Report – Greg Bohach

The Roadmap Delphi process has started and round one is almost complete. There has been good participation (about 300).

6. Other business

- a. Call for volunteers to work with Steve Pueppke and Colien Hefferan to plan NIFA launch symposium – *For information only at this time:* We'll need a small group (1-2 per region) of our best scientists ready to participate in a potential NIFA launch symposium. Steve will mention this during the July 2 AHS meeting as well.
- b. June 11 Energy Funding Call Follow-up – Arlen Leholm/Steve Pueppke
- c. ESCOP meeting agenda items – Arlen Leholm
 - i. No ECOP joint session this year; the time will be used to meet with Dr. Shah, pending his availability and schedule
 - ii. Current budget issue discussion?
 - iii. Scheduling of Winter ESCOP meeting so it does not conflict with Hill visits (Eric will take this on)
 - iv. Short report of July 2 meeting with Dr. Shah (Steve Pueppke)

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Christina Hamilton

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