

**ESCOP Chair's Advisory Committee
Teleconference Notes
Monday, June 21, 2010– 4:00 pm EDT**

Participants:

Clarence Watson- ESCOP Chair
Orlando McMeans – ARD & Chair -Elect
Eric Young – ESCOP Executive Vice-Chair, SAAESD
Mike Harrington - WAAESD
Arlen Leholm – NCRA
Dan Rossi – NERA
Mike Vayda – Budget & Legislative Committee
Bill Ravlin – Science & Technology Committee
Hunt Shipman– Cornerstone
Donna Pearce – SAAESD, Recorder

Action Items:

Who	Action	Status
Budget & Legislative Committee	Will take the lead in collecting input for the 2012 Farm Bill process	Done
Mike Harrington	Talk to Steve to see if he is willing to serve as Budget and Legislative Chair and serve on the Policy Board of Directors	
Eric & Clarence	Talk to Mark McLellan to see if he is willing to serve on the Policy Board of Directors	Done
Dan Rossi	Send NRSP-RC committee member replacement recommendation to Eric	
Eric	Send an email appointing Nominations Committee, Lee Sommers has agreed to be nominated as ESCOP Chair-Elect	Done

1. Report from the Chair – Clarence Watson
 - Appointed Marshall Martin as the ESCOP liaison to ECOP
2. Review of Action Items from May 17 CAC call –Clarence Watson
3. Discussion on meeting with Roger Beachy
 - A conference call was held last Thursday to discuss our meeting with Roger Beachy in Washington on Tuesday, June 22
 - Committee members attending meeting
 - Bill Ravlin, NCRA
 - Dan Dooley, WAAESD
 - Tom Burr, NERA
 - Mark McLellan, SAAESD
 - Orlando McMeans, ARD
 - Clarence Watson, ESCOP Chair
 - Eric Young, ED

4. NRSP-RC Update – Mike Vayda/Dan Rossi

- The committee met in Dallas, TX in June to discuss the current proposals and funding for all NRSP's
- The committee discussed the purpose of NRSP's and the role of the NRSP-RC Committee.
- Part of the NRSP-RC's charge is to identify new areas for possible NRSP's.
- Five areas of research with significant support needs are:
 - Germplasm
 - Climate change
 - Bioinformatics
 - Development of standardized methodologies for life cycle analysis
 - Development of a common database to serve as a science foundation for functional foods research
- It was suggested that NRSP Development Committees be proposed for these five areas.
- The NRSP DC's would be created with a two year life.
- Members of the NRSP-RC have agreed to prepare concept papers for these five proposed NRSP's
- The overall proposal will be discussed at the July ESCOP meeting.
- Reports on progress will be discussed during the August conference call and the proposals will be brought forward at the ESS meeting in September

5. Nominees for PBD, B&L Chair and NRSP Review Committee Chair– ED's

- NRSP-RC Committee
 - Ralph Cavalieri has agreed to serve as the NRSP-RC chair for one year
 - Dan Rossi will continue to serve as the Executive Vice Chair for the coming year
 - Committee will rotate to the North Central region after one year for regular term
 - John Kirby will take on the chairmanship role
 - Arlen will take over the Executive Vice Chair as support
- Budget and Legislative Committee
 - Steve Slack has agreed to serve as Chair
 - Northeast region has agreed to Steve taking on the chairmanship role
 - Mike will talk to Steve to see if he is willing to serve as Budget and Legislative Chair and still be nominated for the Policy Board of Directors
- Policy Board of Directors
 - Eric and Clarence will talk to Mark McLellan to see if he is willing to be nominated for the Policy Board of Directors
- NRSP-RC Committee
 - Northeast has a replacement for Mike Vayda in mind and will confirm at upcoming meeting
 - Dan Rossi will send recommendation to Eric
- Nominations for Chair-elect for ESCOP must be presented by the Nominations Committee
- The Nominations Committee is chaired by past chair of ESCOP and senior reps
- Lee Sommers has agreed to serve as ESCOP Chair-Elect this coming year and serve as chair the following year
- Eric will send an email for Clarence appointing the Nominations Committee and informing them of the Western region's nominee for ESCOP Chair-Elect.

6. Budget and Legislative Committee Update –Mike Vayda/Mike Harrington
 - Reviewing the Farm Bill survey recommendations
 - Mike Harrington has prepared a summary of results we have to date
 - There are 30 completed survey responses with 75 visits to the site.
 - Regional responses are as follows:
 - ARD – 3
 - NERA– 8
 - NCRA – 5
 - SAAESD – 5
 - WAAESD – 7
7. Science and Technology Committee Update –Bill Ravlin/Dan Rossi
 - We are still receiving white papers from the 7 challenge area teams
 - Received a few final and near final drafts
 - Have prepared the introductory section to the overall report
 - We plan to have a professional writing services come in and edit the papers after the July ESCOP meeting if funding is approved
 - We have 50 scientists all together working on these papers
 - We plan to identify all members of the writing teams in the Roadmap document
 - Most papers are currently being peer reviewed or are very close
8. Communication & Marketing Update –Jerry Arkin/Arlen Leholm
 - Having monthly conference call this Thursday with Podesta Group and Cornerstone
 - Jerry Arkin and Arlen Leholm will meet with John Scofield and Hunt Shipman to get ready for presentation at the Joint COP's meeting
 - Dan Dooley has agree to write a piece on water
9. 2010 ESS/SAES/ARD Workshop – Orlando McMeans/Carolyn Brooks
 - On schedule
 - Members have gone on line to register for meeting and hotel and everything is working nicely
 - All meeting and hotel information is on the ESCOP web page
 - Questions please contact Orlando McMeans or Carolyn Brooks
10. Other business
 - No call in July, Joint COPS meeting

Respectfully submitted by:

Donna Pearce

June 22, 2010