

## **ESCOP CAC Call, October 17, 2013**

### **Participants:**

Eric Young, Carolyn Brooks, Steve Slack, Hunt Shipman, Laura (Cornerstone), Brett Hess, Christina Hamilton (recorder)

### **Outstanding Action Items (follow up from August 15 CAC call and Fall ESS Meeting):**

1. Select an ESCOP representative on the Futures Task Force. Steve will send Chris Mike Hoffman's letter to update and send on to EDs. We are looking for an expression of interest, if task force is appointed by PBD.
2. Impact Database Working Group: Have we received confirmation from Bill Brown and Bill Miller? *Update as of 10/9: Bill Brown is chair, haven't heard back yet from Bill Miller. Members: Sarah Lupis, Dave Benfield, and Cathy Gant-Hill (1890), and Eric Young for support. Committee was charged by Mike Hoffman and is working. Will send to ESCOP a few weeks prior to APLU meeting in November.*
3. Pest Management Coordinating Council: Was initiative put together with 4-5 goals? They are *working on recommendations to send to ESCOP and ECOP. Include a discussion with NIFA on the fate of the consolidated line item going forward.*
4. Invite the Natural Resource Group to APLU PBD meeting to provide a brief overview of their new Roadmap. *Might be better for them to come to March meeting when there is more time and less hectic. Steve Slack will check with Eddie Gouge to see where they are on the November meeting.*
5. Science and Technology: Chair appointment done, who is Vice-Chair (as mentioned during 8/15 CAC Call)? *Marikis N. Alvarez, 1890-Delaware State Univ is the new Vice-Chair and was appointed by Mike Hoffman.*
6. ESCOP Leadership Award: Encourage regions to send announcement on to their members. Please contact Chris Hamilton in the NCRA if you need a copy of the announcement. *Done; all regions have sent this out.*
7. Science Roadmap: Need to have Eddie Gouge include copies in APLU meeting materials for PBD members (Dan and Rubie are contacts for additional printings). *Done: Rubie Mize having 75 additional copies printed for APLU.*
8. NRSP allocations for FY13 and sequestration. No further information available yet.

### **Draft Minutes/Notes:**

1. **Interim Actions of the Chair – Steve Slack**

- a. Discussion with Mike Hoffman and Daryl Bucholtz on visits NIFA and other DC agencies. Arlen Leholm is starting to work on agendas for meetings between ESCOP and ECOP, Cornerstone, and kglobal on November 21.
- b. ESCOP request to appoint a Futures Task Force to PBD meeting at APLU
  - i. Forwarded to Eddie Gouge and will be on APLU agenda
  - ii. Who do we want as an ESCOP representative?
  - iii. Chris will send a note to EDs for suggestions; Mike Hoffman has indicated an interest.

## **2. Re-Cap of Columbus, OH Fall ESS Meeting**

- a. Meeting went well, Chair Slack was pleased with hotel and facilities
- b. All presentations have been posted on the ESCOP website.
- c. Steve will send presentation links to PBD board list, Cathy Woeteki, Sonny Ramaswamy, and Meryl Broussard.

## **3. Budget/Farm Bill Update – Jim Richards or Hunt Shipman**

- a. Government reopened as of this morning (10/17/2013) with the debt ceiling increase in effect. Government funded through Jan 15, 2014 with a Continuing Resolution (CR) at \$986B. This is a compromise between Senate and House levels. Debt ceiling, written as \$ amount, estimated be reached in early Feb 2014. We may be back in this boat again in a few months.
- b. Congress on vacation this week and next, so we won't have much sense of the appropriations process until late next week.
- c. Farm Bill was not a part of this agreement, continue to assume that with the appointment of conferees removes procedural impediments, formal Farm Bill conference may be coming soon. Dairy cliff on Dec 31.
- d. Q: Should we anticipate that the language written that will impact us will stay as-is? A: No reason to think this will change.
- e. Steve Slack will stay in CLP role for now, until APLU meeting in November.

## **4. Budget and Legislative Committee – Bret Hess and Mike Harrington**

- a. Nothing new to report since Fall ESS meeting

## **5. NRSP-RC Update – Bret Hess**

- a. Nothing new to report since Fall ESS meeting, except one brand new proposal will be reviewed over the winter/spring.

## **6. Impact Database Working Group Update – Dan Rossi**

- a. See Action Item 2 at top

## **7. Pest Management Coordinating Council Update – Mike Harrington**

- a. See Action Item 3 above
- b. Need to find out how NIFA will treat the consolidated line going forward

## **8. NIFA Strategic Plan Response – Dan Rossi**

- a. Feedback went from regions, through Dan, to NIFA.

## **9. Communications and Marketing Committee – Nancy Cox and Arlen Leholm**

- a. No report, nothing new since Fall ESS meeting in September.

## **10. Science and Technology Committee – John Russin and Dan Rossi**

- a. No report given

**11. ESCOP Meeting at APLU Agenda Topics - All**

- a. Monday, November 11 from 1:45 pm to 5 pm
- b. Please submit written reports in advance to allow time for additional topics
- c. Some topics to include:
  - i. Impact Reporting Database
  - ii. Futures Task Force
  - iii. Pest Management – Consolidated line item discussion with NIFA at APLU meeting
- d. Steve Slack will take a look and work with Arlen Leholm and Chris Hamilton to develop a draft to share with the CAC.

**12. New Deans/Directors Orientation – Eric Young**

- a. Registration low so far, expected to pick up soon.
- b. Eric sent a reminder out to ESCOP and ECOP EDs
- c. Steve Slack's primary role will be during the "section" section, during lunch on Thursday, 12/5. The intention is to keep it informal for questions and talk about what ESCOP does and how it serves.

**13. Other Business:**

- a. Next CAC Call scheduled for 11/21 (APLU Annual Meeting November 9-12)
- b. Steve Slack kindly requesting that all regions link to other regions' Impact Statement lists

**New ESCOP Appointments, as of 10/1:**

- a. Science and Technology Committee
  - i. John Russin as new Chair
  - ii. Marakis Alvarez as Incoming Chair
  - iii. Teferi Tsegaye as ARD Delegate
  - iv. Tom Burr as NERA Delegate
  - v. Joe Coletti as NCRA Delegate and Member of the Social Sciences Subcommittee for Ag. Econ.
  - vi. Philip Watson as Member of the Social Sciences Subcommittee for Ag. Econ representing the Western Region
  - vii. John Baker as NCRA delegate
  - viii. Nathan McKinney as SAAESD delegate
- b. Budget and Legislative Committee
  - i. Bret Hess as Chair
  - ii. Gary Thompson as NERA Delegate and Incoming Chair
  - iii. Ron Allen as WAAESD Delegate
  - iv. Jeffrey Steiner as WAAESD Delegate
- c. ESCOP Representative to the Committee on Legislation and Policy – Steve Slack

- d. NRSP Review Committee Chair – Bret Hess
- e. ESCOP Chair Elect – Bob Shulstad (SAAESD)
- f. Other appointments: Daryl Bucholz replacing Doug Lantange on ESCOP Committee

