

ESCOP CAC Call

December 19, 2013 at 4 pm Eastern Time

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Participants:

Eric Young, Dan Rossi, Steve Slack, Bob Shulstad, Bret Hess, Mike Harrington, Alice Gomez (Cornerstone), Chris Hamilton

Outstanding Action Items:

1. Status of Futuring Task Force: Steve Slack has asked Mike Hoffman, with ED support from Dan Rossi, to lead the Phase 1 effort that will establish the charge, goals, etc. for the Committee with the responsibility to report back to the Policy Board at its March 2014 meeting. Also, a request for representatives from other sections represented on PBD has been sent asking them to assign a member to this committee. Steve and Eric are working on these messages.
2. Facilities Task Force Status: Sonny Ramaswamy asked ESCOP to lead an effort for the system to gather an assessment on status of facilities and to work with Sightlines on a survey and analysis. Steve has asked Mike Hoffman to lead and Dan Rossi to assist.
3. Impact Database Effort: Eric Young sent out the information on the results of the database task force. Eric Young and Chris Hamilton are working on a survey to vote in spending \$12,500 of ESCOP's Marketing reserve held at APLU to fund the initial development of the database at Texas A&M University. Survey/vote will probably be distributed after the holidays, although we now may wish to wait until the group sees the preliminary website.
4. Pest Management Coordinating Council: *Mike Harrington continues to work with them to develop formal committee membership.*
5. NRSP allocations for FY13 and sequestration. *Still awaiting a response from NIFA. Bret Hess and Mike Harrington will keep the committee updated as more information becomes available.*
6. Steve Slack will send a signed letter to Eddie Gouge of APLU approving the use of ESCOP Marketing assessment funds to pay for meeting room space and phone charges for the March 2, 2014 Communications and Marketing Committee meeting. Eric Young will work with Steve to send out this letter.

Minutes:

1. **Interim Actions of the Chair – Steve Slack**
 - a. BAC - Water Resources Working Group
 - b. ESCOP Priorities: The Action Items above illustrate our main focal points, Steve Slack also meeting with Jimmy Hennings and others in DC to work on priorities. Let him know if you have other thoughts.

- c. New Dean/Director Orientation (December 3-5): Thanks to Eric Young and colleagues for a great session. Evaluation survey and presentation links will be sent out by Eddie Gouge in January.
 - d. ESCOP/ECOP Chair visits
- 2. Budget/Farm Bill Update – Alice Gomez (representing Cornerstone)**
- a. Appropriations/Budget Overview
 - i. House and Senate budget conference negotiators reached a two year budget deal on 12/13. Provides a top line spending number for FY14 and 15. Also reduces sequestration cuts by \$63 Billion over the next 2 years.
 - ii. For FY14, the 302a allocations (amount of discretionary spending allowed) is a little over \$1 trillion. Defense and non-defense discretionary caps raised.
 - iii. Expect Appropriations process to return to regular order soon.
 - iv. Expect a lot of action between now and January 14, 2014. Subcommittees are working to strike a deal on the 12 appropriations bills, but the short time frame and House/Senate spending gap may be problematic.
 - b. Farm Bill
 - i. Ag Committee staff have worked on the issues they can resolve and have come up with a list that must be resolved at member level.
 - ii. The 4 principal farm negotiators did not come to DC this week, but Chairman Lucas has set Jan 6-8 for a full conference meeting to resolve the member level issues and optimistic that a full package will be brought to the floor by the week of Jan 13, 2014.
 - iii. Many of the issues relate to regulatory action, such as Country of Origin, Navigable Waters permitting (livestock, row crops effects), King Amendment and interstate commerce.
- 3. Budget and Legislative Committee – Bret Hess and Mike Harrington**
- a. House restored system back to FY12. Senate 2-2.5% increase depending on which capacity you look at and good increase in AFRI.
 - b. Related to Futuring exercise: B&L discussed a “Big Ask”, concentrating on Water and outcome of Water Working Group to infuse more money in to AFRI to support water program. Expect this maybe by FY16. Perhaps go back to the ESCOP roadmap and look at priorities for top two of seven priorities.
- 4. NRSP-RC Update – Bret Hess**
- a. Still waiting for a response from NIFA on why NRSPs were not reduced by sequestration, as requested.
 - b. NRSP7 requesting one year extension (as a one year proposal)
 - c. New project/proposal going forward with a full proposal for review. Proposal is in NIMSS and has gone out to reviewers. (NRSP_temp321)
- 5. Impact Database Working Group Update – Eric Young**
- a. Group has a call scheduled for Jan 14 to discuss the website development
 - b. More group calls coming up to talk more about website development, specifically to address input page for Research.

- c. We may want to delay vote until we get more information and preliminary look of website input page, etc.
- 6. Pest Management Coordinating Council Update – Mike Harrington**
 - a. Council to respond to the working group paper and communicate the committee's composition; it needs to be small, manageable, and trustworthy. They recognize the need to be formally appointed.
 - b. Mike Harrington is checking on the pesticide applicator training issue that affects Extension.
- 7. Communications and Marketing Committee – Nancy Cox, Dan Rossi**
 - a. Issues from December conference call:
 - i. Concerns about confidential information coming out of kglobal, so kglobal will revert to a verbal monthly report. Committee will discuss a long term solution during its March face-to-face meeting.
 - ii. Committee meets by phone again in January and again in March, but thereafter, they have decided to meet quarterly after March meeting, instead of monthly.
 - iii. For the March 2 meeting, they are looking into a conference room at the hotel, but this will cost \$300 for use of phone, etc. Nancy is asking ESCOP if we can cover this bill.
 1. Action Requested/taken: This request was put forth as a committee motion and approved. Chair Slack approves of this spending.
 2. Action needed: Steve Slack will need to send a signed letter to Eddie Gouge at APLU approving this expenditure.
 - b. The Western region has had a request from kglobal to highlight some specific projects, but there is nothing of use in the NIMSS reports. WAAESD will draft a letter about impacts to send to directors to help improve multistate reporting. Bill Brown will send on behalf of NRSP1, with some examples.
- 8. Science and Technology Committee – John Russin and Dan Rossi**
 - a. We still are distributing brochures for our Science Roadmap. Wendy Fink indicated that at least one other Section was considering such a document and that we might be asked to partner in that effort.
 - b. Nominations for the Multistate Research award are due February 28.
- 9. Other Business:**
 - a. Next CAC Call scheduled for 1/16/2014

New ESCOP Committee Appointments:

- Jim Moyer, WSU, replaced Ron Allen on B&L as WAAESD delegate
- Jim Moyer, WSU, appointed to NPGCC to replace Lee Sommers