

ESCOP CAC Call

January 16 at 4 pm Eastern Time

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Participants: Steve Slack, ESCOP 2014 Chair, Eric Young, Dan Rossi, Mike Harrington, Bret Hess, Bob Shulstad, Carolyn Brooks, Hunt Shipman, Chris Hamilton (recorder)

Outstanding Action Items (FYI):

1. Eric Young will check with Eddie Gouge on ESCOP meeting room for March 3 and see if 8 am – 12 noon time will work. He will also check on the cost of the room.
2. Vote on spending \$12,500 of Marketing Reserve to fund TAMU Impact database: Eric Young and Chris Hamilton to send an email with the online ballot on 1/17/2014. Voting closes 1/24/2014 at 8 pm EST.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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. We may want to delay vote until we get more information and preliminary look of website input page, etc.
6. Pest Management Coordinating Council: Status of discussion with NIFA on the fate of the consolidated line item going forward at APLU meeting?
7. Invited the Natural Resource Group to APLU PBD meeting to provide a brief overview of their new Roadmap. *Presentation was made at Policy Board at APLU meeting in DC by John Hayes and Wendy Fink.*
8. NRSP allocations for FY13 and sequestration. *Bret Hess and Mike Harrington will update during B&L report.*

Minutes:

1. **Approval of Minutes from December 19 call** – Approved.
2. **Interim Actions of the Chair – Steve Slack**
 - a. Working Group on water moving forward. They had a call today, phase one completed. Mike Harrington and Robin Shepard leading this effort and moving it into phase two.

- b. Policy Board of Directors (PBD) requested a reply to NIFA regarding an interest in an increased uniform management rate from 4 to 5% on AFRI programs, but not capacity programs. Members of the CAC on this call were supportive.
 - c. The National Ag Biotech Consortium meeting is set for the same date as our upcoming 2014 Fall ESS meeting. The Consortium may look for another date to accommodate those would wish to attend both meetings.
3. **PBD Report – Steve Slack (See item b under Interim Actions above)**
4. **Budget/Farm Bill Update – Hunt Shipman**
- a. Farm Bill: We are still waiting on a Farm Bill, down to a just handful of outstanding items left. Congress is going on recess for MLK Jr. Day. House Speaker would like to have the bill on the floor by the end of the month. If it isn't approved, we are not sure where that would leave us, perhaps with a one year extension?
 - b. Appropriations: Passage of omnibus appropriations bill in House, see this week's Cornerstone Report (<http://www.land-grant.org/reports/2014/01-14.htm>). Funded all 12 bills, saw an increase in all 7 BAC priorities above FY12 and FY13. On the Senate floor this week, hopefully vote on it tonight and send to President. No expectations of concern in the Senate.
 - c. Sequestration on discretionary programs will not apply for FY14 or FY15. Still applies to mandatory programs.
5. **Budget and Legislative Committee – Bret Hess and Mike Harrington**
- a. ECOP Letter: Purpose was to encourage NIFA to include ECOP and ESCOP in B&L priorities process. In discussion, several concerns were raised and Steve Slack was requested to respond as follows:

ESCOP had the opportunity to review and discuss the ECOP Funding Priorities letter. It was clear from the discussion that we did not have a clear understanding of the goal(s) of the letter and, generally, were uncomfortable with being a signatory. The primary concern was one of the processes, i.e., that the financial prioritization and communication of those priorities from COPS should be routed through the BAC; this communication could be perceived as by-passing BAC and PBD. The letter also seemed to imply that the signatories desired to be involved with program implementation; the significance of this interpretation was not clear to ESCOP as we were not party to developing the letter. Lastly, there are nuances that we would have phrased differently, e.g., under "Healthy, children, youth and adults", we noted that the joint marketing committee identified nutrition and health as an area to highlight in communications but ESCOP had not designated it as a financial priority through its B&L committee.
6. **NRSP-RC Update – Bret Hess**
- a. New NRSP proposal out for review and initial peer reviews seem positive. More information to come.

- b. An NRSP-RC call will be scheduled soon.
- 7. Impact Database Working Group Update – Eric Young**
- a. Reactions on email relative to the vote on spending \$12,500 of the ESCOP Marketing reserve on the development of the TAMU Impact Database to include Research? CAC Call participants agreed that the email looks fine. Eric and Chris will send email and voting link, probably on 1/17/2014.
 - b. The TAMU Impact Database currently has 6 major Extension headings. We'd like to use the headings on the spreadsheet Eric Young sent out as new headings to link Research and Extension. Will be shortened to about 3-4 words.
 - c. Q: When will impact writing training be added to website? Available by user fee, perhaps by March.
 - d. Programmer needs COO names and correct names of institutions. Eric will send request for this soon.
- 8. Pest Management Coordinating Council Update – Mike Harrington**
- a. Working group is developing feedback to working group paper, should be able to formally develop a committee with rules of operation soon.
- 9. Communications and Marketing Committee – Nancy Cox, Dan Rossi**
- a. Issues to be discussed at upcoming meetings:
 - i. Continuing concerns over handling and access of kglobal reports
 - ii. Committee is moving to quarterly meetings instead of monthly after the March face to face meeting
 - iii. Will discuss potential themes for coming year
- 10. Science and Technology Committee – John Russin and Dan Rossi**
- a. Committee is planning upcoming conference call to bring together new members, where they've been, future activities, etc.
- 11. Planning March 3, 2014 ESCOP meeting during CARET/AHS session in DC**
- a. Start at 8 am, go to 12 noon.
 - b. Eric Young will check with Eddie Gouge and Suzette Robinson at APLU about room and cost.
- 12. Other Business:**
- a. Next CAC Call scheduled for 2/20/2014

New ESCOP Committee Appointments: None this month.

Upcoming National Meetings:

| Meeting | Dates | Location | Details/Registration Links |
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| Joint CARET/AHS Meeting | March 2-4, 2014 | Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC | Registration now open, meeting website: Click here for more information ESCOP Meeting scheduled for 8am to 12 noon. Room TBD. |
| 2014 Joint COPs Session | July 21-24, 2014 | Sheraton Harborside, San Diego, CA | Meeting website: Click here for more information |
| 2014 Fall ESS/AES/ARD Meeting and Workshop | September 30-October 2, 2014 | Jekyll Island Club Hotel (http://www.jekyllclub.com/) | More information to come. |
| 2014 Annual APLU Meeting | November 2-4, 2014 | Bonnet Creek Resort Orlando, FL | Meeting website: Click here for more information: |