

ESCOP CAC Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 15, 2015

Participants: Bob Shulstad, Chair, Eric Young, Mike Harrington, Shirley Hymon-Parker, Gary Thompson, Steve Slack, Clarence Watson, Mike Harrington, Jeff Jacobsen, Hunt Shipman, Jim Richards and Donna Pearce , recorder

Action Items:

Agenda:

1. Interim Actions of the Chair – Bob Shulstad
 - Appointed Dr. Fred Servello as the NERA Representative on the ESCOP NRSP Review Committee
 - Appointed Dr. Adel Shirmohammadi as the NERA Delegate on the ESCOP Science and Technology Committee
 - Appointed Dr. Susan Brown as the NERA Representative on the ESCOP National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee
2. NIMSS/NRSP1 Update – Jeff Jacobsen
 - Clemson ITT is working on the redesign of NIMSS. They are running through internally to make sure they don't have any coding errors
 - Next conference call is February 9 with the redesign team.
 - Hope to have screen shots to look at from all aspects from the drop down menus
 - Contract still resides with the attorney's at Clemson
3. Federal Budget Update –Cornerstone
 - No budget. Will receive first week in February
 - President's budget will seek 7% increase, not across the board, in total funding both discretionary and mandatory side adds up to about 43 Billion dollars
4. Budget and Legislative Committee – Gary Thompson and Mike Harrington
 - First kick off meeting the last week of January
 - Mike Harrington, Jimmy Henning, Steve Slack and Robin Shepard have approved the executive summary of the Water Initiative
 - Mike Harrington and Robin Shepard have exchange emails on the Return of Investment piece. Extension is trying to track down stories that demonstrate impacts of what extension does in terms of dollars and changes in behavior
5. Communications and Marketing Committee – Nancy Cox, Dan Rossi
 - Committee had last conference call last November and approved the new Operating Guidelines
 - Changes to membership committee:
 - Incoming chair, Current Chair and Past Chair
 - They will represent three sections and will rotate through AHS, ESCOP and ECOP
 - Each section will have a representative on the committee
 - Third representative from each section will be the actual current chair of that section
 - Nancy has transition to the AHS and will serve as the past chair
 - Scott will serve one more year as current chair

6. Science and Technology Committee – John Russin and Jeff Jacobsen
 - Defining themes/topics for the committee to engage. First will be the NRC Review
7. Other Business
 - Fall ESS/AES/ARD Meeting and Workshop – Shirley Hyman-Parker
 - ED's will meet to discuss the workshop sessions
 - Monday, September 28
 - Regional Meetings
 - Open reception
 - Tuesday, September 29
 - Welcome
 - Workshop session
 - Tour of the NC Research campus in Kannapolis, NC
 - Dinner on own
 - Wednesday, September 30
 - ESS Business Meeting
 - Workshops
 - Dinner w speaker
 - Thursday, October 1
 - Travel day
 - Suggestion:
 - Add October 1 departure date to the end of agenda
 - Have speaker on Wednesday night that would appeal to everyone in order to get people stay for dinner on Wednesday
 - March 3, 2015 ESCOP Meeting – Eric
 - Remove Executive Committee from agenda title replace with ESCOP Meeting
 - Remove agenda item #11.0 from agenda
 - ED's will send time allotment needed for their topic to Eric