

**ESCOPE CAC Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, June 18, 2015**

**Participants:** Bob Shulstad, Chair, Eric Young, Shirley Hyman-Parker, Steve Slack, Clarence Watson, Jeff Jacobsen, Dan Rossi, Carolyn Brooks, Hunt Shipman, Mike Harrington, Rick Rhodes, Gary Thompson, and Donna Pearce, recorder

**Action Items:**

- Eric will adjust times on current agenda and re-send to ED and their assistants to put on their websites and ESCOP website - **Done**
- Donna will send out an email to presenters requesting agenda briefs – **Done**
- Remind directors to register for the meeting - **Done**

**Agenda:**

1. Interim Actions of the Chair – Bob Shulstad
  - N/A
2. NIMSS/NRSP1 Update – Jeff Jacobsen
  - N/A
3. Federal Budget Update –Cornerstone
  - Had a very fast no amendment mark-up of a FY'16 Ag Appropriations bill at the House Ag Appropriations subcommittee
  - House subcommittee allocation this year is about \$175 Million less than the funding available for FY'15 and about a Billion less than what the President has requested
  - President's request exceeds the Murray Ryan budget agreement level
  - BAC priorities level funded in every case except AFRI who got a \$10 Million increase
  - For competitive capacity increase, we asked for increase, but not the policy change. Committee rejected the policy idea, but also did not give the increase
  - Innovation Institutes rejected by Congress last year were also rejected for FY '16
  - Senate moving towards a mark-up, could be as early as next week. Nothing has been announced
  - Will be prepare to go to the floor in July, but possibly not until September
  - Will have some type of Global Summit agreement that will be necessary in order to move bills to the President's desk this year that might provide headroom and subcommittees might have more money. Not sure when this will happen.
  - Senate available funds are \$140 Million less than the house
4. Budget and Legislative Committee – Gary Thompson and Mike Harrington
  - Working on a couple of different initiatives
  - Subcommittee of Budget and Legislative is working on the elements of Strategic Advocacy campaign, have had several conference calls, including advice from folks at kglobal
  - ESCOP and ECOP B&L committees were charged by the BAC to come up with a set of procedures by which, Federal initiatives? initiates outside of the current seven lines could come forward and be advocated for
  - Draft documents of procedures went to the ESCOP Budget and Legislative Committee.

- Shared with ECOP's Budget and Legislative Committee and have asked them to provide comments as well
  - Hope to have procedures in final draft form by summer ESCOP meeting
  - Sent out nationwide request to directors to provide us with Impact Statements for water projects relating to five areas in the water security white paper.
  - Have asked to put them in the National Impact Database – deadline July 10
  - NIFA has responded to the water security white paper and has made a lot of recommendations
5. Communications and Marketing Committee –Rick Rhodes and Dan Rossi
    - Next project is to develop a Plan of Work.
    - The Plan of Work Committee consist of Wendy Wintersteen, Tony Windham, Rick Rhodes, and Dan Scholl
    - Committee has met and begun to work on the Plan of Work and decided to focus on a couple of areas related to decision making in Communication and Marketing
      - Goal setting
      - Subject focus areas
      - Monitoring assessment of impact
  6. Science and Technology Committee – John Russin and Jeff Jacobsen
    - ESCOP Executive group affirmed the Science and Technology recommendation on the NC140 Multistate Award.
    - Sara Delheimer is working on a news release
    - Bill Hoffman will put the project on the plaque at the Waterfront Center
  7. ESCOP PBD replacement for Steve on January 1, 2016 – Eric Young
    - Steve Slack is retiring the end of 2015
    - Procedure for replacing Steve as a representative on the Policy Board of Directors is for ESCOP to give two names to the Policy Board and they will choose which one will replace Steve to complete is term
    - ESCOP is due for a new election 'FY16
    - Clarence Watson has agree to have his name as one of the nominations
    - Need a second name by July PBD meeting
  8. Review of Draft ESCOP Agenda
    - Eric will adjust times on current agenda and re-send to ED and their assistants to put on their websites and ESCOP website
    - Donna will send out an email to presenters requesting agenda briefs
  9. ESS/SAES/ARD Fall Meeting – Carolyn Brooks and Shirley Hyman-Parker
    - Meeting website link is posted on the ESCOP Homepage
    - Registrations are low
    - Remind directors to register for the meeting
  10. Other Business
    - N/A