

**ESCOP Science & Technology**  
**Call Agenda: 4 pm ET, September 26, 2016**  
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**Committee Members:**

<p><b>Chair:</b> Marikis Alvarez (ARD)</p> <p><b>Delegates:</b> Ken Grace (WAAESD) David Thompson (Chair-elect; WAAESD) Joe Colletti (NCRA) Deb Hamernik (NCRA) Cameron Faustman (NERA) Adel Shirmohammadi (NERA) Nathan McKinney (SAAESD) Harald Scherm (SAAESD) John Yang (ARD) Ed Buckner (ARD)</p> <p><b>Executive Vice-Chair</b> Jeff Jacobsen (NCRA ED) Chris Hamilton (NCRA AD; Recorder)</p>	<p><b>Liaisons:</b> Terry Nelsen (ERS) TBD (OSTP) Robert Matteri (ARS) Charles Allen (Pest Mgmt Subcom) Edwin Price (ICOP) Dwayne Cartmell (Social Sci Subcom) Parag Chitnis (NIFA) Denise Eblen (NIFA)</p>
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**Participants:** John Yang, Adel Shirmohammadi, David Thompson, Cameron Faustman, Marikis Alvarez, Parag Chitnis, Jeff Jacobsen, Chris Hamilton (recorder)

**Action Items:**

1. Jeff Jacobsen will contact Tim Fink of SoAR to find out more information on the group and its report, to perhaps encourage the inclusion of more LGUs in the future and to discuss where supporting investments in infrastructure for the whole system might fit.
2. Parag Chitnis will send the contact information for SoAR and the other, AFRI supporting group, to Jeff

**Call Notes:**

1. Welcome and Roll Call taken
2. David Thompson was identified as our Chair-elect. He will become S&T Chair on 10/1/2017 and serve through 9/30/2019. All officer positions on the S&T are for two years.
3. Group discussion of "Retaking the Field" at <http://supportagresearch.org/retakingthefield/>:
  - a. Visit the website for more information on the SOAR group. Board: <http://supportagresearch.org/board-members/>; contact [administrator@supportagresearch.org](mailto:administrator@supportagresearch.org)

- b. The Committee found this report to be impressive and very well done, focusing on AFRI accomplishments, competitive programs, commodity group funding, and mainly big programs and larger universities; target audience appears to have been Congressional staffers. Documents like this are something S&T would like to see more of from APLU.
- c. However, we wish it would have included additional smaller institutions to better support our AES and EXT unified message. Our perspectives were recently reinforced at the 2016 ESS CES Joint Meeting in Wyoming.
- d. What can we do, as LGUs, to better reflect our entire community in reports like this?
  - i. Perhaps include a tag line, of sorts?
  - ii. Include all states by name, especially those who receive Ag appropriations, on a final page.
  - iii. Action: Jeff will contact Tim Fink of SoAR to explore their motivations, find out more information, and see if there would be further opportunities to include more LGUs in these types of reports in the future.
  - iv. Parag will send Jeff the contact information on this and another, similar AFRI group to reach out to.
  - v. Infrastructure needs mentioned at the end of the document; this is relevant to us, Jeff will discuss with Tim.
- 4. Exploration of S&T topics important to the 1890s – John and Marikis will check with Alton Thompson to identify issues for future S&T calls.
- 5. NIFA update – Parag Chitnis
  - a. Data summit in Chicago in a few weeks. Parag encouraged S&T members to attend. Contact Parag for more information or search on the NIFA website.
  - b. Online stakeholder prioritization input opportunities will continue to be online (e.g. previous animal agriculture issues) as well as with selected national meetings.
- 6. Other – Marikis Alvarez: At the recent UN Leaders session, antibiotic resistance was a big issue

Call adjourned at 4:45 pm ET.