

ESCOP Agenda Brief

July, 2007, Philadelphia, PA

Item: Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors Report

Presenter: CY Hu

Current Officers for the WAAESD:

- Chair – CY Hu (HI)
- Chair-elect – Greg Bohach (ID)
- Treasurer – Jeff Jacobsen (MT)
- Secretary – Jan Auyong (OR)
- Executive Committee Members-at-large – David Thawley (NV), Steve Miller (WY)

Elections for 2008 will occur at the Joint Summer meeting in Jackson, WY. (Terms begin at the end of ESS meeting):

2007 Spring meeting, joint with the NCRA on the Big Island of Hawai'i: Joint discussions were held on the convergence of energy and agriculture and approaches to develop meaningful inter-regional collaborations. Several ideas for new collaborations were developed in breakout group discussions. As a result of the formal discussions and informal interactions during the field trip, a new project on grass fed beef has been initiated.

2007 Joint Summer Meeting: The WAAESD will meet jointly with the other western region Deans and Directors in Jackson, WY July 15-18. The AES, CES and Academic Programs Directors will have a joint session on energy and agriculture.

AES Director Changes: Reg Gomes has retired as Vice President for Agriculture at the University of California.

Future meetings:

- WAAESD will meet in September at the SAES/ARD Workshop in Philadelphia
- The WAAESD will meet jointly with the Western Extension Directors in March