

Agenda Item 11: Amended ESS Rules of Operation

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ESCOP COMMITTEES

ESCOP's functions are accomplished principally through the work of its committees and subcommittees. To provide continuity to the committees, a committee chair and a committee chair-designate, each for two-year terms, are appointed via the ESCOP nominations process. Furthermore, to provide staff support to core committees, each is assigned an ED from one of the five regional associations to serve as an executive vice chair. However, this designation does not preclude an ED from serving as a core committee's chair-designate or chair. Each core committee is authorized to form subcommittees. In order to allow an orderly rotation of committee membership, regional representatives to the Budget and Legislative, Communications and Marketing, and Science and Technology Committees are appointed by the respective regional associations for three year terms. Individuals may be reappointed to consecutive terms by the associations. Where possible, appointments from a region should be staggered to provide continuity.

Subcommittees are appointed by the ESCOP chair and they function indefinitely subject to satisfactory annual reports and periodic review. Task forces are temporary and function for defined periods of time, work with specific charges, and report to the sponsoring core committee.

ESCOP HAS FIVE CORE COMMITTEES:

I. BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The ESCOP Budget and Legislative Committee is charged with developing annual justifications for the federal budget process, in consultation with the BAA and others; recommending appropriate science and technology programs that are linked to multistate and national research initiatives; and, providing guidance in the assessment of impacts resulting from the SAES system.

The membership of this committee is as follows:

- Two representatives from each of the five SAES/ARD regions
- Chair
- One ED (non-voting) to serve as executive vice-chair and to assist the chair
- Non-voting representative from the following organizations:
 - CSREES (two)
 - ARS
 - ECOP
 - ACOP
 - CARET
 - NASULGC
 - NASULGC Board on Human Science
 - NASULGC Board on Natural Resources
 - NASULGC Board on Veterinary Science

II. COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

The ESCOP Communication and Marketing Committee, in consultation with the BAA and others, is charged with providing guidance in the assessment of impacts resulting from SAES/ARD system; developing marketing strategies/initiatives, when appropriate; and leading ESCOP's communication efforts.

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- Non-voting representatives from the following organizations:
 - CARET
 - ECOP

III. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

The ESCOP Science and Technology Committee is charged with promoting and enhancing science and technology in the Land Grant system. The Committee will assist ESCOP to identify future directions and anticipate and respond to research needs and opportunities for funding. It will assist in linking science and technology programs to multistate and national research initiatives. It will recommend how ESCOP will respond to reports, recommendations and planning documents from the national science community. It will provide guidance to ESCOP strategic planning and priority setting.

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 - CSREES
 - ARS
 - ERS
 - Chair of the Social Science Subcommittee
 - ESCOP Co-Chair of the Pest Management Strategies Subcommittee
 - Other organizations including OSTP, other COPS and other federal agencies as appropriate (i.e., NASA, EPA, DOE)

IV. NATIONAL RESEARCH SUPPORT PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE

(no changes)

V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(no changes)

Action Requested: Approval of changes requested