



Lists of 2022-2023 Cooperative Extension Section/Extension Committee on Organization and Policy Leadership
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Lists appear according to the Organizational Structure identified in Article IV of the [RULES OF OPERATION](#) for the [Cooperative Extension Section Membership](#), and the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP) [Operating Guidelines](#).

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ECOP

15 Voting Members – *Serving 4-year term without limits. Regions appoint 3 members to serve 4-year terms and appoint a Chair on a rotational basis every 5 years. Current order: Western, North Central, Southern, 1890s, Northeast. Chairship – 1 year – is for the [Cooperative Extension Section](#), ECOP, and ECOP Executive Committee (next page) and comes with a commitment of 3 years for progression; Chair-elect, Chair, Past-chair. The National Office Executive Director and their assigns provide staffing for ECOP and ECOP Chair Activities.*

Beverly R. Durgan, **Chair**, Dean and Director of Extension, University of Minnesota (2026)

Damona Doye, **Chair-elect**, Associate Vice President for Cooperative Extension Service, Oklahoma State University (2025)

Fitzroy “Roy” Beckford, Director of Extension, University of Vermont (2026)

A. Richard Bonanno, Associate Dean and Director of Cooperative Extension, North Carolina State University (2023)

Jon Boren, Associate Dean and Director, New Mexico State University, New Mexico State University

Brent Hales, Director of Cooperative Extension, The Pennsylvania State University (2024)

Jason R. Henderson, ECOP Budget & Legislative Committee Chair, Director of Extension & Associate Dean, Purdue University (2026)

Laura Perry Johnson, Associate Dean and Director for Cooperative Extension, University of Georgia (2024)

Kenneth J. La Valley, Dean and Director, Cooperative Extension, University of New Hampshire (2025)

John D. Lawrence, Vice President for Extension and Outreach, Iowa State University (2023)

Ivory W. Lyles, Vice Provost University Outreach & Engagement, Director of Extension, Oregon State University (2023)

Allen A. Malone, Extension Director / Administrator, Alabama A&M University (2024)

Barbara Petty, Associate Dean & Director, Cooperative Extension, University of Idaho (2025)

Vonda H. Richardson, Extension Administrator, Florida A&M University (2024)

Vacancy to be filled by 1890s Region

Ex-officio, Non-voting Members

Brent Elrod, Science Programs Analysis and Agency Scientific & Research Integrity Officer, and Suzanne Stluka, Deputy Director, Institute of Food Safety & Nutrition, **USDA-NIFA** Liaisons to ECOP

Michelle Rodgers, CES/ECOP Representative to BAA Policy Board of Directors, University of Delaware

Vacant, Executive Director, Roger Rennekamp, Health Extension Director, Cooperative Extension System/ECOP National Office, Ed Jones, Executive Director, ECOP 4-H Leadership Committee

Andy Ferrin or his assign, National 4-H Council

Gregg Hadley, Kansas State University, Chair of Extension Foundation Board of Directors, and Chris Geith, CEO

Brian Kowalkowski, 1994 Land-grant/Tribal Colleges Extension Liaison, College of Menominee Nation

Janet Fox, Board on Human Sciences, University of Tennessee

Doug Steele (VP) and Caron Gala, APLU Office of Food Agriculture and Natural Resources Liaisons

TBA, Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching (CARET) Liaison to ECOP

Al Wysocki, Academic Programs Committee on Organization and Policy Liaison to ECOP, University of Florida

Chris Pritsos, University of Nevada-Reno, Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy (ESCOP) Liaison to ECOP, Bret Hess, WAAESD

Executive Directors and Administrator (EDA) Team:

Ron Brown, Southern Region, Association of Southern Region Extension Directors (ASRED)

Albert Essel, 1890 Region, Association of Extension Administrators (AEA)

Doreen Hauser-Lindstrom, Western Region, Western Extension Directors Association (WEDA)

Ali Mitchell, Northeast Region, Association of Northeast Extension Directors (NEED)

Sandy Ruble, Cooperative Extension System/ECOP National Office

Robin Shepard, North Central Region, North Central Cooperative Extension Association (NCCEA)

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ECOP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A standing sub-committee of ECOP.

5 Voting Members Officers are the same as ECOP, see the top of page 2. *The National Office Cooperative Extension System (CES) Executive Director and their assigns provide staffing for ECOP and ECOP Chair Activities.*

Beverly R. Durgan, **Chair**, Dean and Director of Extension, University of Minnesota (2026)

Damona Doye, **Chair-elect**, Associate Vice President for Cooperative Extension Service, Oklahoma State University (2025)

Roy Beckford, Director of Extension, University of Vermont (2026)

Barbara Petty, Associate Dean & Director, Cooperative Extension, University of Idaho (2025)

Vacancy to be filled by 1890s Region

Ex-officio/Non-voting Members

Vacant, Executive Director, National Office

Brent Elrod, Science Programs Analysis and Agency Scientific & Research Integrity Officer, and Suzanne Stluka, Deputy Director, Institute of Food Safety & Nutrition, **USDA-NIFA** Liaisons to ECOP

Jason R. Henderson, ECOP Budget & Legislative Committee Chair, Director of Extension & Associate Dean, Purdue University

Michelle Rodgers, CES/ECOP Representative to BAA Policy Board of Directors (2021), University of Delaware

Doug Steele (VP) and Caron Gala, APLU Office of Food Agriculture and Natural Resources Liaisons

Executive Directors and Administrator (EDA) Team:

Ron Brown, Southern Region

Albert Essel, 1890 Region

Doreen Hauser-Lindstrom, Western Region

Ali Mitchell, Northeast Region

Robin Shepard, North Central Region

Sandy Ruble, National Office

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ECOP PROGRAM COMMITTEE A standing sub-committee of ECOP.

5 Voting Members Officers are elected by the elected by the voting members.

Brent Hales, **Chair**, Director of Cooperative Extension, The Pennsylvania State University (2024)
Jason Henderson, Director of Extension & Associate Dean, Purdue University (2022)
Ivory Lyles, Vice Provost University Outreach & Engagement, Director of Extension, Oregon State University (2023)
Laura Perry Johnson, Associate Dean and Director for Cooperative Extension, University of Georgia (2024)
Vonda Richardson, Extension Administrator, Florida A&M University (2024)

Ex-officio/Non-voting members

Ron Brown, Primary, and Ali Mitchell, Secondary - **EDA Team Support for Meetings and Organization**
Gregg Hadley, Kansas State University, Chair of Extension Foundation Board of Directors, and Chris Geith, CEO
Brian Kowalkowski, 1994 Land-grant/Tribal Colleges Extension Liaison, College of Menominee Nation
TBA, Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching (CARET) Liaison
Al Wysocki, Academic Programs Committee on Organization and Policy, University of Florida
Others as assigned

Program Committee Action Teams around priorities listed at advocacy.extension.org

- Climate Extension – Jason Henderson and those listed at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/q4pzbi9wlcay7as/Climate%20PAT.pdf?dl=0>
- Workforce Development – Ivory Lyles and those listed at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/h7bjqkv0ioe0iid/Workforce%20PAT.pdf?dl=0>
- Health Extension - Roger Rennekamp and those listed at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/14gurljlbuqe2cn/Health%20PAT%20Leadership%20Committee.pdf?dl=0>
- 4-H Positive Youth Development – See page 7.
- Urban Ag and Extension - Brent Hales and those listed at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/bb7lqjjenu111ir/Urban%20PAT.pdf?dl=0>
- Broadband - Rachel Welborn (SRDC) and Brent Elrod (USDA-NIFA)
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - Vonda Richardson and those listed at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/j34mjw4ypz1e71i/DEI%20PAT.pdf?dl=0>

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ECOP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE A standing sub-committee of ECOP.

5 Voting Members Officers are elected by the elected by the voting members.

John Lawrence, **Chair**, Vice President for Extension and Outreach, Iowa State University (2023)
Rich Bonanno, Associate Dean and Director of Cooperative Extension, North Carolina State University (2023)
Ken La Valley, Dean and Director, Cooperative Extension, University of New Hampshire (2025)
Allen Malone, Extension Director / Administrator, Alabama A&M University (2024)
Jon Boren, Associate Dean and Director, New Mexico State University, New Mexico State University

Ex-officio/Non-voting members

Albert Essel, Primary, and Robin Shepard, Secondary - **EDA Team Support for Meetings and Organization**
Beverly Coberly, COO, Extension Foundation

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ECOP BUDGET & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE (ECOP BLC) A standing sub-committee of ECOP.

15 Voting Members - Regions appoint 3 members to serve 3-year terms without limits. Officers are nominated by the voting members and require ECOP approval. The National Office Cooperative Extension System (CES) Executive Director and their assigns provide staffing for ECOP BLC and ECOP BLC Chair Activities.

Jason Henderson, *Director of Extension & Associate Dean, Purdue University*, **Chair** (2024)
Jorge Atilas, *Dean of Extension and Engagement, Director of Extension, West Virginia University* (2024)
Kelly Crane, *Director, Cooperative Extension, University of Wyoming* (2025)
Gina Eubanks, *Associate Vice President, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service* (2023)
Gregg Hadley, *Director of Extension, Kansas State University* (2022)
Dan Lerner, *Associate Director of Extension, University of Vermont* (2023)
Amy Loader, *Associate Director of Extension, University of New Hampshire* (2025)
Allen Malone, *Extension Director - Administrator, Alabama A&M University* (2024)
Karl Martin, *Dean and Director of Extension, University of Wisconsin* (2023)
Vicki McCracken, *Professor in the School of Economic Sciences, Washington State University* (2023)
Mark Latimore, Jr., *Associate Dean for Extension, Fort Valley State University* (202?)
Vonda Richardson, *Associate Extension Administrator, Florida A&M University* (202?)
Bob Scott, *Director of Extension, University of Arkansas – Southern Region* (2024)
Ashley Stokes, *Dean & Professor of Extension, University of Tennessee*
Cody Stone, *Executive Director of Extension, Montana State University* (2024)

Ex-officio/Non-voting members

TBD, *Executive Director, CES/ECOP National Office, Primary Support for Meetings and Organization*
Rich Bonanno, *Cooperative Extension Section Representative to the BAA Committee on Legislation and Policy, Associate Dean and Director of Cooperative Extension, North Carolina State University*
Caron Gala, *APLU Liaison, Director, Agriculture and International Development, Office of Governmental Affairs*
Paula Geiger, *Budget Officer*, and Gary Mayo, *Legislative Affairs Officer, USDA-NIFA*
Michelle Rodgers, *BAA Policy Board of Directors, University of Delaware* (2023)
TBD, *Liaison, Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching*
Janet Fox, *Liaison, Board on Human Sciences, University of Tennessee*
Julie Huetteman, *Liaison, Joint Council of Extension Professionals President-elect, Purdue University*
Glenda Humiston, *Chair, ESCOP Budget & Legislative Committee, University of California*
Executive Directors and Administrator (EDA) Team:
 Ron Brown, *Southern Region*
 Albert Essel, *1890 Region*
 Doreen Hauser-Lindstrom, *Western Region*
 Ali Mitchell, *Northeast Region*
 Robin Shepard, *North Central Region*
 Sandy Ruble, *National Office*

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Sub-committees of ECOP BLC

Budget and Legislative Sub-committee on 4-H –

Structure, goals and activities are internal to the group and referenced the ECOP 4-H Leadership Committee Workplan. There is no reference to this committee in the ECOP BLC Workplan.

Jason Henderson, **Co-chair** as ECOP BLC Chair, Purdue University

Jon Boren, **Co-chair**, National 4-H Council Board of Trustees, New Mexico State University

Adrian Hendricks, 4-H Program Leaders Working Group Chair, Lincoln University

Jennifer Sirangelo, President & CEO, National 4-H Council

Ed Jones, Executive Director of ECOP 4-H Leadership Committee

Doreen Hauser-Lindstrom, EDA Team

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NEDA PLANNING COMMITTEE

Barbara Petty, Chair, Associate Dean & Director, Cooperative Extension, University of Idaho

Patty Coleman, Northern Marianas College (West)

Jackie Wilkins, Ohio State University (North Central)

Andra Johnson, University of Florida (South)

Bill Miller, University of Mass-Amherst (Northeast)

Jackie P. Woods, Virginia State University (1890s)

Non-voting members:

Doreen Hauser-Lindstrom, EDA Team

Sandy Ruble, National Office

ECOP 4-H LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE A standing sub-committee of ECOP formed by collaboration explained in the [National 4-H Partners Memorandum of Understanding, 2019-2024](#).

10 Voting Members - Elected on a regional basis, Extension Directors or Administrators and 4-H Program Leaders, for a term of 4 years.

1890s Region

Vacant, (2025)

Woodie Hughes Jr., *Assistant Extension Administrator/State 4-H Program Leader, Fort Valley State University* (2024)

North Central Region

Marshall Stewart, *Vice Chancellor for Extension and Engagement, University of Missouri* (2025)

Lisa Bouillion Diaz, **Co-chair**, *State 4-H Officer, University of Illinois* (2024)

Northeast Region

Kenneth J. La Valley, **appointed by ECOP as Liaison**, *Dean and Director, Cooperative Extension, University of New Hampshire* (2023)

Nia Imani Fields, *Assistant Director University of Maryland Extension & State 4-H Leader, University of Maryland* (2025)

Southern Region

Laura Stephenson, **Co-chair**, *Director, Cooperative Extension Service, University of Kentucky* (2024)

Angie Freel, *Associate Department Head, 4-H, University of Arkansas* (2025)

Western Region

Cody Stone, *Executive Director of Extension, Montana State University* (2025)

Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty, *Statewide 4-H Director, University of California*, will complete term vacated by the retired Jim Lindstrom, *Director, Extension 4-H Youth Development, University of Idaho* (2023)

Ex-officio/Non-voting members

Ed Jones, Executive Director

Shannon Horrillo, USDA-NIFA

Andy Ferrin, National 4-H Council

Jon Boren, Extension Director, New Mexico State University, appointed by National 4-H Council to their Board of Trustees (2023)

Doreen Hauser-Lindstrom, EDA Team

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ECOP LIAISONS AND CES REPRESENTATIVES

Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy (ESCOP)

Damona Doye, *ECOP Chair-elect and Liaison to ESCOP, Oklahoma State University*

Chris Pritsos, *ESCOP Chair and Liaison to ECOP, University of Nevada-Reno,*

Diversity Catalyst Committee (DCC) – Brian Raison, *Ohio State University*

National Research Support Project (NRSP) Review Committee – Mike Schmitt, *University of Minnesota*

Science & Technology Committee (STC) – Wendy Powers, *Washington State University*

Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN)

Mike Gaffney, *Washington State University*

Extension Internationalization Committee

Beverly Durgan, *University of Minnesota*

Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP)

Barbara Petty, *University of Idaho*

Journal of Extension

Tom Dobbins, *Clemson University*

Leadership for the 21st Century Board of Directors – LEAD21

Quentin Tyler, *Michigan State University*, and Amy Loader, *University of New Hampshire*

National 4-H Congress Board of Advisors

Gregg Hadley, *Kansas State University*

National 4-H Council Board of Trustees

Jon Boren, *New Mexico State University*

National Coalition for Food and Agriculture Research (NCFAR)

Rich Bonanno, *North Carolina State University*

NCFAR Research and Outreach Committee – VACANT, *Executive Director, Cooperative Extension/ECOP*

National Extension and Research Administrative Officers Conference (NERAOC) Coordinating Committee

Gina Eubanks, *Louisiana State University*

National Integrated Pest Management Coordinating Committee

John Lawrence, *Iowa State University*

National Urban Extension Leaders (Relationship through the ECOP Program Committee)

Brent Hales, *Penn State*

APLU Board on Agriculture Assembly Policy Board of Directors–

Michelle Rodgers (the Elect), *University of Delaware*, Quentin Tyler (the Alternate), *Michigan State University*

Committee on Legislation and Policy – CLP

Rich Bonanno, *North Carolina State University*

Budget and Advocacy Committee – BAC

Jason Henderson, *Purdue University*

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Regional Associations Chairs

1890s

Allen Malone, *Director of Cooperative Extension Programs, Alabama A&M University*

Albert Essel, *Executive Administrator, Association of Extension Administrators*

North Central

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Robin Shepard, *Executive Director, North Central Cooperative Extension Association*

Northeast

Hannah Carter, *Associate Provost for Online and Continuing Education and Dean of Cooperative Extension University of Maine*

Ali Mitchell, *Executive Director, Association of Northeast Extension Directors*

Southern

Gina Eubanks, *Associate Vice President, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service*

Ron Brown, *Executive Director, Association of Southern Region Extension Directors*

Western

Ivory W. Lyles, *Vice Provost University Outreach & Engagement, Director of Extension, Oregon State University*

Doreen Hauser-Lindstrom, *Executive Director, Western Extension Directors Association*

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