2020 COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SECTION LEADERSHIP/ECOP DIRECTORY

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Organizational Structure is According to Article IV of the RULES OF OPERATION Cooperative Extension Section (2018) and the ECOP Operating Guidelines (2019)

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Parting Entities
Liaisons to ECOP:
APLU Board on Human Sciences • Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching • Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy (ESCOP) • National 4-H Council • USDA- National Institute of Food and Agriculture • eXtension Foundation • 1994 Extension Programs • Joint Council of Extension Professionals • BAA Academic Programs Committee on Organization and Policy

Liaisons from ECOP:
Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy (ESCOP) • ESCOP Diversity Catalyst Committee • Extension Disaster Education Network • ESCOP National Resource Support Project-Review Committee • Joint Council of Extension Professionals • National Urban Extension Leaders • National Extension and Research Administrative Officers Conference National Planning Committee • eXtension Foundation • 4-H Leadership Committee

Appointments from ECOP:
APLU Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) Policy Board of Directors • BAA Committee on Legislation and Policy • BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee • Journal of Extension • LEAD 21 (Leadership for the 21st Century) • APLU Communications and Marketing Committee • National Coalition for Food and Agriculture Research • National Integrated Pest Management Coordinating Committee • ESCOP Science & Technology Committee

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## ECOP Membership

### Region/Representation (4-Year Terms)

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<td>Roger Rennekamp, <em>Extension Health Director, Cooperative Extension System/ECOP</em> (10/31/2021)</td>
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<td>Bob Godfrey, <em>Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy, Univ. of the Virgin Islands</em> (indefinite)</td>
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<td>Brian Kowalkowski, <em>Dean of Continuing Education, College of Menominee Nation</em> (indefinite)</td>
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<td>Al Wysocki, <em>Academic Programs Committee on Organization and Policy, University of Florida</em> (4/2020)</td>
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**KEY:** *Chair; **Chair Elect; ***Past Chair; EXEC = Executive Committee; PDEV = Professional Dev Committee; PRGM = Program Committee; + Alternate is Wendy Powers, University of California; (YEAR) = term (4 years) or contract expires on this date.
ECOP Liaisons and Representatives

Representation - Name, Title, Institution
Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy – ESCOP -
  Chuck Ross, ECOP Chair-elect, University of Vermont (2020)
  Diversity Catalyst Committee (DCC) – Brian Raison, Ohio State University
  National Research Support Project Review Committee – Mike Schmidt, University of Minnesota
  Science & Technology Committee – Wendy Powers, Assoc. Vice President, Ag. and Nat. Res., Univ. of Calif.

Extension Disaster Education Network – EDEN
  Nick Place, Dean and Director, University of Florida

Joint Council of Extension Professionals – JCEP and Extension Internationalization Committee
  Beverly Durgan, Dean, University of Minnesota Extension

Journal of Extension
  Ami Smith, Associate VP for Public Service and Director of Extension, West Virginia State University (2021)

Leadership for the 21st Century Board of Directors – LEAD21
  Michael O’Neill, Associate Dean, University of Connecticut (2/2021)
  Carolyn Williams, Associate Administrator for Extension, Prairie View A&M University (2/2020)

National 4-H Congress Board of Advisors
  Gregg Hadley, Director for Extension, Kansas State University

National Coalition for Food and Agriculture Research
  Jason Henderson, Associate Dean and Director of Purdue Extension, Purdue University (2020)

Research and Outreach Committee – Rick Klemme, Executive Director, Cooperative Extension/ECOP

National Extension and Research Administrative Officers Conference National Coordinating Committee
  Gina Eubanks, Associate Vice President, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service (2022)

National Integrated Pest Management Coordinating Committee
  John Lawrence, Vice President for Extension and Outreach, Iowa State University (2022)

National Urban Extension Leaders (ECOP Program Committee)
  Jason Henderson, Associate Dean and Director of Purdue Extension, Purdue University

Board on Agriculture Assembly Policy Board of Directors and related committees –
  Michelle Rodgers, Assoc. Dean and Director, University of Delaware*+ (2019)
  Mark Latimore, Associate Dean for Extension, Fort Valley State University**

Committee on Legislation and Policy – CLP
  Mark Latimore, Associate Dean for Extension, Fort Valley State University**
  Rich Bonanno, Associate Dean, CALS and Director, North Carolina State University *

Budget and Advocacy Committee – BAC
  Mark Latimore, Associate Dean for Extension, Fort Valley State University**
  Jon Boren, Associate Dean and Director, New Mexico State University*

Legislative Consultants – Cornerstone Government Affairs
  Vernie Hubert, Senior Consultant
  Jim Richards, Vice President
  Hunt Shipman, Vice President
  Maggie Earle, Associate

Communication Consultants
  To be determined

KEY: *Cooperative Extension Section Representative; **1890 Representative; +Cooperative Extension Section Alternate is Wendy Powers, University of California; (YEAR) = when term expires.
### VOTING MEMBERS (3-Year Terms)

**1890 region**
- Rosalind Dale, *Interim Extension Administrator, North Carolina A&T State University* (?)
- Vonda Richardson, *Associate Director of Cooperative Extension Program, Florida A&M University* (?)
- M. Ray McKinnie, *Interim Dean, College of Agriculture, Virginia State University* (?)

**North Central region**
- Jason Henderson, *Associate Dean and Director of Purdue Extension, Purdue University* (2021)
- Gregg Hadley, *Director of Extension, Kansas State University* (2022)
- Karla Trautman, *Director - CES, South Dakota State University* (2020)

**Northeast region**
- Chris Watkins, *Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Cornell University* (2021)
- Chuck Ross, *Director, University of Vermont* (2020) **Vice-chair**
- **VACANT**

**Southern region**
- Rich Bonanno, *Associate Dean, CALS and Director, North Carolina State University* (2022)
- Gary Lemme, *Auburn University, Director, Alabama Coop Extension System* (2021)
- Robert Burns, *Director for Cooperative Extension, University of Tennessee* (2020)

**Western region**
- Mike Gaffney, *Assistant Director of Extension, Washington State University* (2021)
- Wendy Powers, *Associate Vice President, Ag. and Natural Resources, University of California* (2020)
- Jon Boren, *Associate Dean and Director, New Mexico State University* (2022) **Chair**

### EX-OFFICIO/NON-VOTING MEMBERS

**USDA-NIFA**
- Paula Geiger, *Budget Officer* (indefinite)
- ?? *Congressional and Stakeholder Affairs Officer* (indefinite)

**BAA Policy Board of Directors** +
- Michelle Rodgers, Assoc. Dean and Director, *University of Delaware*

**BAA Committee on Legislation and Policy**
- Rich Bonanno, Associate Dean, CALS and Director, North Carolina State University

**BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee**
- Jon Boren, *Associate Dean and Director, New Mexico State University*

**Liaisons**
- Char Wenham, *Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching, St. Joseph, MI* (12/2022)
- Jo Britt-Rankin, *Board on Human Sciences, University of Missouri* (2020)
- Gene McAvoy, *Joint Council of Extension Professionals, University of Florida*
- Ernie Minton, *Chair, ESCOP Budget & Legislative Committee, Kansas State University*

**KEY:** + Alternate Wendy Powers. (YEAR) indicates when term expires. ECOP BLC members serving as voting members are elected on a regional basis, 3 individuals with a term of 3 years each.
ECOP Budget and Legislative Sub-committee on 4-H
Jon Boren, Chair, New Mexico State University
Andy Turner, State 4-H Program Leader, Cornell University (ECOP 4-H Leadership Committee Co-Chair)
Kathleen Lodl, State 4-H Program Leader, University of Nebraska, Lincoln (PLWG)
Lyla Houglum, Executive Director, Western Extension Directors Association (ECOP 4-H Leadership Committee)
Ed Jones, Director, Virginia Extension (ECOP 4-H Leadership Committee)
Jennifer Sirangelo, President & CEO, National 4-H Council
Vernie Hubert, Cornerstone Government Affairs

**REGIONAL CHAIR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ADMINISTRATOR**

**Representation**
**Name, Title, Institution**

**1890 region**
Vonda Richardson, *Associate Director of Cooperative Extension Program, Florida A&M University*
Albert Essel, *Executive Administrator, Association of Extension Administrators***

**North Central region**
John Lawrence, *Vice President for Extension and Outreach, Iowa State University*
Robin Shepard, *Executive Director, North Central Cooperative Extension Association***

**Northeast region**
Jim Hanson, *Associate Dean for Extension, University of Maryland*
Ali Mitchell, *Executive Director, Northeast Extension Directors***

**Southern region**
Tom Dobbins, *Extension Director, Clemson*
Ron Brown, *Executive Director, Association of Southern Region Extension Directors***

**Western region**
Mike Gaffney, *Acting Director of Extension, Washington State University* *
Lyla Houglum, *Executive Director, Western Extension Directors Association***

**KEY:** *Regional Chair ** Executive Director and Administrator Team Member
**EXTENSION FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Representation**
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**Ex-Officio**
Christine Geith, eXtension Foundation Chief Executive Officer
Rick Klemme, Executive Director, Cooperative Extension/ECOP
Louie Tupas, USDA NIFA

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**CES REPRESENTATION ON COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING COMMITTEE**

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**Ex-Officio**
Rick Klemme, Executive Director, Cooperative Extension/ECOP (indefinite)
Robin Shepard, Executive Director, North Central Cooperative Extension Association

KEY: (YEAR) = when term ends
NATIONAL IMPACTS DATABASE COMMITTEE

Region/Representation
Name, Title, Institution

Extension Section Directors/Administrators
*Karla Trautman, Director - CES, South Dakota State University (2019)
Debbie Lewis, Program Development & Evaluation Leader, Ohio State University Extension

Experiment Station Section Directors/Administrators
*Steven Loring, Associate Director, Agricultural Experiment Station Administration, New Mexico State Univ.
German Bollero, University of Illinois

Multistate Research Impacts Initiative
Sara Delheimer, Colorado State University

Land-grant Communications
Faith Peppers, Director of Public Affairs, Office of the Dean and Director, University of Georgia

Land-grant Evaluation
Johnnie Westbrook, Associate Administrator, Kentucky State University

USDA-NIFA
Adele Turzillo, Division Director, Division of Animal Systems

EDA Representation – ex officio
Ronald A. Brown, Executive Director, Assoc. of Southern Region Ext. Directors
Eric Young, Jeff Jacobsen, Rick Rhodes, Experiment Stations from 3 Regions
KEY: *Co-chairs

SNAP-ED PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT TEAM CONTACTS/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Representation
Name, Title, Institution
Angie Abbott, Assist. Dean and Assoc Director, Health and Human Sciences Extension, Purdue University
Jill Thorngren, South Dakota State University
To be determined, Office Manager SNAP-Ed through the LGU System, South Dakota State University
ECOP 4-H LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Region/Representation
Name, Title, Institution (Term Ends)

1890 region
Edmund Buckner, Dean and Director of Land Grant Programs, Alcorn State University (2021)
Woodie Hughes, Jr., Assistant Extension Administrator/State 4-H Program Leader, Fort Valley State University (2020)

North Central region
Lisa Bouillion Diaz, State 4-H Officer, University of Illinois (2020)
Marshall Stewart, Vice Chancellor for Extension and Engagement, University of Missouri (2021)

Northeast region
Ken La Valley, Dean/Director, Cooperative Extension, University of New Hampshire (2022)
*Andrew Turner, Extension Program Leader – 4-H, Cornell Cooperative Extension (2021)

Southern region
**Edwin J. Jones, Associate Dean and Director, Virginia Cooperative Extension (2020)
Arch D. Smith, II State 4-H Leader and Director of 4-H, University of Georgia (2022)

Western region
Jim Lindstrom, University of Idaho (2019)
*Jon Boren, Associate Dean and Director, New Mexico State University (2020)

USDA-NIFA
To be determined

National 4-H Council
Jennifer Sirangelo, President and Chief Executive Officer, National 4-H Council

Extension Committee on Organization and Policy
Edwin J. Jones, Associate Dean and Director, Virginia Cooperative Extension Liaison
Lyla Houglum, Executive Director, Western Extension Directors Association

* - Indicates Co-Chairs (2 year term re-appointable)
** - Indicates member of National 4-H Council Board of Trustees Executive Committee
EXTENSION RESOURCE AND PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
FORMERLY PRIVATE RESOURCE MOBILIZATION PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Terms are yet to be determined - Suspended temporarily by ECOP in September 2019
Tom Dobbins, Extension Director, Clemson, Chair (Southern Region)
Vonda Richardson, Associate Director of Cooperative Extension Program, Florida A&M University (1890s Region)
To be determined, (North Central Region)
Brian Schilling, Director, Rutgers (Northeast Region)
Ashley Stokes, Assistant Vice President for Engagement, Colorado State University (Western Region)

Non-voting – ex officio
Rick Klemme, Executive Director, Cooperative Extension/ECOP
Ali Mitchell, Executive Director, Northeast Extension Directors
Chris Geith, CEO, eXtension Foundation
Jennifer Sirangelo, President and CEO, National 4-H Council
Margaret Owens, Senior Director of Development, Clemson University

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & ADMINISTRATOR TEAM (EDA)

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# ECOP Health Related Innovation Task Force (2020-2022)

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3 Other Director/Administrators or Associate Directors/Administrators  
2 program leaders  
1 Board of Human Science representative  
1-2 College of Department heads from a College of Health sciences  
4 external partners (potential: NIH, Foundations listed in the ERPD report, CDC, Public  
Roger Rennekamp, Extension Health Director  
1 EDA member