



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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Partnering 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 in Research Leadership Task Force ▪ Extension Disaster Education Network ▪ 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

ECOP is the representative leadership and governing body of Cooperative Extension, the nationwide transformational education system operating through land-grant universities in partnership with federal, state, and local governments.

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ECOP MEMBERSHIP

Region/Representation (4-Year Terms)

Name, Title, Institution

Committee

1890 region	
Mark Latimore, <i>Extension Admin., Interim Asst. VP Land-Grant Affairs, Fort Valley State University (2022)*</i>	EXEC
Vonda Richardson, <i>Assoc. Dir. of Cooperative Extension Prog., Florida A&M University (2020)</i>	PDEV Chair
Carolyn Williams, <i>Assoc. Admin. for Extension, Prairie View A&M University (2020)</i>	PRGM Chair
North Central region	
Jason Henderson, <i>Associate Dean and Director of Purdue Extension, Purdue University (2022)</i>	PRGM
Beverly Durgan, <i>Dean, University of Minnesota Extension (2022)</i>	EXEC
John Lawrence, <i>Vice President for Extension and Outreach, Iowa State University (2023)</i>	PDEV
Northeast region	
Debby Sheely, <i>Associate Director of Extension, University of Rhode Island (2023)</i>	PDEV
Chuck Ross, <i>Director, University of Vermont (2021)**</i>	EXEC
Chris Watkins, <i>Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Cornell University (2020)</i>	PRGM
Southern region	
Ed Jones, <i>Extension Director, Virginia Tech (2020)***</i>	EXEC
Gary Jackson, <i>Director, Mississippi State Extension Service (2021)</i>	PRGM
Nick Place, <i>Dean and Director, University of Florida (2023)</i>	PDEV
Western region	
Ivory Lyles, <i>Associate Dean, Director Cooperative Extension, University of Nevada (2023)</i>	PRGM
Wendy Powers, <i>Assoc. VP, Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of California (2021)</i>	PDEV
Barbara Petty, <i>Extension Director, University of Idaho (2022)</i>	EXEC
Ex-officio/Non-voting members	
Michelle Rodgers, <i>BAA-Policy Board of Directors, University of Delaware (2021)+</i>	EXEC
Louie Tupas, Mike Fitzner, <i>USDA-NIFA (indefinite)</i>	EXEC
Jon Boren, <i>Chair, Budget and Legislative Committee (2019)</i>	EXEC
Rick Klemme, <i>Executive Director, Cooperative Extension System/ECOP (April 2020)</i>	EXEC
Roger Rennekamp, <i>Extension Health Director, Cooperative Extension System/ECOP (10/31/2021)</i>	EXEC
Liaisons to ECOP	
Ken La Valley, <i>Chair, eXension Foundation Board of Directors, University of New Hampshire</i>	PRGM
Char Wenham, <i>Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching, St. Joseph, MI (12/2022)</i>	PRGM
Jo Britt-Rankin, <i>Board on Human Sciences, University of Missouri (2020)</i>	
Chris Geith, <i>CEO, eXtension Foundation (indefinite)</i>	PRGM
Jennifer Sirangelo, <i>National 4-H Council (indefinite)</i>	
Bob Godfrey, <i>Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy, Univ. of the Virgin Islands, (indefinite)</i>	
Brian Kowalkowski, <i>Dean of Continuing Education, College of Menominee Nation (indefinite)</i>	
Al Wysocki, <i>Academic Programs Committee on Organization and Policy, University of Florida (4/2020)</i>	

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 in Research Leadership Task Force – Brian Raison, *Ohio State University*

ESCOP 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, *Extension Administrator, Interim Asst. VP Land-Grant Affairs, Fort Valley State University* **

Committee on Legislation and Policy – CLP

Mark Latimore, *Extension Administrator, Interim Asst. VP Land-Grant Affairs, Fort Valley State University* **

Rich Bonanno, *Associate Dean, CALS and Director, North Carolina State University* *

Budget and Advocacy Committee – BAC

Mark Latimore, *Extension Administrator, Interim Asst. VP Land-Grant Affairs, 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.

ECOP BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Representation
Name, Title, Institution

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, *Acting 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)
Josh Stull, *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*
Glenda Humiston, *Chair, ESCOP Budget & Legislative Committee, University of California* (2020)

KEY: + Alternate Fred Schlutt (ret. 2/11/19). (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

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

Name, Title, Institution

1890 region

Courtney Owens, **Treasurer**, *Interim Associate Extension Administrator, Kentucky State University*

North Central region

Gregg Hadley, **Vice Chair/Secretary**, *Associate Professor & Director of Extension Kansas State University*

Northeast region

Ken La Valley, **Chair**, *Dean/Director, Cooperative Extension, University of New Hampshire*

Southern region

Damona Doye, *Director of Extension, Oklahoma State University*

Western region

Barbara Petty, *Associate Dean & Director of Extension, University of Idaho*

Ex-Officio

Christine Geith, *eXtension Foundation Chief Executive Officer*

Rick Klemme, *Executive Director, Cooperative Extension/ECOP*

Louie Tupas, *USDA NIFA*

CES REPRESENTATION ON COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

Representation

Name, Title, Institution

Mark Latimore, *Extension Administrator, Interim Asst. VP Land-Grant Affairs, Fort Valley State University*

Karla Trautman, *Director - CES, South Dakota State University, National Impacts Database Co-chair*

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)

**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)

Region/Representation

Name, Title, Institution

1890 region

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

North Central region

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

Northeast region

Ali Mitchell, *Executive Director, Northeast Extension Directors*

Southern region

Ronald A. Brown, *Executive Director, Assoc. of Southern Region Ext. Directors*

Western region

Lyla Houglum, *Executive Director, Western Extension Directors Association*

ECOP National Office Team

Rick Klemme, *Executive Director, Cooperative Extension/ECOP*

Sandy Ruble, *Assistant Director, Cooperative Extension/ECOP*

2020 NIFA Extension Working Group for Reporting

1890 Region	
Extension Director/Administrator	Allen Malone, 1890s Administrator, Alabama A&M University
Evaluation/Reporting	Courtney Owens, Interim Associate Extension Administrator, Kentucky State University
Northeast Region	
Extension Director/Administrator	Michelle Rodgers, Associate Dean and Director of Cooperative Extension, University of Delaware , and Backup: Mike O'Neill, Director of Extension, University of Connecticut
Evaluation/Reporting	Stephanie Albaugh, Program Support Specialist, University of Vermont , and Heather Lohr, Administrative Assistant, Center for Ag., Food and the Env., Bookstore, University of Massachusetts
North Central Region	
Extension Director/Administrator	Karl Martin, Dean and Director of Extension, University of Wisconsin
Evaluation/Reporting	Beth Welbes, Director of Program Planning and Assessment, University of Illinois
Southern Region	
Extension Director/Administrator	Robert Burns, Dean of Extension, University of Tennessee
Evaluation/Reporting	Sunshine Jordan, Accountability & Operations Analyst for the College of Ag, University of Georgia
Western Region	
Extension Director/Administrator	Shannon Horrillo, Associate Director of Extension, University of Nevada , and Cary Weiner, Assistant Director, Organizational Initiatives Administration-Extension, Colorado State University
Evaluation/Reporting	Katherine Webb-Martinez, Associate Director, Department of Ag. & Natural Res., University of California
Additional	
Gina Eubanks, Associate Vice President & Program Leader of the Office of Ag, Louisiana State University (ECOP Liaison to NERAOC Planning Committee)	
Karla Trautman, Extension Director, South Dakota State University (Co-chair of the National Impacts Database Committee)	