

**Board on Agriculture Assembly**  
**\_\_Experiment Station Section\_\_ Report to Policy Board of Directors**

**PBD Member** Steve Slack

**Reporting Period** July '14 – Nov '14

**Section Chair** Bob Shulstad

(Please check the BAA-PBD Goals that each activity directly addresses.)

<b>BAA Section Activities</b> (Briefly describe activities since previous reporting period)	<b>*Goals</b>	<b>Emerging Issues and Future Directions</b>	<b>Resource Advocacy</b>	<b>Farm Bill and Legislative Action</b>	<b>System Integration</b>
ESCOP, regional associations, Executive Directors work to assure that all Directors, especially those in new positions, are informed of developments.		X	X	X	X
All ESCOP and ESS documents, agendas, presentations, etc. are found on the website. The site is regularly updated, usually within days. There is a direct link from the ESCOP site to the Policy Board web site.		X			X
ESCOP continues to support Lead 21 and the Food Systems Leadership Institute.		X			X
ESCOP participates as a partner in the National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee with NIFA and ARS to advise on managing the national plant germplasm repositories.		X			X
ESCOP Budget & Legislative Committee members work to identify needs and initiatives from the research community and advance them for incorporation into the System's advocacy effort. FY 2016 budget priorities have been determined.		X	X		X
ESCOP Budget & Legislative, Communication & Marketing Committees and the Executive Directors continue to help Cornerstone develop appropriate communication vehicles to promote federal budget priorities.		X	X	X	X
The Executive Directors work to keep ESS members informed of progress and issues related to development of the new Farm Bill.		X	X	X	X
ESCOP continues to interact with NIFA on future directions of REEport and the CIS database system. The ED's feedback comments and concerns from AES directors and business officers to assist NIFA in improving REEport.					X
ESCOP has selected its sixth multistate project for the Excellence in Multistate Research award, W2128 - Integrated Management of Pecan Arthropod Pests in the Southern U.S.					X
ESCOP is a member of NC-FAR with Nancy Cox as the representative to their Board. Dr. Cox also is co-Chair of the ESCOP/ECOP Communication & Marketing Committee and, along with Hunt Shipman, acts as a link between the marketing effort and NC-FAR.		X	X	X	X

(Please check the BAA-PBD Goals that each new activity will directly address.)

<p align="center"><b>BAA Section Planned New Activities</b> (Briefly describe any new activities planned for next year. Do not include continuing activities)</p>	<p align="center"><b>*Goals</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Emerging Issues and Future Directions</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Resource Advocacy</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Farm Bill and Legislative Action</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>System Integration</b></p>
<p>The Budget &amp; Legislative Committee has determined that the ESCOP/ECOP Water Initiative will be the FY'16 budget priority beyond AFRI and the research capacity lines.</p>		X	X		
<p>ESCOP/ECOP Marketing Committee and kglobal are working with PBD leadership to expand its marketing effort and to include all LGU functions.</p>		X	X	X	X
<p>ESCOP and ECOP have released an online searchable database of research and Extension impact statements for use by USDA, decision makers, agricultural communicators and marketers, and the general public. The site is now active at landgrantimpacts.org and research impacts are being entered, including the previously prepared multistate impact statements.</p>		X	X	X	X
<p>At NIFA's request, ESCOP is leading an effort to inventory the Land-grant institutions infrastructure repair and renovation needs. A small group, chaired by Mike Hoffmann, has accepted a proposal to coordinate the inventory from Sightlines, a company who specializes in this type of survey. The PBD has approved a mechanism to fund this work.</p>			X	X	
<p>A joint BAA/BoHS steering committee has been appointed on Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People. ESCOP has two representatives on this committee and one Executive Director support person.</p>		X	X	X	X
<p>The joint ESCOP/ECOP Pest Management Coordinating Council held its initial meeting in DC in October. This Council will provide national level coordination of activities funded through the recently consolidated IPM budget lines.</p>		X			X
<p>ESCOP proposed a system-wide futuring effort and a small steering committee, chaired by Mike Hoffmann, with representatives from the five BAA Sections has developed a plan for moving forward with this initiative. The PBD has approved funding for this initiative.</p>		X			X
<p>The ESCOP Excellence in Leadership Award was established to recognize those individuals who have served the Regional Associations, ESCOP, the Experiment Station Section, and/or the national Land-Grant System with exemplary distinction. Each region chooses one awardee each year and the first awardees were recognized at the APLU awards ceremony.</p>		X			

\*Please see the attached 2007-2012 BAA-PBD Plan of Work Goals and Actions for more information on goals.