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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  • Communications and Marketing Committee and National Impact Database Impacts Team

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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)
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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)
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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

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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/q4pzbi9wlqay7as/Climate%20PAT.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/q4pzbi9wlqay7as/Climate%20PAT.pdf?dl=0)
- Workforce Development – Ivory Lyles and those listed at [https://www.dropbox.com/s/h7bjqkg0ioe0iid/Workforce%20PAT.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/h7bjqkg0ioe0iid/Workforce%20PAT.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/bb7ljijw11i1r/Urban%20PAT.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/bb7ljijw11i1r/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](https://www.dropbox.com/s/j34mjw4ypz1e71i/DEI%20PAT.pdf?dl=0)

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 Atiles, 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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