

Board on Agriculture Assembly
__Experiment Station Section__ Report to Policy Board of Directors

PBD Member Clarence Watson

Reporting Period July '16 – Nov '16

Section Chair Bret Hess

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

BAA Section Activities (Briefly describe activities since previous reporting period)	*Goals	Emerging Issues and Future Directions	Resource Advocacy	Farm Bill and Legislative Action	System Integration
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. There is a direct link from the ESCOP site to the Policy Board website.		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 initiatives from the research community and advance them for incorporation into the System's advocacy effort. FY 2018 budget priorities are tentatively set and discussion is beginning on FY 2019.		X	X		X
ESCOP Budget & Legislative Committee and the Communication & Marketing Committee and Executive Directors continue to assist Cornerstone and kglobal in developing appropriate communication vehicles to promote federal budget priorities.		X	X	X	X
The ESCOP Budget & Legislative Committee have identified potential items for the next Farm Bill. Our representative, Bill Brown, and the Executive Directors are working with the Committee for Legislation and Policy to identify and define Farm Bill changes.		X	X	X	X
ESCOP's regional representatives from the POW/AR Review Panel are working with NIFA to implement recommendations for improving the POW and Annual Report.		X			X
ESCOP is a member of NC-FAR with Ernie Minton as the representative to their Board.		X	X	X	X
ESCOP Excellence in Leadership Award was established to recognize individuals who have served the Regional Associations, ESCOP, ESS, and the Land-Grant System with exemplary distinction. Regions choose an awardee that is recognized at the APLU awards ceremony.		X			
The ESCOP and ECOP Chairs continue their strategic alliance by having regular conference calls and meetings with key decision makers in NIFA and other federal agencies.		X	X	X	X

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

<p align="center">BAA Section Planned and New Activities (Briefly describe any new activities planned for next year. Do not include continuing activities)</p>	<p align="center">*Goals</p>	<p align="center">Emerging Issues and Future Directions</p>	<p align="center">Resource Advocacy</p>	<p align="center">Farm Bill and Legislative Action</p>	<p align="center">System Integration</p>
<p>ESS and CES directors had a session at the recent joint Section meeting to discuss details of some changes suggested for the next Farm Bill, the results were transmitted to the CLP Chair, Greg Bohach.</p>		X	X	X	X
<p>ESCOP will continue to support the joint BAA/BoHS Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People initiative by working to assist in implementing the multi-agency funding strategy developed by the follow-up committee.</p>		X	X	X	X
<p>The ESCOP Budget & Legislative Committee had another joint meeting with the ECOP B&L during the joint Section meeting in September to discuss budget issues of mutual interests.</p>		X	X	X	X
<p>The ESCOP Diversity in Research Leadership Task Force has provided a report that includes recommendations for actions to supplement institutional, regional and national diversity and inclusion efforts. The ESS approved expenditures for diversity training of ESCOP next July and for all directors attending the ESS meeting next September.</p>		X			X
<p>The National IPM Coordinating Committee (NIPMCC) has been formed as a subcommittee of the ESCOP Science & Technology Committee and is initiating discussions and visioning across ESS, CES and others towards the creation of a 'new' IPM.</p>		X	X	X	X

*Please see the attached 2012-2016 BAA-PBD Plan of Work Goals and Actions for more information on goals.