

Policy Board of Directors Report

Presenter: Nancy Cox

Background Information:

The Policy Board of Directors met on March 9, 2010 in Albuquerque, MN. Below are some notes of interest from that meeting.

1. Chair Report – Jack Payne
 - CARET Executive Committee had asked to meet with Administrative Heads Section, so the meeting in Arlington in February was joint
 - Resolved issue of university employees being appointed as CARET representatives by adding to the bylaws – “employees of a Land Grant University cannot be a CARET representative, retirees or emeritus faculty are exempted from this inclusion”
 - NC-FAR support
 - ESCOP decided to renew membership but other groups have not
 - AHS decided that a system-wide membership, rather than individual groups, should be considered
 - Nancy Cox was appointed as the ESCOP representative
 - Motion – Scott Angle/Ken Esbenshade – PBD empowers Nancy to also represent the Policy Board of Directors and whole system on NC-FAR board and to interact with Cornerstone in this capacity - approved
 - Next year NC-FAR membership dues will be prorated across sections
 - APLU Annual Conference
 - Very early registration was paid mostly by agriculture folks
2. NIFA – Ralph Otto
 - USDA Assistant Secretary has to sign off on NIFA to make it official, formal document is almost complete, only diversity analysis is not finished
 - Expect to be at the Secretary’s office by April so should be approved by end of summer
 - Roger Beachy is interim Chief Scientist, Under Secretary should be named soon at which time they will become Chief Scientist
 - Budget – big item of contention is 406 lines being moved to AFRI
 - Water Quality and IPM centers’ personnel have put together document indicating what would be lost and impacts of 406 work
 - Jack Payne – most of the system supports leaving 406 lines as they are in 2010
 - NIFA is checking on forward-funding current 406 grants so they aren’t closed out immediately if 406 lines are zeroed out
 - AFRI amount in RFA will not be \$800 Million as previously announced, but close to the \$262 Million that is appropriated for AFRI now
 - Directors of NIFA sub-institutes will be recruited on IPA’s or as a senior level position, which doesn’t require management experience
 - This won’t happen until after NIFA becomes official
 - These positions will be “principle scientist” to work with established management person in each sub-institute
 - Currently sub-institutes are being lead by transitional leaders – Ralph Otto, Dan Kugler, Frank Boetler, and Debby Sheely
 - The system needs to establish a mechanism to coordinate international efforts between individual land grants, NIFA, and AID
3. Contract with Cornerstone

- Negotiated new contract in fall, 2% increase in base for 3 years upon successful evaluation by Budget & Advocacy Committee
 - Tim Sanders has retired and is no longer a registered lobbyist but will consult with Cornerstone
 - Hunt Shipman and Jim Richardson will be leads for our contract
4. Budget & Advocacy Committee – Bev Durgan
- Focus efforts on less lines for direct advocacy by Cornerstone and CARET
 - CARET meeting and Hill visits went very well this year, message was focused and simpler
 - “Supporting initiatives” are those that don’t have significant increases proposed and are only worked on if there is a danger of losing them
 - Cornerstone recommends that they work behind scenes to keep 406 lines same as in 2010, but not put them in active lobbying effort so it doesn’t appear we are directly opposing the department
 - Administrative Heads Section motion on 406 was to support Budget & Advocacy Committee recommendation to maintain 2010 levels
 - Smith-Lever initiative is moving forward, most states have submitted impact statements that are on Cornerstone’s web site, ESCOP has also solicited similar statements for Hatch and they appear there also
 - eXtension funding needs to come from increases in Smith-Lever as assessment or off-the-top funding
5. Committee on Legislation and Policy (formerly Farm Bill Committee)
- DC Coston and Cornerstone have prepared memo to go out to CLP Committee and section leaders on process and timeline to prepare for 2012 Farm Bill, including question on authorized programs to be:
 - Combined, or
 - Reauthorize, or
 - Eliminated
 - Responses from sections on questions will be due back mid July
 - Role of CLP in authorization legislation other than Farm Bill is unclear, but need to figure out how to work with departments other than USDA
 - Could ask sections same questions relative to which other federal departments’ authorizations are important to the system
6. Integration Task Force
- FSLI and LEAD 21 leaders have agreed to do joint marketing and recruiting
 - Task Force needs to continue conversation with FSLI and LEAD 21 on integration of programs at the management level
 - This will be pursued over the next few months and progress reported at July PBD meeting
 - New Dean, Directors, Administrators, and NPL Orientation Workshop
 - Weston Arlington Gateway Hotel, December 7-9
7. Emerging Issues Task Force
- ACOP completed new roadmap last year
 - ESCOP is in process of redoing roadmap and should be done by fall
 - ECOP is going to discuss future issues at national meeting
 - ICOP is revising their long-range plan
 - Task Force could discuss opportunities with other Federal agencies relative to emerging issues
 - Task Force also could bring together section plans to look for common ground
8. Marketing
- Marketing effort has gone back to ESCOP Communication & Marketing Committee, system committee has been disbanded

- ESCOP committee is adding representatives from AHS, CES, and APS and will have a system-wide approach

9. Policy Board of Directors Elections needed this fall

- Administrative Heads Section
- ESCOP (Nancy Cox not eligible to run)
- ICOP (Chris Punnkuk not eligible to run)
- 1994 (Phil Baird not eligible to run)
- Insular Institutions (Lee Yudin can run again)

10. March 2011 Policy Board of Directors Meeting

- Savannah, GA
- Week of March 14 or 21

11. Section reports on the PBD web site under the APLU site