**SAAESD 2021 Spring Business Meeting**

**April 20-22, 2021  
Zoom Meeting**

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| **9:00-11:30 CT 10:00-12:30 ET** | | **Tuesday April 20, 2021 – Session 1** |
| Zoom links and password will be sent via distribution lists. if you did not receive them, email cmorley@uark.edu | | |
| 9:00 CT/10:00 ET | 1 | **Welcome and Introductions** – J.F. Meullenet  **Review agenda**  **Review/Approve minutes from September 29, 2020 Meeting**  **Approve Interim Actions** |
| 9:20 CT/10:20 ET | 2 | **NIFA Report** - Kevin Kephart, NIFA Liaison |
| 9:40 CT/10:40 ET | 3 | **Cotton Winter Nursery and CottonGen Database Report** – Gary Thompson for Don Jones  **Questions on “Written Only” ESCOP Committee Reports**:   * **Budget & Legislative Committee Report** – S Lommel * **Communication & Marketing Committee Report** – JF Meullenet * **Science & Technology Committee Report** – Susan Duncan * **Diversity Catalyst Committee Report** – Henry Fadamiro |
| 9:55 CT/10:55 ET | 4 | **S-009: Plant Genetic Resources Conservation and Utilization**- Bob Stougaard |
| 10:05 CT/11:05 ET | 5 | **MRC Report -** Nathan McKinney |
| 10:10 CT/11:10 ET | 6 | **Executive Director’s Report -** Gary Thompson |
| 10:30 CT/11:30 ET | 7 | **SAAESD Budget Presentation -** JF Meullenet |
| 10:40 CT/11:40 ET | 8 | **Upcoming Meetings:**   * 2021 ESS Annual Meeting - Sept 26-Oct1, 2021 – Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows * 2022 Southern Mini Land-Grant Meeting – May 17-19, 2022 – TAMU   + Discuss Joint meeting topics |
| 10:55 CT/11:55 ET | 9 | **Agricultural Research Infrastructure Advocacy (ARIA) and other National Issues** |
| 11:20 CT/12:20 ET | 10 | **Resolutions -** Lesley Oliver  **SAAESD Excellence in Leadership Award Presentation -** JF Meullenet |
| 11:30 CT/12:30 ET | Adjourn for the day | |

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| 9:00 CT/10:00 ET | 1 | **Welcome** – J.F. Meullenet  **SAAESD Strategic Planning Work Session -** Gary Thompson and Working Group |
| 10:30 CT/11:30 ET | 2 | **Opportunities for Cross-Institutional Collaborations in Artificial Intelligence -** Gary Thompson   * Guest Speakers: Katie Migliaccio, Ed Barnes, Steve Thomson |
| 11:30 CT/12:30 ET | Adjourn for the day | |
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| **9:00-11:40 CT 10:00-12:40 ET** | **Thursday April 22, 2021 – Session 3** | |
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| 9:00 CT/10:00 ET | 1 | **Welcome -** J.F. Meullenet  **Southern Research Communicators Initiative -** Gary Thompson   * Guest Speaker: Faith Peppers, NIFA, * Other Guests: Communicators from each institution |
| 10:00 CT/11:00 ET | 2 | **Southern Rural Development Center Update and Discussion –** Guest Speaker TBD |
| 10:15 CT/11:15 ET | 3 | **ASRED Update and Discussion -** Gary Jackson |
| 10:30 CT/11:30 ET | 4 | **Best Practices Session: Southern Region Small Fruit Consortium, A Model for Regionally Integrated Activities** – Steve Lommel and Guest Speaker Tom Monaco, Professor Emeritus NCSU |
| 11:00 CT/12:00 ET | **General Adjournment (Except for COOs)** | |
| 11:00 CT/12:00 ET | ES | **Executive Session- ALL COOs**   * **FY 22 SAAESD Budget Discussion and Vote** * **Executive Director Performance Review** |
| 11:40 CT/12:40 ET | Executive Session Adjourns | |