ESCOP Agenda Brief  
July, 2007, Philadelphia, PA  
**Item:** Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors Report

**Presenter:** CY Hu

**Current Officers for the WAAESD:**
- Chair – CY Hu (HI)
- Chair-elect – Greg Bohach (ID)
- Treasurer – Jeff Jacobsen (MT)
- Secretary – Jan Auyong (OR)
- Executive Committee Members-at-large – David Thawley (NV), Steve Miller (WY)

**Elections for 2008** will occur at the Joint Summer meeting in Jackson, WY. (Terms begin at the end of ESS meeting):

**2007 Spring meeting, joint with the NCRA on the Big Island of Hawai`i:** Joint discussion were held on the convergence of energy and agriculture and approaches to develop meaningful inter-regional collaborations. Several ideas for new collaborations were developed in breakout group discussions. As a result of the formal discussions and informal interactions during the field trip, a new project on grass fed beef has been initiated.

2007 Joint Summer Meeting: The WAAESD will meet jointly with the other western region Deans and Directors in Jackson, WY July 15-18. The AES, CES and Academic Programs Directors will have a joint session on energy and agriculture.

**AES Director Changes:** Reg Gomes has retired as Vice President for Agriculture at the University of California.

**Future meetings:**
- WAAESD will meet in September at the SAES/ARD Workshop in Philadelphia
- The WAAESD will meet jointly with the Western Extension Directors in March