

Regional and National SAES Associations

ACTIVITIES SURVEY

For the Executive Directors

This past year a panel of five SAES Directors conducted a study of the regional and national associations. One recommendation from the panel was for a more complete inventory of the responsibilities of the EDs. The Chair of ESCOP has subsequently assigned this task to the EDs. To gather the input from the ESS members, we are conducting a regionally-organized survey asking for your views on what the EDs should be doing, not doing, or doing differently. This is especially relevant today, given the pending turnover of ED appointments in the NC and W regions. (Note: It is expected that your responses will reflect a regionally oriented experience. There is no expectation that anyone's responses will be based on multiple regional views.)

ALL RESPONSES WILL BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE.
A SUMMARY REPORT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL SAES
DIRECTORS IN MID-FEBRUARY.

Q.1. Do you see some tasks that the EDs should be doing that are not now being done? Please give examples that are as specific as possible. (e.g., competitive grant writing; international project development)

Q.2. Do you see tasks that the EDs should be doing differently? Please give examples that are as specific as possible. (e.g., less national committee activity; more direct contact with CSREES)

Q.3. Do you see tasks that the EDs are now doing that they should stop doing? Please give examples that are as specific as possible. (e.g., member-campus visits; serving as administrative advisors to multi-state research projects)

Q.4. Do you think that the current mix of regional and national tasks that the EDs are expected to perform is about right? (yes/no) If not, what balance would you prefer for the future? (e.g., more emphasis on support for regional activities; less attention to national committees)

Q.5. Do you see ways to reduce the costs of operating your regional association? (e.g., reduce the travel expenses for the EDs; have more activity-costs shared among the regional associations)

Comments:

Please FAX or e-mail your response to your respective ED by January 12, 2001.

Thank you.