Welcome to Extension This Month! In an effort to keep the organization well informed, the Executive Team will be sending out a monthly electronic newsletter. Watch for us each month to hear updates and information happening throughout the organization.

FROM THE DESK OF THE VICE PROVOST AND DIRECTOR
FINALLY, A BUDGET—FOR NOW...

After months of preparation, priority-setting, and perspiration, the Oregon State Legislature adjourned with a biennial budget, including one for the OSU Extension Service that is 11.6 percent lower than the calculated EBL—“Essential Budget Level”, an amount intended to be what it would take to move the organization forward with the same spending power. In nominal dollars, our EBL for 2009-2011 was higher than the last biennium’s legislatively approved budget by about $1.7 million dollars, or 3.8 percent. While this may be somewhat comforting, it doesn’t disguise the reality of greatly reduced budgets for the coming two years.

And it could get worse—which is the basis for a planned special session of the State Legislature in February 2010. Additional budget adjustments as we enter the new biennium are possible. Among them are any shortfalls in revenues and the possibility of a 2010 referendum reversing about $733 million in planned tax increases. If that happens, the state may experience as much as another $1.5 billion shortfall that represents an additional approximately 15% reduction. Thus, we’re being very watchful and conservative in allocating state dollars.

As of now, the Provost has asked that we plan for a recurring 15% reduction. Extension program leaders are building their approach for this scenario. Extension has some modest fund balances remaining from careful management of last biennium’s funds that will buffer reductions. We’ll be setting final budgets in the near future as the Chancellor’s Office distributes budgetary authority.

Questions or comments are welcomed. You can also communicate via the Extension Administration blog-- http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/osuextbudget/

Stay tuned.
Scott

EXTENSION NEWS UPDATES
Federal Partners Accept OSU POW and ROA

Oregon State University Extension 2008 report of accomplishments and 2010-2014 plan of work has been reviewed and accepted by our federal partners at USDA. Comments were generally very positive with some specific recommendations for strengthening the documents in future years. A couple of comments worth noting:
The reviewers found it interesting that stakeholders actually serve on faculty search committees and have influence on hiring decisions. A standard operating practice for OSU Extension was seen as innovative and a form of inclusivity.

The reviewers felt that the impact statements included were high quality and very useful for evaluating the planned programs’ value and overall effect.

When combining the impact statements with the quantitative measures (number of volunteers, number of contacts, etc.), the reviewers reported the outcomes painted an impressive image of the OSU Extension Service and its faculty and staff.

The success of the federal plan of work and report of accomplishments is directly related to the power of SOARS. With few exceptions, the content for both documents came from your contribution to SOARS. Every piece of information you reported in SOARS was utilized to complete the documents. From the impact statements to the indirect contacts made by volunteers to the number of peer reviewed publications . . . all the information is necessary for securing our federal funds. Thank you for your efforts to keep the information reported relevant and accurate.

STATE NEWS UPDATES

SOARS and IRB Compliance

As a result of recent meetings with Lisa Leventhal, the new IRB Compliance Administrator at OSU, we have received clarification regarding the reporting of program evaluation results and impact data in SOARS. Below is the statement that is now posted on the SOARS web page (http://extension.oregonstate.edu/internal/soars). The first sentence should provide welcome relief to Extension educators and SOARS users:

*The requirement to enter program evaluation/impact data into SOARS does not automatically result in the need for Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval.* However, you are expected to seek IRB approval for program evaluation that constitutes “research with human participants.” Many program evaluation efforts without the intent to publish in scholarly journals do not meet that definition and therefore do not require IRB approval. However, the final determination of whether a project requires review lies with the IRB. Prior to completing an application, contact the IRB to discuss whether your project requires IRB review. More information and necessary forms can be found at http://oregonstate.edu/research/ori/humansubjects.htm. Your Extension Program Leader can also give you guidance about conducting program evaluation with human participants.

Now, more than ever, impact statements resulting from quality program evaluation efforts are needed! Remember that “Impact Statements” are considered “Ongoing Reporting” within SOARS. Therefore, they can be entered in SOARS as they are achieved.

OSU Libraries: Are there any library resources available to everyone?

Bonnie Avery, Natural Resources Librarian

While you all in Extension are in the business of providing information to the citizenry of Oregon directly and through services like eXtension, there are occasions when you may be asked how an individual can gain access to OSU's library resources. In particular can they use the online journals and databases? The answer is a disappointing one. The Library is not free to open up access to the licensed databases and electronic
journals in its collection because we do not own them. What then is the independent researcher to do? Here are some suggestions:

Even if the collection is small, residents of Oregon should take advantage of their local public library as it is connected to a network

- for requesting books and articles not found locally through interlibrary loan (including items at OSU) and
- for access to some databases (e.g. the State negotiates a statewide license to general databases for public libraries and K-12) and
- 24/7 reference service called L-NET (most libraries provide a link to this on their home page).

Residents of Oregon who frequent Corvallis do have ‘walk-in” use of our e-resources while in the building and can apply for an OSU Community Borrowers Card if they wish to borrow print materials during a visit. Information and a link to the application for this is at: [http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/circ/comm.html](http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/circ/comm.html)

OSU Library staff have prepared online guides to free resources that will help identify articles on a particular topic.

- **Databases available to everyone** includes information on locating open-access journals and databases and is located at: [http://ica.library.oregonstate.edu/subject-guide/386-Databases-available-to-everyone](http://ica.library.oregonstate.edu/subject-guide/386-Databases-available-to-everyone)
- **Keeping Current with Research** provides tutorials on setting up RSS feeds for journals and other suggestions for tracking research and is located at: [http://ica.library.oregonstate.edu/subject-guide/611-Keeping-Current-with-Research](http://ica.library.oregonstate.edu/subject-guide/611-Keeping-Current-with-Research)
- General information about researching a variety of subject areas is available via **Subject Research Guides**, located at: [http://ica.library.oregonstate.edu/subject-guides/](http://ica.library.oregonstate.edu/subject-guides/). These do include reference to the licensed resources but can be useful for their suggestions of public domain resources as well.

Something we all can do to make the scholarly output of Oregon State University available to all is remember to retain our author rights when publishing in a journal and deposit preprints and/or post-prints or articles in the "ScholarsArchive," OSU's institutional repository. I'll have more on this next time.

**LEAVE AUTHORIZATION FORM**

ALL OSU employees, Classified and Unclassified, who receive leave accruals are expected to request and coordinate leave usage with their supervisor. Sufficiently in advance of using leave, an employee is to submit a leave request to his/her supervisor. In those situations where the use of leave is unexpected (such as sick leave), the employee is to report leave usage immediately to his/her supervisor at the first available opportunity.

Extension has developed an online authorization form to make the process quick and easy. To access the form, go to [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/internal/forms](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/internal/forms)

Upon approval from your supervisor, you will receive an email. Please attach it to your timesheet.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
OSU Extension Service Technology Training – Summer 2009

The following online courses are being offered via Adobe Connect for Extension faculty and staff. To register for one, please email Isaac Magana (isaac.magana@oregonstate.edu) or Karen Watte (karen.watte@oregonstate.edu) and indicate which class and the date. You can also register directly by following the registration link that is noted under each session description. Instructions for accessing the online classroom will be sent to you several days before the class.

- July 14 - 9:00-10:00am
- July 21 - 9:00-10:00am
- July 28 - 9:00-10:00am

- August 11 – 9:00–10:00am
- August 18 – 9:00–10:00am

- August 10 – 11:00-11:45am

- September 8 – 10:00–11:00am
- September 15 – 10:00-11:00am

**Moodle**  -  [http://oregonstate.edu/training/session_view.php?sess_id=998](http://oregonstate.edu/training/session_view.php?sess_id=998)
- August 12 – 9:00-9:30am

**2009 CSREES Grantsmanship Workshops and Writing Winning Grants Workshops**

Grantsmanship workshops will be held again this fall to highlight the competitive programs in USDA-CSREES and to help grant writers improve their overall success. Both the CSREES Grantsmanship Workshop and the Writing Winning Grants Workshop have received outstanding reviews from across the country in past years. These workshops will be offered together in Washington, DC on Nov 16 - 17 and in Kansas City, MO on Nov 10 – 11.

During the CSREES Grantsmanship Workshop an excellent group of program directors from CSREES will be providing an overview of funding programs within the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) and other competitive programs and the 2010 AFRI Request for Applications. In addition, there will breakout discussion on specific program areas as well as a mock review panel to provide insights on successful grants and the review process.

The Writing Winning Grants Workshop, presented by Drs Thomas Fretz and Michael Harrington, will feature topics that include: Where to look for funds, Principles of grant writing, Organizing integrated proposals, Developing the grant budget, Ethics in grant writing, and Common short-comings in the grant application.

Travel grants will be available for participants from minority serving institutions,
including 1890s, 1994s and other tribal colleges as well as Pacific Islander, Native Hawaii and Hispanic serving institutions. The travel grant application forms for each workshop are available on the web sites below and the application is due August 15.

Washington DC Workshop:
November 16 - 17,
Crystal Gateway Marriott
Arlington, VA

Cosponsored by the Southern Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors, the Northeast Regional Research Association, and USDA-CSREES

Please visit the workshop website for information on registration, hotels and program agenda:
http://www.cpe.vt.edu/usdagrant/index.html

Kansas City, MO Workshop:
November 10 - 11
Embassy Suites
Kansas City, MO

Cosponsored by University of Missouri, the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors, and USDA-CSREES

Please visit the workshop website for information on registration, hotels and the program agenda:
http://muconf.missouri.edu/usda-csrees/index.html

MARKETING
2010 Pocket Planners Now Available!
The 2010 pocket planners are now in stock and available. Cost is $2 each (+ shipping). They make great gifts for clientele and volunteers or to use for yourself. They are 3.5 x 6 inches with a black vinyl cover with the Extension logo in orange. We have a limited supply, so get your orders in now! You can order by contacting Kim Tarrant at kim.tarrant@oregonstate.edu

THIS ‘N THAT
DATES TO REMEMBER
2009
August 5-8 Master Gardener Mini-College
September 13-16 ESP National Conference, Fargo, ND
September 15-18 Fifth National Small Farm Conference, Springfield, Illinois
September 15–18 NEAFCS Conference, Birmingham AL
September 20-24 NACAA, Portland OR
September 24 OSU University Day
October 19-21 Extension Leadership Meeting & ECAN meeting
October 25-29 NAE4HA, Rochester NY

2010
February 2-4  JCEP national Leadership Conference (Regional) – Memphis TN  
March 16-20  National Camping Institute Conference, 4-H Center, Salem  
June 27-30  ANREP Conference, Fairbanks AK  
July 11-15  NACAA, Tulsa OK  
October 12-15  ESP National Conference, Jackson Hole, WY

2011  
October 9-13  National ESP Conference, Syracuse, NY

2012  
October 6-9  National ESP Conference – Mobile AL

2013  
September 15-22  Galaxy IV – Pittsburgh, PA

AWARDS  
Congratulations goes to the following faculty, staff, volunteers and clientele who have recently received awards of recognition.

Sally Bowman, Family Community Health, was selected to receive the 2009 OSU Faculty Senate’s D. Curtis Mumford Faculty Service Award. Congratulations Sally!

PUBLICATIONS  
Journal of Extension – June 2009  
Commentary:  
What Progress, Program Evaluation? Reflections on a Quarter-Century of Extension Evaluation Practice, Roger Rennekamp, Mary Arnold, 4-H

Feature Articles:  
Theory & Rigor in Extension Program Evaluation Planning, Marc Braverman, FCH and Molly Engle, Evaluation Specialist

Ideas at Work:  
Distance Education: Taking the First Steps, Robert Parker, Baker County

PRESENTATIONS  
2009 NACAA Conference presentations  
The following faculty have been accepted to present poster sessions at the upcoming NACAA Conference in Portland.  
Darrin Walenta, Union County – Monitoring of ergot Ascospore release to better time fungicide Application in NE Oregon Grass Seed Production  
Brian Tuck, Wasco County – Marketing the Wasco County 4-H & Extension Service District & Sharing our public relations successes with other Oregon Counties  
Amy Jo Detweiler, Deschutes County – A 2008 Consumer Survey on Purchasing Waterwise Plant Material
RECOGNITION
The following Oregon Extension Professionals will receive National Recognition during the National ESP Conference in Fargo, ND on September 16th.

- Jim Reeb, Lincoln County - Mid Career Recognition
- Sally Bowman, Family & Community Health - Administrative Leadership
- Dan McGrath, Linn County - International Service
- Nellie Oehler, Retired Lane County - Continued Service

ON THE HOME FRONT

Wedding Bells were ringing again! Congratulations to Judy Jaeger, Gilliam County married Ted Thomsen in Condon, OR on June 6th. Congratulations Judy!

Births
Judy Burridge, emeritus, and husband Harry are grandparents again. Their daughter, Julie, and her husband, Randy Carver, gave birth to a daughter, Sabrina Esther, on Memorial Day, May 25, in Everett, Washington.

Bruce Weber, AREC, is a grandpa again! James Bruno Weber was born in Portland last week to son Peter and his wife Jen. Their first child. 8 pounds 12 ounces, 22 inches.

Deaths
Our sympathy to: Sue Bowman, Ext Admin, on the death of her mother Maggie Montgomery. As stated in her obituary, “memorial contributions can be made in the form of a smile to a stranger.”

PERSONNEL UPDATES

Resignations:
Trisha Hower, Office Specialist 2, Washington County, 6/12/09
Teresa Cotton, Education Program Assistant, Tillamook County, 6/30/09

Retirement:
Lee Ila Lewis, Office Manager, Washington County, 7/31/09

New Assignments:
Fern Wilcox, Interim Staff Chair – Hood River & Ext Faculty Wasco Co. 6/15/09

Recruitment Updates
Unclassified
#0004166 Database Administrator/Programmer (1.0) FTE, Ag Crop & Soil Sci Ext, Corvallis Campus
Committee Chair: Dennis Lundeen
Candidate Selected: None
Status: Interviews to be held

#0004246 Instructor, 4-H Youth Development, Umatilla County (0.49) FTE
Committee Chair: Randy Mills
Candidate Selected: Pending
Status: Offer Letter Review

Do you know of something happening in your office that you’d like to share? Perhaps a birth of a son or daughter or grandchild? Recognitions received? Has someone in your office experienced a loss of a loved one? We’d like to hear from you. Although we are spread across the miles, it’s important that we stay connected. Please help us do that.

Send any information you would like shared with the organization, to Janet Drollinger janet.drollinger@oregonstate.edu by the 25th of each month.