

# **FALCON 2015**

## **Executive Director's Report**



### **Highlights of 2014/2015**

- FALCON 2014 Conference in Minneapolis: about 160 attended; 31 of the 34 1994s represented.
- Developed an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Tribal Action Agenda (more on this later).
- Started a collaboration with UN-Reno on “Native Waters on Arid Lands” AFRI-funded program.

## Federal Budget Update FY 2015-2016

	FY 2015 FINAL	FY 2016 HOUSE	FY 2016 SENATE	FY 2016 PRESIDENT
1994 Extension Program*	\$4.446	\$4.446	\$4.446	\$4.724
1994 Research Program*	\$1.801	\$1.801	\$1.801	\$1.914
1994 Education Equity Program	\$3.439	\$3.439	\$3.439	\$3.654
1994 Endowment Program (annual payment)**	\$11.880	\$11.880	\$11.880	\$11.880
TCU Essential Community Facilities	\$4.000	\$4.000	\$4.000	\$8.000

\* FY 2015-16 Budget priorities are the same as FY 2014, with an emphasis on 1994 Extension and Research programs.

\*\* After FY 2015 appropriated payment endowment corpus = \$183,257,000 / latest interest yield distributed to TCU, after USDA 4% admin. payment = \$4,875,534



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## **NERAOC (National Extension & Research Administrative Officers Conference) 2016**

- Formerly the CSREES Administrative Officers Meeting
- FALCON member on planning committee on a rotating basis (Brian Kowalkowski / Latonna Old Elk)
- Audience is land-grant administrators and PDs of NIFA-funded programs
- April 24-26 2016, in Philadelphia, PA
- At least three sessions specific to 1994 issues
- Tentatively planning for Registration fee scholarships to selected 1994 attendees



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### **Tribal IPM Working Group**

- Addressing gap in knowledge of Tribal IPM issues
- Funded for 2 years, by North Central IPM Center
- Conducted survey and developed Action Agenda
- Seeking continuation funding to develop implementation sites



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## Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (GP-IDEA)

- Offers online **Masters Degrees** in **Community Development** through alliance of Midwestern Universities
- Emphasis on **Native American** communities
- Several program completion options: Thesis, Project, Course completion
- **Certificate option** available
- For more info, see John or Mary Emery



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## Leadership Development for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (LEAD21)

- Premiere leadership development program for the land-grant system. **Fantastic opportunity** to learn about self, teams, and the land-grant system.
- 10-month program; 3 in-person sessions (June, Oct., Feb.)
- Last year, we announced a FALCON-sponsored **50% tuition scholarship** (worth about \$5,000) for one 1994 applicant to participate in LEAD21 each year.
- LEAD21 will match, so **tuition is essentially free.**
- You pay for travel (about \$5,000)



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### **Upcoming Annual Conference Venues**

- **2016, Nov. 5-8, in Albuquerque, NM**
  - Meeting location: Hotel Albuquerque (Old Town)
- **2017, Nov. 4-6, in Washington, DC**
  - Meeting location: Westin Crystal City
- **2018, Nov. 3-5, in Minneapolis, MN**
  - Meeting location: Radisson Blu