

# **FALCON 2014**

## **Executive Director's Report**



### **Highlights of 2013/2014**

- FALCON 2013 Conference in Washington, DC: about 100 attended; 24 of the 1994s represented.
- Started an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Tribal Working Group (more on this later).
- Worked with College of Menominee Nation on a leadership development program for its faculty/staff.
- Filled the 1994 Rep position on the National Assc. of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP).

# Federal Budget Update

## FY 2014-2015

	FY 2014 CR FINAL	FY 2015 HOUSE	FY 2015 SENATE	FY 2015 PRESIDENT
1994 Extension Program	\$4.446	\$4.446	\$4.446	\$4.446
1994 Research Program	\$1.801	\$1.801	\$1.801	\$1.801
1994 Education Equity Program	\$3.439	\$3.439	\$3.439	\$3.439
1994 Endowment Program	\$11.880	\$11.880	\$11.880	\$11.880
TCU Essential Community Facilities	\$4.000	\$4.000	\$4.000	\$4.000

FY 2014-15 Budget priorities are the same as FY 2013, with an emphasis on 1994 Extension and Research programs.

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### Farm Bill Update

- Passed as the “Agricultural Act of 2014”
- 1994s were seeking four major priorities:
  1. Reauthorize all existing 1994 programs. ✓ **YES**
  2. Include 1994s Institutions in two Smith-Lever 3(d) programs: FRTEP and CYFAR. ≠ **NO**
  3. Add Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College and the College of the Muscogee Nation as land-grants. ✓ **YES**
  4. Changes to 1994 Research: ✓ **YES**
    - Expand list of eligible partners to non-land-grant Ag. colleges, ARS sites, and Schools of Forestry
    - streamline proposal development guidelines

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### **NERAOC (National Extension & Research Administrative Officers Conference) 2015**

- Formerly the CSREES Administrative Officers Meeting
- FALCON member on planning committee on a rotating basis (Brian Kowalkowski)
- Audience is land-grant administrators and PDs of NIFA-funded programs
- May 3-6, 2015, Paradise Point in San Diego, CA
- At least 3 sessions specific to 1994 issues
- Tentatively planning for Registration fee (\$550) scholarships to selected 1994 attendees

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### Tribal IPM Working Group

- Addressing gap in knowledge of Tribal IPM issues
- Funded for 1 year, by NorthCentral IPM Center
- 5 Working Group members to kick start it
- Conducting survey and developing action plan
- Seeking continuation funding to develop a national initiative
- Need **MORE** working group members, especially from the North-central region

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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** in the works
- 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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### **AIHEC Outreach to Native Farmers & Ranchers**

- Received 1-year USDA “2501” grant
- Award funding cut by 50%
- 3 regional 1.5-day Training and TA workshops (Southwest, Montana/West, North-central).
- 1994 reps within a region can serve as advisors and some as coordinators
- Need at least 5 advisors per region who have an interest in supporting their local farmers and ranchers



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### **Upcoming Annual Conference Venues**

- **2015, Nov. 7-10, in Denver, CO**
  - Meeting location: Westin (downtown)
- **2016, Nov. 5-8, in Albuquerque, NM**
  - Meeting location: Hotel Albuquerque (Old Town)
- **2017, Nov. 3-6, in Washington, DC**
  - Meeting location: Westin Crystal City