

## Western Region

### **Mark McGuire**

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Dr. Mark McGuire was appointed Director of the Idaho Agricultural Experiment Station and Associate Dean in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences at the University of Idaho in August 2015. Mark has since served many leadership roles on behalf of the Experiment Station Section (ESS) at both the regional and national levels.

Dr. McGuire brought valuable insight to the discussions when the regional association was determining how to structure and function more effectively. Mark was instrumental in assisting the association set a new trajectory, including being a major proponent of an effort to address water issues throughout the Western U.S. Dr. McGuire served as WAAESD chair during the COVID-19 pandemic, when frequent Zoom meetings helped WAAESD members find creative solutions to remain open and maintain research. He also has provided leadership as Administrative Advisor for many multistate research committees.

On the national level, Dr. McGuire was elected to serve as regional representative to the National Research Support Project Review Committee (NRSP-RC) and the ESS representative to the APLU Board on Agriculture Assembly's Policy Board of Directors. His service to NRSP-RC, including a term as chair, focused on holding projects accountable. He also has diligently participated as the ESS voice in APLU BAA meetings and supported efforts to raise awareness of ESS.

Dr. McGuire earned his B.S. degree in Dairy Science from the University of Illinois, M.S. degree in Dairy Science from the University of Florida, and Ph.D. degree in Animal Science from Cornell University.