

Board on Agriculture Assembly

Administrative Heads Section (AHS) Report to the Policy Board of Directors

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(Please Check the BAA-PBD Goals that each activity directly addresses.)

<p align="center">BAA Section Activities (Briefly describe activities since previous reporting period)</p>	<p align="center">Emerging Issues and Future Directions</p>	<p align="center">Resource Advocacy</p>	<p align="center">Farm Bill and Legislative Action</p>	<p align="center">System Integration</p>
<p>A discussion continues about how to more effectively engage CARET and other constituents in advocacy on behalf of the System. Central to this and previous discussions on this topic is a need for greater communication between AHS and their CARET delegates.</p>	X	X	X	X
<p>AHS is engaged and supportive of the ongoing BAA efforts including the Healthy Food Systems/Healthy People Implementation Team, the Antimicrobial Resistance discussion, etc.</p>	X	X	X	X
<p>AHS and its members are participating with ARS, NIFA, and the Joint COPS to develop funding strategies to improve infrastructure used for Agricultural, Natural Resource and Life Sciences Research, Extension, and Teaching nationally.</p>	X	X	X	X
<p>Discussions led by APLU continue between the leadership of public and land-grant universities and representatives from universities in Canada and Mexico. The next step is to begin framing 'big ideas' that faculty in all three countries might rally behind such as water, food, energy, big data, oceans, public health, and etc.</p>	X	X	X	X

