


MEMORANDUM

TO: Policy Board of Directors, Board on Agriculture Assembly

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DATE: November 15, 2016

SUBJECT: **Post-Election Report on 2017 BAAPBD Election**

At the request of the BAA Policy Board of Directors' to move toward conducting the BAA elections electronically, we contracted with **Balloteer Vote Online** (Telusys, Inc.) in Addison, IL to assist the BAA in conducting the 2017 BAA Policy Board of Directors' election. The cost of this service was \$754.95, and this covered the cost of uploading our election data, sending out the initial ballot, two electronic follow-up reminders, and an analysis of the election results.

We had 227 votes cast (53.92%) out of 421 votes (including our Canadian members) cast in the last election. This compares to a return vote of 69.82% in 2015 and 64.02% in 2014. Even with the removal of the Canadian institutions, the voter return rate for the 2017 election would have been 56.47%. In the current election, votes cast by the various sections included:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Number of Votes Cast</u>	<u>Percentages of Vote</u>	
		(rounded)	(actual)
AHS	61	27%	26.87%
APS	41	18%	18.02%
CES	46	20%	20.26%
ESS	46	20%	20.26%
IAS	33	15%	14.54%

A listing of those institutions that cast all of their eligible votes is attached.

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INSTITUTIONS WHERE ALL ELIGIBLE VOTES WERE CAST

Arkansas State University
Clemson University
Fort Valley State University
Lincoln University
Prairie View A&M University
South Carolina State University
South Dakota State University
Tuskegee University
University of Arkansas
University of California, Davis
University of Rhode Island
University of the Virgin Islands
University of Wisconsin Extension
Utah State University

CANADIAN INSTITUTIONS

Université Laval
University of Alberta
University of Manitoba