




**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Policy Board of Directors, Board on Agriculture Assembly

**FROM:** Eddie G. Gouge  
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and Executive Director, CARET 

**DATE:** March 22, 2016

**SUBJECT:** **2017 BAAPBD Election**

The following sections will have candidates on the ballot for the upcoming election for the 2017 Board on Agriculture Assembly Policy Board of Directors:

**Experiment Station** – Clarence E. Watson is eligible to seek re-election

**International Agriculture** – Gretchen C. Neisler is eligible to seek re-election

**Insular/Territorial** – Robert W. Godfrey is eligible to seek re-election

Each section is responsible for submitting the names of two candidates for their respective directorship, and the names should be submitted to me by **JULY 4, 2016**.

At the request of the BAA Policy Board of Directors' to move toward conducting the BAA elections electronically, I have been in touch with **Balloteer Vote Online** (Telusys, Inc.) in Addison, IL about assisting the BAA in conducting its elections. Their prices range from \$79.95 for a self-managed election (allowing up to 5,000 votes) to \$754.95 (allowing up to 5,000 votes) where the company fully manages the election. According to the company representative, this group would be able to set up the database where our voters could cast more than one vote (as you may recall, some voters can cast up to as many as five votes). The company representative indicated that the database could be established in about a 24-hour period.