

**Board on Agriculture Assembly
NARRU Report to Policy Board of Directors**

PBD Member Timothy N. Burcham (Arkansas State) **Reporting Period** March 2015 – June 2015 **Section Chair** Don Topliff (Angelo State)

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

BAA Section Activities (Briefly describe activities since previous reporting period)	*Goals	Emerging Issues and Future Directions	Resource Advocacy	Farm Bill and Legislative Action	System Integration
Advocate for appropriations for NLGCA capacity building grants. Inform key governmental leadership about the importance of NARRU institutions. Continuing effort was made to connect with administrative branch of the government to build appreciation for the contributions of our universities to education, research and outreach.		X	X	X	
Continued advocacy and support for issues related to the Farm Bill and the Budget and Advocacy Committee (BAC). Effort was focused on revise language in the Farm Bill to clarify disqualification of NARRU institutions based on their classification as HSACUs or receipt of McIntyre-Stennis funding.		X	X	X	
Strengthen stature of NARRU and activate membership: A number of NARRU members participated in the Joint APS/NARRU Workshop during Winter Meetings in Orlando.		X	X		X
Enhance relationships with APLU Staff: NARRU membership continues to foster productive dialog with APLU staff members (Ian Maw, Eddie, Gouge, and Wendy Fink).		X	X	X	X
Support Lead 21: There are three participants from NARRU institutions in this year's LEAD 21 class.		X			X
Enhance member benefits: website, annual conference, professional development, funding opportunities and networking.		X	X	X	X
Engage membership in implementing the NARRU Strategic Plan:		X	X	X	X
Support and engage in APS/ACOP activities: Cindy Akers and Todd Winters participated in the APS Visioning Meeting in Orlando and serve on subcommittees. A number of NARRU members attended APS sessions in Orlando.		X	X		X
Expand Collaborations between NARRU members and the APLU family: Richard A. Cavaletto, California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo, served on the committee that came up with the USDA report: "Employment Opportunities for College Graduates in Food, Agriculture, Renewable Natural Resources, and the Environment, United States, 2015-2020." A number of NARRU members participated in the vetting of that report at the Joint APS/NARRU Workshop above. Tim Burcham is serving on the BAA Futuring Task Force Committee.		X	X	X	X

*Please see the attached 2007-2012 BAA-PBD Plan of Work Goals and Actions for more information on goals.