

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

PBD Member Cindy Akers (Texas Tech University) **Reporting Period** December 2015 – March 2016 **Section Chair** Todd Winters (UT Martin)

(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 Spring Meetings in Washington DC.		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
Enhance member benefits: website, annual conference, professional development, funding opportunities and networking.		X	X	X	X

*Please see the attached 2012-2016 BAA-PBD Plan of Work Goals and Actions for more information on goals.