

**Board on Agriculture Assembly  
APLU Non-Land-Grant Institutions' Report to Policy Board of Directors**

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

<b>BAA Section Activities</b> (Briefly describe activities since previous reporting period)	<b>*Goals</b>	<b>Emerging Issues and Future Directions</b>	<b>Resource Advocacy</b>	<b>Farm Bill and Legislative Action</b>	<b>System Integration</b>
Continued to 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 with activate BAA membership: NARRU members actively participate 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
Revisions to the NARRU Strategic Plan: Updated mission statement at Winter 2017 meeting		X	X	X	X

\*Please see the attached 2011-2016 BAAPBD Plan of Work Goals and Actions for more information on goals.