

AGENDA

2015 Policy Board of Directors Board on Agriculture Assembly

**Cabernet Room
Embassy Suites Napa Valley
Napa, California
March 31-April 1, 2015**

Barbara Allen-Diaz, Chair
Vice President, Agriculture and Natural Resources
University of California Systemwide

Monday, March 30, 2015

Arrival at the Embassy Suites Napa Valley (1075 California Boulevard, Napa, CA 94559)

5:30-7:30 p.m. Complimentary Evening Beverage Reception
Atrium

There will be an opportunity to go to a local restaurant for those who are there.

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

7:30 a.m. BREAKFAST (*Complimentary*)
Atrium

8:00 a.m. Call to Order Barbara Allen-Diaz
Cabernet Introductions
Approval of November 4, 2014 minutes

Action Items and Remarks by the Chair -- Verbal Barbara Allen-Diaz

Review of Liaison Appointments and Assignments:

- Assessments – Jay T. Akridge
- BAA Program at APLU Annual Meeting – Tim L. Cross
- Budget and Advocacy Committee – Steven A. Slack
- CARET – Barbara Allen-Diaz
- CFERR – Barbara Allen-Diaz
- Committee on Legislation and Policy – Gretchen C. Neisler
- Food Systems Leadership Institute – Barbara Allen-Diaz
- APLU Board of Directors – Barbara Allen-Diaz

BAA Succession	Barbara Allen-Diaz
BAA and CARET Assessments	Jay T. Akridge Ian L. Maw
Budget and Advocacy Committee	Steven A. Slack
Committee on Legislation and Policy	Gretchen C. Neisler
FSLI/LEAD 21 Report	Linda C. Martin
Report on the BAA/APLU Futuring Effort	Ian L. Maw
Report on the Antimicrobial Task Force	Ian L. Maw
Report on the <i>Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People</i> Steering Committee	Ian L. Maw Eddie G. Gouge
Report on the AES-CES-AHS Communications and Marketing Effort	Tim L. Cross

Action Items –

- Voting on *Rules of Operation* change
- CARET proposal to have separate liaisons to the 1890 and 1994 institutions instead of one liaison to cover both
- Request from the Committee on Legislation and Policy on Justin Smith Morrill recognition

12:00 Noon
Fountain Court

LUNCH

Review the Strategic Plan of Work (2011-2016) For the Policy Board of Directors	All
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Update on the Infrastructure Survey Facilities Survey	Ian L. Maw
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Integrating the Canadian and Mexican Institutions into the BAA	All
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3:00-3:30 p.m.

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Plans for the Joint COPs Meeting	Ian L. Maw
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APLU 2015 Annual Meeting	Tim L. Cross
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- Structure of the BAA Business Meeting Ian L. Maw
- 2015 Election of Board Members (written) Eddie G. Gouge
- March 2016 BAAPBD Meeting Location Jay T. Akridge
- Section Reports (*written reports provided and oral reports to highlight items of systemwide interest*) All
- Other Business
 - Preservation of the BAA’s History
- 5:00 p.m. ADJOURN
- 6:00 p.m. DINNER
The group will go to a local restaurant for dinner.

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

BREAKFAST (*Complimentary*)

**8:30 a.m. –
4:00 p.m.** Napa Field Tour

FUTURE MEETINGS:

- **July 22, 2015** – Providence Marriott Downtown, Providence, RI
- **November 17, 2015** – JW Marriott Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN
- **March 2016** – To be determined

**MINUTES
POLICY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD ON AGRICULTURE ASSEMBLY**

**Embassy Suites Napa Valley
Napa, California**

March 31, 2015

ACTIONS TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN (person(s) responsible):

- Approved, as distributed, the minutes of the November 4, 2014 meeting and conference call on February 11, 2015
- Adopted a motion unanimously to move forward with the election to amend the BAA *Rules of Operation* to make the following change and to circulate the rationale for the vote to the BAA voting delegates:

Current

Section 1. These *Rules of Operation* may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the voting representatives to the Assembly, provided the proposed changes have been presented to the Assembly at least thirty (30) days prior to the voting.

Proposed

Section 1. These *Rules of Operation* may be amended by a two-thirds majority of affirmative votes cast, provided that more than fifty (50) percent of all eligible votes are cast, and the proposed changes have been presented to the Assembly at least thirty (30) days prior to the voting. (*Gouge*)

- Reviewed and confirmed the appointments and assignments of the various directors as follows:
 - APLU Annual Meeting – Tim L. Cross
 - Assessments – Jay T. Akridge/Beverly R. Durgan
 - Budget and Advocacy Committee – Steven A. Slack
 - CARET – Barbara Allen-Diaz/Jay T. Akridge
 - CFERR – Barbara Allen-Diaz/Jay T. Akridge
 - Committee on Legislation and Policy – Gretchen C. Neisler
 - Food Systems Leadership Institute – Barbara Allen-Diaz/Jay T. Akridge
- Reviewed the succession plan for the BAA Policy Board of Directors and BAA when BAA Policy Board of Directors Chair Barbara Allen-Diaz retires on June 30, 2015:
 - Jay T. Akridge become BAA Policy Board Chair on July 1, 2015
 - Beverly R. Durgan will become the Chair Elect Director on July 1, 2015

- AHS Executive Committee will bring forth a list of two names for the Chair Elect Director at the July 2015 BAAPBD Meeting which will be voted upon by the BAA Policy Board of Directors
 - Alan L. Grant and Orlando F. McMeans will assume the positions of BAA Budget Committee and Advocacy Committee Chair and Advocacy Chair respectively on July 1, 2015
- Received an invitation from outgoing Chair Barbara Allen-Diaz to visit her in Oregon
- Received a report on the 2015 BAA assessments –
 - assessments collections are currently on track and second notices will be distributed shortly with follow-up communications being sent by e-mail
 - there may be a greater readiness to pay assessment invoices since the eXtension line has been removed from the invoices
 - with the exception of Northern Marianas College, all of the 2014 assessments were paid
 - some institutions are threatening not to pay their 2015 assessments and/or regional dues, so the BAA Policy Board of Directors needs to keep the value of the BAA programs in front of all of the AHS members (*Maw*)
- Requested that the BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee (BAC) place on their agenda and discuss clarification of the Crop Protection/Integrated Pest Management line noting that a \$3 million increase would cover the reduction in funding and indirect costs expense; it was suggested that language in the appropriations bill with the help of Cornerstone Government Affairs might be helpful; and, it was suggested that a small group from ESCOP and ECCOP sit down with the BAC to resolve the issue; Steve Slack agreed to work with Jay Akridge and Alan Grant on the broader issue (*Slack, Akridge, and Grant*)
- Received a report that the BAA loan to LEAD-21 had been paid in full; the LEAD-21 contract with the University of Georgia terminates at the end of the year, and a new request for proposals will be released (the University of Georgia will not be a bidder)
- Received a report on the BAA futuring effort and the exercise launched by APLU to look at food security through 2050 which will be chaired by North Carolina State University Chancellor William R. Woodson; the APLU initiative will be a cover a broad sector focusing on programmatic and operational needs and will span a least one year (outside funding may be sought); and, the BAA futuring effort is on hold since it will be part of the APLU initiative
- Received updates from the Antimicrobial Resistance Task Force and the ***Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People*** Initiative
- Agreed that a process document was needed for the BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee and that this issue should be placed on the agenda of the National Multistate Coordinating Committee for drafting such a document (*Maw*)

- Agreed that there should be frequent triggers that direct people to the BAA portion of the APLU website (*Gouge*)
- Requested that the BAA Policy Board of Directors Chair transmit, with a cover letter, the global *Message Testing Report* to the Board on Agriculture Assembly, USDA REE Under Secretary Catherine E. Woteki, and NIFA Director Sonny Ramaswamy (*Allen-Diaz*)
- Adopted unanimously a motion approving the proposal from the CARET Executive Committee to have two CARET liaisons appointed to serve the Minority-Serving Institutions – one for the 1890 Institutions and one for the 1994 institutions
- Adopted unanimously a recommendation from the BAA Committee on Legislation and Policy (CLP) to pursue legislation to award U. S. Senator Justin Smith Morrill the Congressional Gold Medal; the CLP should work with Cornerstone Government Affairs, APLU, APLU’s Council on Governmental Affairs, and Dr. Roger D. Sharpe to accomplish this goal (*Cornerstone Government Affairs and Gouge*)
- Received a report on the pending infrastructure survey – good participation from the 1862 institutions (all are participating but the American Samoa Community College and the University of the District of Columbia), 1890 institutions (all are participating), and 1994 institutions (13 are participating)
- Received a written report (see attachment) from Eddie Gouge relating to the status of the election for the 2016 BAA Policy Board of Directors (*Gouge*)
- Discussed plans for the upcoming Joint COPs Meeting in Providence, RI on July 20-22, 2015
- Discussed ideas for the BAA meetings at the APLU Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, IN, and those potential themes included:
 - a unified message
 - status of the BAA initiatives and futuring
 - the land-grant position on genetically-modified organisms
 - 125th anniversary of the 1890 institutions
- Adopted unanimously a motion to have Ian Maw discuss with APLU efforts being undertaken to preserve the history of the BAA and CARET and to report back to the BAA Policy Board of Directors on what APLU is doing/will do to ensure the preservation of the BAA’s history
- Received a report on the various activities (Convocation, Exhibition, and etc.) being planned for the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the 1890 institutions in July 2015

- Confirmed the future meeting dates of the BAAPBD as:
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- Adopted unanimously a motion thanking BAA Chair Barbara Allen-Diaz for her outstanding leadership as chair of the BAA and wishing her the best in her upcoming retirement

The following members/staff were present: **Barbara Allen-Diaz** (Chair), *University of California Systemwide*; **Jay T. Akridge** (Chair Elect), *Purdue University*; **L. Cameron Faustman** (Academic Programs Alternate), *University of Connecticut*; **Tim L. Cross** (Cooperative Extension), *University of Tennessee, Knoxville*; **Steven A. Slack** (Experimental Station), *The Ohio State University*; **Gretchen C. Neisler** (International Agriculture), *Michigan State University*; **Shirley Hymon-Parker** (1890 Institutions), *North Carolina A&T State University*; **Terry J. Tatsey** (1994 Land-Grant Institutions), *Blackfeet Community College*; **Karen Jones** (APLU Non-Land-Grant Institutions Alternate), *Southern Illinois University Carbondale*; **Robert W. Godfrey** (Insular/Territorial Institutions), *University of the Virgin Islands*; **Ian L. Maw**, *APLU*; **Eddie G. Gouge**, *APLU*; **Jane Schuchardt**, *ECOP Staff*; **Wendy Fink**, *ACOP Staff*; **Eric Young**, *ESCOP Staff*; and, **Carolyn B. Brooks**, *1890 Institutions Staff*.

The following members/staff were absent: **Linda C. Martin** (Academic Programs), *The Ohio State University* and **Timothy N. Burcham** (APLU Non-Land-Grant Institutions), *Arkansas State University*.