

**Board on Agriculture Assembly**  
**1890 Universities Report to Policy Board of Directors**

**PBD Member: Shirley Hymon-Parker Reporting Period November 2014 - March 2015 AEA Section Chair :Mark Latimore  
ARD Section Chair: James Garner**

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

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The ARD met in DC on March 11-13 <sup>th</sup> to meet with Congressional champion to discuss the advocacy initiatives planned for the 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Tours were also taken at the Jefferson Building and Madison Building of the Library of Congress as these will be the locations for the July, 2015 events in DC (the exhibition and reception and the convocation)		X	X	X	
<b>Budget and Advocacy</b> AEA and ARD continue to work with the BAC. We are pleased to report that President Obama’s 2016 budget proposal included an increase for the core programs in research and Extension at the 1890 land-grant universities. The proposed increases appear to be sufficient enough to accommodate the addition of Central State University as an 1890 land-grant university without adversely impacting the current funding being allocated to the existing 1890 institutions.		X	X	X	X
The 1890 Universities have now established a new website – <a href="http://www.1890universities.org">www.1890universities.org</a> . It is continuously being updated and strengthened. It will serve as a collaborative website that markets and brands the 1890s. The ARD continues to communicate with the 1890 universities through its website and its monthly newsletter, the <i>ARD Updates</i> . The ARD website is primarily a functional site and can be immediately updated through the ARD Executive Director.  The new 1890 website has been lacking the link to on-line giving and it is hoped that link is functional soon. Donors can give to the 1890 Justin Morrill Scholarship fund – scholarships for 1890 university students majoring in the food and agricultural sciences.		X	X		
<b>The ARD continues in the financial support of consortia and seed grants.</b> The Food Safety consortium, funded by the ARD, was awarded a Capacity Building Grant from NIFA in the area of food safety for \$600,000. This new food safety team will host a mini symposium at ARS in Beltsville, MD on April 1 – 3, 2015 and conclude with a meeting of the ARD as they discuss the procedure to be used to fund the next ARD consortium and how to facilitate the sustainability of the Food Safety consortium.		X	X		

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<p>At least eighty impact statements are now posted on the ARD website, and a second batch will be posted by the end of the year; there is a link to them also on the new 1890 website. An ARD review team reported on the quality and content of the posted impact statements with recommendations for improvement. Their comments mirrored those of Bart Hewitt of NIFA who also gave an impact report presentation for the directors when they were in DC.</p>		X	X	X	X
<p><b>ECOP Chair 2015 and spring meeting and ESCOP Chair-Elect and ESS fall meeting</b> Delbert T. Foster, Vice President, Land-Grant Services and Executive Director of 1890 Programs, South Carolina State University, assumed the role of Chair of ECOP for 2015. Dr. Shirley Hymon-Parker, Associate Dean for Research at NC A&amp;T State University assumed the role of chair-elect of ESS and ESCOP and accordingly provides the leadership for the ARD to host the 2015 ESS/SAES/ARD meeting September 28 – October 1, 2015. The meeting will be held at the Ballantyne Hotel in Charlotte, NC.</p>		X	X	X	X
<p><b>2015 – 2017 Officers for the Association of Extension Administrators and Association of Research Directors</b> Mark Latimore, Administrator, Fort Valley State University has been elected as chair of AEA; Carolyn Williams, Associate Administrator at Prairie View A&amp;M, Chair-elect; Albert Essel, Associate Dean, Delaware State University, Treasurer; and Vonda Richardson, Associate Administrator, Florida A&amp;M University, Secretary. Delbert T. Foster, will serve a two-year term as the immediate past chair of AEA.</p> <p>James Garner, Dean and Director at Fort Valley State University was elected to serve as chair of ARD. Govind Kannan, dean and director at Fort Valley State Univ. is chair-elect; Moses Kairo, chair and director at the Univ. of MD Eastern Shore is secretary; Conrad Bonsi, Associate Research Director at Tuskegee University is treasurer; and Shirley Hymon-Parker continues to serve on the ARD Exec. Committee in the role of immediate past chair.</p>		X	X	X	X
<p><b>Association of Association of Extension Administrators 2015 Winter Meeting</b> The AEA met in Washington, DC on January 26-29, 2015. The meeting focused on interacting with partners at the federal level. Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy and Dr. Bob Holland were two of the featured speakers. The administrators heard from several National Program Leaders within NIFA and from Vernie Hubert, Cornerstone Governmental Affairs Group. The administrators also discussed issues and challenges impacting state funding for their institutions.</p>		X	X		X

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<p><b>1890 Excellence in Extension Award Program</b> The applications for the 2015 1890 Excellence in Extension Award are due May 1, 2015. Applications will be accepted in each of the four major program areas. The award is designed to recognize those Extension professionals who have developed innovative programs that have had significant impact on the clients and the communities being served. The regional winner will submit his/her application for consideration for the National Excellence in Extension Award in June.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>			<p align="center">X</p>
<p><b>The New eXtension</b> Most of the 1890 land-grant universities have become members of the new eXtension. Some chose to become premium members while others chose the basic membership. Vernon Jones, Associate Dean, Langton University, was elected to serve on the eXtension Board of Directors.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>			<p align="center">X</p>
<p><b>Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) - Board on Human Sciences (BoHS) Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People Initiative</b> Celvia E. Stovall, Associate Director, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Alabama A&amp;M University, is one of the steering committee members representing ECOP and Shirley Hymon-Parker, Associate Dean for Research at NC A&amp;T University is an ESCOP representative.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>		<p align="center">X</p>
<p>The 1890s continue to support leadership programs and are increasing the numbers continuously of those participating in LEAD21 and FSLI.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>		<p align="center">X</p>
<p>The ARD has acquired the IRS status of a 501c3 organization which will be helpful in seeking funding for collaborative initiatives.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>		

BAA Section Planned New Activities				
<p><b>125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Second Morrill Act</b></p> <p>The signature events will be held in Library of Congress buildings in Washington, DC in 2015. There will be exhibits on the Hill, hearing(s) and the signing of a proclamation by the House Agriculture Committee are proposed, and there will be a convocation. These events have been scheduled for July 15-16, 2015 while Congress is in session. We will also have a national “1890 Day” celebrated on all 1890 campuses and extended into state counties with the assistance of Extension on April 23, 2015. Other events celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary can be found in the calendar of events on the 1890 website, <a href="http://www.1890universities.org">www.1890universities.org</a>. Proceeds from the wellness walk on April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be for the development of Justin Morrill Endowed Scholarships for individual campuses and funds raised on the website will be distributed to the campuses for scholarships for students majoring in the food and agricultural sciences.</p> <p>The official kick-off of the celebration was held at the 2014 APLU Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL. Presentations and/ or activities to highlight the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary have been held at the SAAS in Atlanta, GA on February 1<sup>st</sup>, JCEP Leadership Conference in Las Vegas in February, The 2015 CARET Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, and the National EFNEP Coordinators’ Conference in Washington, DC. The land-grant family, the 1890 partners and sections of APLU have offered to participate with us and support us and thus we look forward to a celebratory year inclusive of the entire land-grant family.</p> <p>The traveling exhibit is being developed by 1890 teams and will move from federal building to federal building throughout 2015.</p> <p>A 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration ad was been developed and submitted to be displayed in the special USDA insert that comes out in <i>USA Today</i> in late March.</p>	X	X		