

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

PBD Member Timothy N. Burcham (Arkansas State) **Reporting Period** March - November 2014 **Section Chair** Don Topliff (West Texas A&M)

(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 McIntire-Stennis funding.		X	X	X	
Strengthen stature of NARRU and activate membership.		X	X		X
Enhance relationships with APLU Staff		X	X	X	X
Support LEAD21: one member serving on board		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: One member on ACOP and one member serving on APS program committee.		X	X		X
Expand Collaborations between NARRU members and the APLU family		X	X	X	X

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