

**Policy Board of Directors  
Board on Agriculture Assembly**

**AGENDA**

**Presiding: Jay T. Akridge**  
*Chair, BAA Policy Board of Directors and  
Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture  
Purdue University*

**L. Mahncke Room  
Sheraton Gunter Hotel  
San Antonio, Texas**

**1:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
July 20, 2016**

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<b>12:00 Noon</b> <i>T. C. Baker</i>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>	Jay T. Akridge
	<b>Welcome to Members and Guest</b>	Jay T. Akridge
	<b>Review of the Agenda</b>	Jay T. Akridge
	<b>Approval of March 22, 2016 and May 6, 2016 Minutes</b>	Jay T. Akridge
	<b>Action Items and Remarks by the Chair -- Verbal</b>	Jay T. Akridge
	<b>NIFA Update</b>	Sonny Ramaswamy
	<b>Budget and Advocacy Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update on Appropriations</li></ul>	Clarence E. Watson Alan L. Grant
	<b>Committee on Legislation and Policy</b>	Gregory A. Bohach Ian L. Maw

<b>Communications and Marketing</b>	Ian L. Maw Jane Schuchardt
<b>BAA and CARET Assessments and Budget Update</b>	Mark A. Hussey Ian L. Maw
<b>Update on BAA Initiatives –</b>	
• <b>Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People</b>	Eric Young Eddie G. Gouge
• <b>Antimicrobial Resistance Task Force</b>	Ian L. Maw Eddie G. Gouge
• <b>Deferred Maintenance</b>	Mark A. Hussey Ian L. Maw
• <b>Food Security Initiative</b>	Jay T. Akridge
<b>Revision to the BAA Process for Advancing New Initiatives</b>	Jay T. Akridge
<b><i>BAA Rules of Operation</i></b>	Jay T. Akridge
• Issue of Assessment Non-payment	
• Integration of Canadian/Mexican Members	
<b>BAAPBD Plan of Work 2016-2021</b> (Report from the Sections on changes/updates)	All
• BAAPBD Reporting Form	
<b>Other Advocacy Initiatives and the Unified Message</b>	Jay T. Akridge Gregory A. Bohach
<b>Joint COPs Meeting Follow Up</b>	All
• Public value statement	
• NIFA Partnership	
<b>Report on the CARET Strategic Plan</b>	Jay T. Akridge
<b>APLU 2016 Annual Meeting</b>	Ian L. Maw
<b>LEAD21 Contract</b>	Ian L. Maw
<b>FSLI Report</b>	R. Elaine Turner
• Executive Director’s Search	
<b>2017 Election of Board Members</b>	Eddie G. Gouge
<b>Section Reports (<i>written reports provided and oral reports to highlight items of systemwide interest</i>)</b>	All

**Other Business**

**5:00 p.m.**

**ADJOURN**

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- **November 15, 2016 – J.W. Marriott Austin, Austin, TX**
- **March 2017 – To be determined**
- **July 19, 2017 – Alberta, Canada**
- **November 14, 2017 – Washington Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, DC**

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

**Sheraton Gunter Hotel  
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**ACTIONS TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN (person(s) responsible):**

- Approved the meeting agenda (as amended)
- Approved, as distributed, the minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting and May 6, 2016 conference call
- Received a report from Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy on the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), U. S. Department of Agriculture –
  - the Fiscal Year 2017 agricultural appropriations bill has cleared the House and Senate Appropriations Committee but no action has been taken on the measure on by either chamber; there probably will be a continuing resolution; and, NIFA’s request of \$1.38 billion was similar to the recommendations of the Board on Agriculture Assembly
  - USDA has formed a group to start looking at the Farm Bill reauthorization, and they will be looking at:
    - enhancing funding for land-grant universities and other entities (additional support for capacity programs and fully funding the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) at \$700 million – NIFA can only fund 10% of the proposals submitted now)
    - making procedures simpler
    - serving underserved audiences more effectively (e.g. EFNEP for Native Americans)
  - USDA has established a working group in relation to the transition that will occur after the 2016 elections
  - Meryl Broussard will represent NIFA on the infrastructure task force
- Requested that Eddie Gouge provide the BAA Policy Board of Directors with a copy of the Hunting, Education, and Recreational Development (HEARD) Act (H. R. 5836) (*Gouge*)
- Requested that the BAA Policy Board of Directors be added to the distribution list to receive the quarterly reports of the Communications and Marketing Committee (*Maw, Gouge, Rhodes*)

- Adopted a motion to approve in concept the implementation plan of the Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People Implementation Team
- Adopted a motion to revise the BAA process for advancing new initiatives (see attachment on the website)
- Requested that the issue of integrating the Canadian and Mexican members into the BAA be placed on the November agenda for the Policy Board of Directors (*Maw and Gouge*)
- Requested that the status of the 1994 institutions be placed on the November agenda for the Policy Board of Directors (*Maw and Gouge*)
- Discussed revising the ***Plan of Work*** for the Policy Board of Directors and asked each Section member to discuss the proposed revisions with their respective Sections and bring back any suggestions to the November meeting of the Policy Board of Directors (*all members*)
- Requested that Wendy Fink establish a small working group to review and polish the nine public value statements developed during the Joint COPs Meeting and bring the finish work product back to the November meeting of the Policy Board of Directors and to share the finalized statements with the Communications and Marketing Committee after the Policy Board of Directors' review (*Fink*)
- Received an update regarding CARET's effort to revise their ***Strategic Plan*** and learned that the focus areas will be:
  - advocacy effectiveness
  - strengthening CARET's relationship with the Administrative Heads Section and the Board on Agriculture Assembly
  - engagement with partners and potential partners
- Deferred taking action on a request from the Food Systems Leadership Institute to institute and fund one of more fellowships to their program
- Requested that the issue of student/faculty retention in order to maintain diversity be placed on the agenda for the November meeting of the BAA Policy Board of Directors (*Turner, Fink, Maw, and Gouge*)
- Adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

The following members/staff were present: **Jay T. Akridge** (Chair), *Purdue University*; **Mark A. Hussey** (Chair Elect), *Texas A&M University System*; **R. Elaine Turner** (Academic Programs), *University of Florida*; **Daryl D. Buchholz** (Cooperative Extension), *Kansas State University*; **Clarence E. Watson** (Experiment Station), *University of Arkansas*; **J. Ernest Minton**, (Experiment Station Alternate), *Kansas State University*; **Tom Gill** (International Programs Alternate), *University of Tennessee, Knoxville*; **Mark Latimore, Jr.** (1890 Institutions),

*Fort Valley State University; **Cindy L. Akers** (APLU Non-Land-Grant Institutions), *Texas Tech University*; **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, **L. Washington Lyons**, *1890 Institutions Staff*.*

**The following member/staff were absent: Gretchen C. Neisler** (International Agriculture), *Michigan State University*.