

BAA and CARET Assessments	Mark A. Hussey Ian L. Maw
Budget and Advocacy Committee	Clarence E. Watson
Committee on Legislation and Policy	Mark Latimore, Jr.
FSLI/LEAD 21 Report	R. Elaine Turner
Update on the APLU Water Initiative	Jay T. Akridge
Report on the BAA/APLU Futuring Effort	Ian L. Maw
Report on the Antimicrobial Task Force	Ian L. Maw
Update on the Infrastructure Survey Facilities Survey	Ian L. Maw
2016 Election of 2017 Board Members and Electronic Voting	Eddie G. Gouge
Report on the <i>Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People</i> Initiative	Jay T. Akridge
Healthy Forests	Wendy Fink
Diversity	Wendy Fink
Engaging champions for the land-grant university agricultural research, education, and Extension programs (e.g. Howard Buffet)	Jane Schuchardt

12:00 Noon

LUNCH

Review the Strategic Plan of Work (2011-2016) and reporting forms for the Policy Board of Directors	All
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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 2016 Annual Meeting R. Elaine Turner
• Structure of the BAA Business Meeting Ian L. Maw

March 2017 BAAPBD Meeting Location Jay T. Akridge

Section Reports (*written reports provided and oral reports to highlight items of systemwide interest*) All

Other Business

5:00 p.m. **ADJOURN**

6:00 p.m. **DINNER**

The group will go to a local restaurant for dinner.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

- **July 20, 2016 – Sheraton Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, TX**
- **November 15, 2016 – JW Marriott, Austin, TX**
- **March 2017 – To be determined**
- **November 14, 2017, Washington Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, DC**

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

**Sheraton Gunter Hotel
San Antonio, Texas**

March 22, 2016

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

- Approved, as distributed, the minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting and the conference call on February 16, 2016
- Agreed that APLU should not invoice American Samoa and the Northern Marianas for their 2016 BAA assessments due to typhoon damage sustained at both locations (*Maw*)
- Amended and adopted the recommendation from the BAA Committee on Legislation and Policy in regard to the land-grant document (see attachment); the amendment

Over the last 150 years, Land-Grant Universities (LGUs) have transformed the United States. There have been calls in recent years to expand the LGU system. Before considering such an expansion, it is critical to better understand the historical context of LGUs and the challenges they are facing today.

The current LGUs comprise a Congressionally-mandated, mature nationwide network of institutions with shared identities and funding partnerships (federal, state, and local). Their mission is to provide research, teaching, and Extension education to benefit the U.S. public. Over time, LGUs' resources have transitioned to more fully serve new populations and implement programmatic efforts to address societal challenges unforeseen when LGUs' missions were codified.

In order to address traditional issues, as well as new global challenges, adequate resources are needed to support the current LGUs. Any expansion of the current LGU network would dilute existing financial support. The current level of support of LGUs and their distinctive nature and history would argue against such an expansion. Therefore, the Board on Agriculture Assembly at APLU opposes such an expansion.

- Approved transferring up to \$15,000 from the BAA accounts at APLU into the Antimicrobial Resistance Initiative account to help cover the costs for the salary of the Initiative's Director, Dr. Chase Crawford (*Maw*)
- Approved expending BAA funds for Balloteer Vote Online to conduct the 2017 election of the BAA Policy Board of Directors (*Gouge*)

- Requested that the BAA Committee on Legislation and Policy (CLP) of a non-land-grant institution (*Maw, Bohach, Cornerstone Government Affairs*)
- Discussed the current Plan of Work (POW) for the BAA Policy Board of Directors (see attached) as well as other key issues/opportunities facing BAA-member institutions and agreed to ask each of the BAA sections to review the current POW, discuss the POW at the Joint COPs Meeting in July, and finalize a new POW for the Policy Board at the APLU Annual Meeting in November
- Discussed developing a public value statement for the BAA and agreed to review feedback/input from the 2015 Joint COPs Meeting and develop a plan for completing a public value statement
- Agreed to honor USDA's Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, Dr. Catherine E. Woteki, during the BAA Business Meeting at the APLU Annual Meeting in Austin, TX

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), *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, **Carolyn B. Brooks**, *1890 Institutions Staff*.

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