

# AGENDA

## 2017 Policy Board of Directors Board on Agriculture Assembly

Conference Call  
7:00 a.m. (EDT)  
September 27, 2017

### Jay T. Akridge, Chair

*Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity  
Purdue University*

- Call to Order Jay T. Akridge
- Roll Call Eddie G. Gouge
- Letter from Supporters for Agricultural Research (SoAR) Jay T. Akridge

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

- Received background and additional information on the opportunity from the Supporters of Agricultural Research (SoAR) for the APLU Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) to join as a co-signer of their letter supporting agricultural research
- Conducted an extensive discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of signing onto the SoAR letter
- Agreed to the following –
  - to solicit input from the various sections of the BAA and request feedback by September 29, 2017 (*All*)
  - to sign the SoAR letter under its current timeline would not be possible out of respect for the BAA processes in place
  - to create a supportive letter from the BAA that would not lock the BAA into supporting some of the positions in the SoAR letter that are counter to the positions being advocated by the BAA
  - to have Chairman Akridge contact Tim Fink, SoAR's Director of Research and Policy Analysis and inform him of the BAA's action (*Akridge*)
- Requested that Eddie Gouge distribute the current draft of the SoAR letter and accompanying document to the BAA (*Gouge*)
- Adjourned the conference call at 7:38 a.m. (EDT)

**The following members/staff participated in the conference call:** **Jay T. Akridge** (Chair), *Purdue University*; **Mark A. Hussey** (Chair-elect), *Texas A&M University*; **R. Elaine Turner** (Academic Programs Section), *University of Florida*; **Douglas L. Steele** (Cooperative Extension Section), *Texas A&M University*; **Gretchen C. Neisler** (International Agriculture Section), *Michigan State University*; **Mark Latimore, Jr.** (1890 Land-Grant Universities), *Fort Valley State*; **Robert W. Godfrey** (Insular/Territorial Institutions), *University of the Virgin Islands*; **Mark J. Cochran** (Chair-elect Alternate), *University of Arkansas*; **Ian L. Maw**, *APLU*; **Eddie G. Gouge**, *APLU*; **Richard M. Klemme**, *Cooperative Extension Staff*; and, **Eric Young**, *ESCOPE Staff*;

**The following members/staff were absent:** **Gary A. Thompson** (Experiment Station Section), *The Ohio State University*; **Cindy L. Akers** (APLU Non-Land-Grant Institutions), *Texas Tech University*; and, **Wendy Fink**, *APLU*.