


**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Policy Board of Directors, Board on Agriculture Assembly

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**DATE:** March 21, 2018

**SUBJECT:** **2019 BAAPBD Election**

The following sections will have candidates on the ballot for the upcoming election for the 2019 Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) Policy Board of Directors (PBD):

**Chair Elect** – there is no incumbent in this position

**Experiment Station** – Gary A. Thompson is eligible to seek re-election

**International Agriculture** – Gretchen C. Neisler is ineligible to see re-election

**Insular/Territories** – Robert W. Godfrey is ineligible to seek re-election

Each section is responsible for submitting the names of two candidates for their respective directorship, and the names should be submitted to me by **JUNE 29, 2018**.

Last year, the BAA elections were conducted electronically. **Balloteer Vote Online** (Telusys, Inc.) in Addison, IL has assisted the BAA in conducting elections since 2017. The final cost was \$754.95 (allowing up to 5,000 votes to be and where the vendor fully manages the election). This vendor has been able to set up the database where our voters can cast more than one vote (some voters may cast up to as many as five separate votes). The BAA Policy Board of Directors needs to decide if the Board on Agriculture Assembly will continue with the current contractor or pursue another avenue for the 2019 elections.