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Board on Agriculture Assembly
Guidelines for the Approval of Advocacy Proposals or Initiatives

Sections or committees within the BAA

1. Federal funding proposals need to originate within the section or a standing section committee:
   
   1. For ESCOP and ECOP that would be the Budget and Legislative Committee.
   
   2. For IAS, AHS, APS sections that would be within the section.
   
   3. Proposals are then submitted to the BAC for their review and recommendation to the PBD,

2. PBD makes the final decision if the proposal becomes a part of the BAA advocacy efforts.

Boards with Commission on Food, Environment and Renewable Resources (CFERR)

(Board on Oceans, Atmosphere, and Climate [BOAC]; Board on Human Sciences [BoHS]; Board on Veterinary Medicine [BVM]; Board on Natural Resources [BNR])

1. Boards under CFERR have their own advocacy process, but should:
   
   1. Communicate with BAC priority funding issues.
   
   2. Actively participate on the BAC for consistency in messaging and advocacy strategy.
   
   3. Not be in direct competition or adversely impact BAA advocacy priorities.

2. For funding requests within USDA, REE and NIFA:
   
   1. If/when there is the likelihood of overlapping Appropriations Committee jurisdictions, communicate with BAC priority funding issues and consistent messaging.
   
   2. Work closely with the BAC to develop win-win advocacy priorities that keep APLU Boards from competing against one another.

There are no restrictions in the BAA Rules of Operation on electronic voting. Each board/section needs to determine a method whereby submissions can be quickly evaluated and either denied or approved and moved forward in the process for final decisions to be made in a timely manner, depending on the urgency of the request.