

**Board on Agriculture Assembly  
NARRU Report to Policy Board of Directors**

**PBD Member** Cindy Akers (Texas Tech University) **Reporting Period** June 2015 – November 2015 **Section Chair** Don Topliff (Angelo State)

(Please check the BAA-PBD Goals that each activity directly addresses.)

<b>BAA Section Activities</b> (Briefly describe activities since previous reporting period)	<b>*Goals</b>	<b>Emerging Issues and Future Directions</b>	<b>Resource Advocacy</b>	<b>Farm Bill and Legislative Action</b>	<b>System Integration</b>
Advocate for appropriations for NLGCA capacity building grants. Inform key governmental leadership about the importance of NARRU institutions. Continuing effort was made to connect with administrative branch of the government to build appreciation for the contributions of our universities to education, research and outreach.		X	X	X	
Continued advocacy and support for issues related to the Farm Bill and the Budget and Advocacy Committee (BAC). Effort was focused on revise language in the Farm Bill to clarify disqualification of NARRU institutions based on their classification as HSACUs or receipt of McIntyre-Stennis funding.		X	X	X	
Strengthen stature of NARRU and activate membership: A number of NARRU members participated in the Joint APS/NARRU Workshop during Spring Meetings in Washington DC.		X	X		X
Enhance relationships with APLU Staff: NARRU membership continues to foster productive dialog with APLU staff members (Ian Maw, Eddie, Gouge, and Wendy Fink).		X	X	X	X
Enhance member benefits: website, annual conference, professional development, funding opportunities and networking.		X	X	X	X
Engage membership in implementing the NARRU Strategic Plan: We had record attendance at the annual meeting in October. NLGCA grant recipients held PI meetings during the annual meeting.		X	X	X	X
Tim Burcham is serving on the BAA Futuring Task Force Committee. Many NARRU institutions participated in the infrastructure survey. Cindy Akers participated in the Joint COPS meeting on “Developing a Unified Message”		X	X	X	X

\*Please see the attached 2007-2012 BAA-PBD Plan of Work Goals and Actions for more information on goals.