

BAA Policy Board of Directors Report
Jackson Lake Lodge Hole, Moran, WY
September 20, 2016

1. Assessments
 - 1994's are not members of APLU as of last year; efforts are underway to renew the relationship
 - All assessments in except partial payment by University of Arizona
 - Administrative Heads Section Executive Committee plans to recommends a change in the Rules of Operation so that if an institution is delinquent on any of its assessments, they will be banned from all BAA and Section activities
 - Administrative Heads Section will vote to change their Rules first and then consider changing the Board on Agriculture Assembly Rules
2. Budget and Advocacy Committee
 - Met by phone prior to AHS/CARET meeting in March and recommended priorities of:
 - \$700 Million for AFRI, the full authorized level
 - 6% increase in capacity lines
 - Work to restore lines cut in President's budget, particularly eXtension and non-Land-grant Universities
 - Budgets passed by House and Senate committees were most of what BAC asked for
 - FY'18 budget discussion will start in November '17
3. Committee on Legislation and Policy
 - Conference call in early March
 - Approved amended statement of short version of position statement on further expansion of the LGU system to Policy Board of Directors for adoption
 - Farm Bill timeline - handout
 - Update given during Joint COPS session
 - Received input from ECOP and ESCOP with limited response from other Board on Agriculture Assembly sections
 - Legislation is being introduced that would direct sale of Bureau of Land Management surplus land and distribute funds, with 25% going to Land Grant Universities in state, 50% to Federal, 10% to county
4. ESS-CES-AHS Communication and Marketing
 - Quarterly report summaries will be sent out for distribution to Deans and Directors by regional Executive Directors and Administrators.
 - Communication and Marketing is going to engage more with campus communicators
 - Will work to try to determine better what the impacts are of this effort
5. LEAD 21
 - New LEAD21 class starts in June, class is full and program is doing well financially
 - Renewed contract for LEAD21 at University of Georgia as 3-year rolling contract
6. Food System Leadership Institute (FSLI)
 - FSLI also doing well, next class starting this fall
 - FSLI endowment has been established

- Marshall Stewart is stepping down as Director
 - Considering how to fill that, may go to a different model
 - Will be decided at October meeting
 - Requested Policy Board of Directors to re-establish FSLA fellowships
 - Wait to see what the next FSLI budget looks like before deciding
7. Water Initiative
- Jay Akridge met with Meryl Broussard at AHS/CARET meeting in DC
 - NIFA is putting together an internal group to coordinate water funding across programs
 - Smithsonian wants to partner with Land Grant University's in their Museums on Main Street initiative to take museums to small towns. This program rotates among locations around the country and will run for 6 years. There may be an opportunity to highlight water, as well as other LGU programs.
8. APLU Futuring
- 2050 Commission received \$500,000 from Kellogg Foundation to fund the *Challenge of Change: Engaging Public Universities to Feed the World* Focus will be on food and nutrition security
 - Membership has been named; Randy Woodson, NCSU, is chair
 - Working groups have been formed that include many faculty and key stakeholders
9. Antimicrobial Task Force
- Workshop in February sponsored by Farm Foundation
 - Report by May 1 on recommendations to move forward
 - Need to establish an organization at a Land Grant University that can coordinate funding in this area
 - Funding will be needed from sections (\$7,000) and Board on Agriculture Assembly (\$15,000) to retain Dr. Chase Crawford at APLU as Director of the Antimicrobial Resistance Initiative through 2016. May seek matching funds from the Foundation for Food and Agricultural Research.
 - This is urgent since new vet laws go into effect December 16, 2016
 - Motion to allocate \$15,000 from Board on Agriculture Assembly budget for this purpose - approved
10. Infrastructure Study
- Funding strategy committee has been appointed to look at funding solutions, Tom Coon, OK State, is chair
 - There is interest on the Hill for funding this, but timing is not good
 - Funding Strategy Committee met in D.C. on May 11
11. Draft report on strategy has been sent out for comments Policy Board of Directors Elections
- On line elections will be managed by Balloteer Vote Online (cost \$755) – approved by PBD
12. Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People Initiative
- Officially transmitted to REE & NIFA in January
 - Implementation budget group has been appointed, Rick Mertens, TAMU government affairs officer, is chair

- Budget recommendations discussed at the Joint COPS meeting
 - PBD voted to endorse the draft funding implementation plan presented during the joint COPS session
 - Specific strategies are being discussed with NIFA and other funding agencies
13. Healthy Forest Initiative
- NAUFRP has sent a letter to PBD chair indicating a desire to start an initiative on healthy forests
 - A concept presentation was given at Joint COPS
14. Canadian & Mexican Institutions
- Jay Akridge, Ian Maw, and Eddie Gouge visited with the Association of Canadian Faculties of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine
 - The Association has requested membership and it was approved by APLU Board of Directors
 - Need to figure out how to incorporate them into Board on Agriculture Assembly activities
 - Administrative Heads Section Executive Committee will have an ex-officio, non-voting member from this Association
15. Public Value Statement Follow up from Joint COPS
- A small group will work with Darren Katz to develop a PVS and do testing for effectiveness
 - Will report to Communication and Marketing Committee as it progresses
 - Should finish by January '17 in time to use with White House transition
16. CARET Strategic Plan
- Being restructured with three components
 - Advocacy and training
 - Relationship with Administrative Heads Section and Board on Agriculture Assembly
 - Engagement with partners