

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MILLS COLLEGE
Annual Meeting

May 18, 2013
2:00 PM
Danforth Lecture Hall

I. INTRODUCTION

President Jaquez-Fissori called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM.

Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Board Members Present:

President: Linda Jaquez-Fissori '92

Vice Presidents: Michelle Balovich '03 and Jennifer King'00, MA '02

Treasurer: Lucy Do '75

Members: Rina Faletti '81, Cynthia Guevara '04, Viji Nakka-Cammauf '82, Darice Balabanis MBA'08, Diane Ketelle '78, Marge Nicholson '96, Pierre Loving '77, Lillian Sahagan '10 EdD'12 MA and Laura Gobbi.

Alumna Trustees: Julia Almanzan '92, Diana Odermatt '60 and Gayle Rothrock '68

Board Members Absent:

Rita Stuckey '01 MA '05 EdD, Rebecca Freeman '13, LaKimbra Brown '10 EdD, Bianca D'Allesandro '12 EdD,.

Association Members:

Claire LeDonne '80 Kirby Hoberg '12, Susan Thomas '80, Jennifer Lin MBA '11, Sharon Tatai '80, Linda Stingily '78, Beverly Curwen '71, Katie Sanborn '83, Lynda Campfield '00, MA '02, Muffy Thorne '48, Pamela Sufi '91, Nicola Place '95, Peggy Weber '65, Xu Wang '05, Karlin Sorenson '92, Sarah Lehman '86, Theresa Schreiber '94, Kirsten Saxton '90, Karen May '86, Karen Madison '77, Lynette Williamson '72, Judy Jones '60, Jane King '42, Patricia Hall, Nicole Vermeer '11, LaTasha Warsley '10, Anita Aragon-Bowers '63, Lesli MacNeil '75, Leah MacNeil MA '51.

II. VOTE ON BY LAWS REVISIONS

A request was made by President Jaquez-Fissori to move the agenda item about the By-laws as many of the participants would have to leave the meeting early to catch flights.

A. **MOTION** by Aragon-Bowers

- a. Consent to move By-laws agenda item to immediately
- b. Seconded by King
- c. **Approved by consent to move By-laws to head of agenda**

Jaquez-Fissori provided some background on the By-laws revisions. The action started with some needed changes to the Nominating Committee rules and the decision was made to proceed to update and standardize language in the By-laws, to address the position of Regional Governor, to allow for electronic posting of Board of Governor's meeting minutes and other minutes and to allow for electronic voting for Alumnae Trustee.

A. **MOTION** by Do

- a. Move to approve changes to By-laws
- b. Seconded by Aragon-Bowers
- c. **Changes to By-laws passed with one abstention and one nay.**

III. ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 12, 2012

A. **MOTION** by King:

- a. Move to approve the minutes.
- b. Seconded by Faletti.
- c. **All approved the minutes.**

IV. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTION

Diane Ketelle

- A. The Nominating Committee recommended the following appointments for the BOG and the BOG approved this slate (effective 7/1/2013): Terms are three years.
 - a. President: Lucy Do '75
 - b. Treasurer: Susan Thomas '80.
 - c. Vice President: Viji Nakka-Cammauf '82 MA.

- d. Five New Board Members: Toni McElroy '83, Pamela Sufi '91, Marina Simenstad '68, Dawna Williams '13, and Gloria Fangon-Hitz '80.
- e. Alumna Trustee: Melissa Stevenson Dile '91.

B. Nominations and vote for the 2013-2014 Nominating Committee:

- a. The following alumnae were nominated to be members of the Nominating Committee for year 2013-2014: Viji Nakka-Cammauf '82 MA, Julia Almanzan '92, Pamela Sufi '91, LaTasha Warmsley '10, Linda Jaquez-Fissori '92, Sarah Lehman '86, Vicki Luibrand '75, Beverly Curwen '71, Karlin Sorenson '92, and Linda Stingily '78.
- b. After votes were counted, the following alumnae were chosen to be the new members of the Nominating Committee (effective 7/1/2013): Viji Nakka-Cammauf, Pamela Sufi, LaTasha Warmsley, Linda Jaquez-Fissori, Beverly Curwen, and Karlin Sorenson. The following people were chosen as alternates (in the event that one or more of the committee members are unable to fulfill their duties): Sarah Lehman, Vicki Luibrand and Linda Stingily.
- c. **MOTION** by Tatai:
 - i. Move to accept the new Nominating Committee slate.
 - ii. Thorne seconded.
 - iii. **All approved the new Nominating Committee slate for 2013-2014.**

President Jaquez-Fissori announced the new chair of the Nominating Committee is Pierre Loving '77.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Linda Jaquez-Fissori

- A. The Board of Governors (BOG) has 19 board members, and many will be terming out this year. Guevara, Faletti, Stuckey, Balovich, Jaquez-Fissori and Student Representative Rebecca Freeman.
- B. We have ten standing committees on the Board of Governors, 4 administrative (Nominating, Executive, Finance, Resource Development) and 6 program focused (Alumnae Awards, Alumnae of Color, Alumnae Student Relations, Educational Outreach, Graduate Alumnae/I, Travel) and will be adding two this next year, Branch Liaison and Communication.
 - a. Awards (chair- Jennifer King '00, MA '02): The Reunion 2012 award recipients were: Distinguished Achievement (Romeo Garcia MA '87), Outstanding Volunteer (Beverly Curwen '71), and Recent Graduate (Sharon Page-Medrich '05).

- b. Alumnae of Color (chair- Cynthia Guevara '04): Very active this year. Held a second Jazzzz @ Reinhardt event to fund the Alumnae of Color Scholarship in honor of President Decoudreaux. Surpassed its fundraising goal of \$10,000.00, increased goal to \$20,000.00 and is very nearly there.
- c. Graduate Committee (co-chairs- Rina Faletti '81 and Lillian Sahagun '10 MA '12): We have a growing graduate alumnae/i population and the BOG recognizes the need for this committee. Held a well-attended ice cream social for graduate students in April.
- d. Alumnae-Student Relations Committee (chair- Viji Nakka-Cammauf MA'82): Organized Taco Tuesday for the incoming new students, the Winter Celebration for New Alumnae, and the Pearl M Dinner, in addition focused on developing relationships with Mills International students. This year, Dawna Williams and Rebecca Freeman were the recipients of the Pearl M Award. Bags of healthy snacks were distributed to the Freshwomen during finals.
- e. Travel Committee (Chair- Lucy Do '75): This summer 20 alumnae and guests will be travelling with President Decoudreaux on a 10-day boat cruise in Russia. Other scheduled travel opportunities in 2013 and 2014 include Beijing and Shanghai, Tanzania and Kenya and the Galapagos. In addition to providing travel opportunities to alumnae, the Travel Committee provides significant operating income to the AAMC.
- f. Educational Outreach (Chair – Michelle Balovich '03) Continues to offer programming enjoyed by a wide variety of alumnae. Highlights were a cheese making workshop, the Oscars with Ken Burke, a private tour of the Jean Paul Gautier exhibits at the De Young and a co-sponsored viewing of Mrs. Brown's Beauty, a film by alumna Nancy Thompson '72.
- g. Resource Development (Chair – Jennifer King '00, MA'02) The mission of this committee is to generate operating monies for the AAMC. This year the committee focused on new AAMC merchandise and developed a eucalyptus t-shirt, note cards with campus landmarks and a tote bag.

C. AAMC Endowment

- a. If you plan to make a gift, please make sure it specifies that it is going to the AAMC Endowment Fund.
- b. Sold AAMC wares to help boost the endowment.

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Lucy Do

- A. Our income comes from interest and dividends.
- B. Fiscal year 2012-2013 budget: \$45,519.00.
- C. Fiscal year 2013-2014: \$49,200.00.
- D. We make money from selling ornaments, pins, etc. Donations to the endowment are lower this year than last, please consider making a donation.

VI. ALUMNA TRUSTEE REPORT

Julia Almanzan

- A. Rothrock will be completing her second term as Alumna Trustee. She is from Vancouver, Washington and served two terms as an Alumnae Trustee.
- B. Almanzan was reelected for a second term as Alumna Trustee. She established the Orange County Mills College Alumnae branch. She serves on the Governance Task Force, Educational Polices and Student Life Committees where she was the Vice-chair.
- C. Odermatt is from Berkeley and was a staff person at Mills during the 1970s and '80s. She serves on the Student Life, Advancement, and Enrollment Management Committees.
- D. The Strategic Planning process began in 2012 to chart the college's future. The president identified 6 imperatives for the next 3-5 years each with a component to increase enrollment and retention.
- E. Three new cabinet members welcomed. President for Finance and Administration and Treasurer Tammi Jackson, Vice President for Enrollment Management, Brian O'Rourke, Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students, Dr. Eloise Stiglitz.
- F. Mills is now just one of approximately 47 women's colleges, the student to faculty ration is 10:1, total enrollment is 1546, 949 undergraduate and 597 graduate students. Undergraduate tuition including room and board is now \$55,420.00.
- G. Many alumnae have had the pleasure of being able to meet with President Decoudreaux at any of a number of alumnae events throughout the last year.
- H. There is a renewed emphasis on international students and recruitment.
- I. Instituted Latin Honors in 2012. Faculty voted and decided to bring it to Mills.
- J. 21.4% alumnae contribution rate to the annual fund and we have till June 30th to increase this amount to the goal of 27%. Alumnae giving affects the college's ranking by U.S. News & World Report, a source many prospective students and their parents use to learn about different colleges.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. We still have time to nominate alumnae for the Alumnae Awards. Nominations are due May 24th. Fliers were distributed.
- B. Balovich invited all to attend the Hung Liu exhibit at the Oakland Museum on June 15th. The cost is \$10 to be paid at the door. June 22nd CalShakes in Orinda the Ballad of Juan Jose, AAMC subsidizing the ticket, cost is \$20.
- C. Diane Ketelle '78 and Kirsten Saxton '90 have been promoted to full professors.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:38PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesli MacNeil '75, AAMC Office Assistant