

**ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MILLS COLLEGE**  
**Annual Meeting**

May 16, 2015  
2:00 PM  
Reinhardt Alumnae House

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Vice-president Jennifer King welcomed alumnae to the annual meeting. President Lucy Do also welcomed alumnae and called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

***Board Members Present:***

President: Lucy Do '75

Vice President: Jennifer King'00, MA '02

Treasurer: Susan Thomas '80

Members: Gloria Fangon-Hitz '80, Pierre Loving '77, Lillian Sahagun '10, '12 MA, Dawna Williams '13, Marina Simenstad '68, Lynette Castille-Hall '75 and Catherine Ladnier '70.

Alumna Trustees: Melissa Stevenson Diaz '91 and Judith James '74.

***Board Members Absent:***

Viji Nakka-Cammauf '82MA, Toni McElroy '83, '05MA, '13 EdD, Darice Balabanis '08 MBA and Skylar Crownover '16, Betty Lin '99, Molly Fannon-Williams '75 and Marge Nicholson '86 MA.

***Association Members:***

Linda Stingily '78, Katie Sanborn '83, Lynda Campfield '00, MA '02, Allison Marin '12, Michelle Balovich '03, Cynthia Guevara '04, Hall '75, Lynda Campfield '00, Vicki Luibrand '75, Linda Jaquez-Fissori '92, Helen Muirhead '58, Betty Lin '00, Rachel Icaza '00, Lesli MacNeil '75, Alexis Segel '10, Myila Granberry '05, Denise Hartley '91, Karlin Sorenson '92, Lyn Flanigan '65, Nancy Sackett-Goss '90, Louise Leck '11, Leah Zippert '90, Jenn Lin '11, Leslie Woodhouse '90, Dalia Cuenca '11, Alheli Cuenca '14, Redwood Mary '04, .Linda Kay '73.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2014 ANNUAL MEETING**

President Do asked the membership to review the 2014 minutes that were provided in hard copy at the tables. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Lucy Do '75, seconded by Linda Jaquez-Fissori '92. A typographical error in the spelling of Daljit Baines on page 3 was pointed out by Lynda Campfield '00. Vote taken, minutes approved with correction to be made.

## **II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

AAMC President Lucy Do '75 provided her report in hard copy and highlighted just a few areas. There will be some personnel changes on the Board of Governors with the completion of terms for Vice-president Jennifer King '00. '02 MA, Darice Balabanis '08 MBA, Trustee Molly Fannon Williams '75, student governor Skylar Crownover '16 and faculty governor Betty Lin '99.

President Do also reported that she made an effort to travel to a number of AAMC clubs this year. She was able to visit Hawaii, New York, Chicago, Seattle and Portland as well as attend a number of holiday teas around the Bay Area. Do has Boston and DC on schedule for next year.

Do went on to report on the activities of the AAMC Committees. The Alumnae Student Relations committee starts off the year with Taco Tuesday followed by Winter Celebration, Pearl M and some International teas. This year's Pearl M recipient was Jameela Latif-Williams. This committee also provides goody bags for students during finals. The Alumnae of Color committee hosted brunch at Founder's Commons once a month, organized and hosted the Phenomenal Women of Color event with this year's recipient Estrellita Hudson Redus. The Branch-Club committee, headed by Marge Nicholson has offered a \$50 incentive to any regional club who wants to use the funds to pay for refreshments in holding a meeting. Educational Outreach has a number of events planned for the year, Dasche Cellars for wine tasting and two cooking lessons at homes of alumnae as well as the annual Cal Shakes event, this year is King Lear. Lynda Campfield is the incoming chair of the Educational Outreach committee. The Graduate committee sponsored two events to encourage participation by the growing graduate alumnae population of the Alumnae Association. Their fall event was Food for Thought and the committee served soup and cornbread to the graduates. In the spring they hosted an ice cream social. The Resource Development committee hosted an Author's Panel to celebrate the 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the AAMC. The Travel committee has made more than \$11,000 for the AAMC in travel commissions this year. There will be a Mills only trip to Italy in June 2016 with President DeCoudreaux.

Do finished with inviting all to attend brunch at Founder's Commons on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the 1990 strike with a presentation by Alexa Pagonas.

## **III. TREASURER'S REPORT**

AAMC Treasurer Susan Thomas provided her report in hard copy for the attendees. She focused on budget vs actual. The return on the investments was dismal this year and has picked up since some changes were made in where the investments were made. The contributions to the Endowment are slightly down this year to last by \$6600. The Finance Committee proposed a budget of \$46,642.59 for fiscal year '15-'16, a reduction from the \$56,000 in the prior fiscal year. Thomas felt the AAMC should mirror the best practices of the college and keep the expenses of the AAMC at a minimum.

A motion to approve the budget was made by Dwana Williams '13, seconded by Lynette Castille-Hall '75. Vote taken, motion passed unanimously.

#### **IV. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Governor Marina Simenstad introduced herself as the chair of the Nominating Committee and made announcements about the slate of new members to the Board of Governors and then called for nominations for the Nominating Committee for the '15-'16 year. Governor Pierre Loving will be taking over as chair of the committee. Nominations were as follows; Vicki Luibrand '75, Gloria Fangon-Hitz '80, Lynette Castille-Hall '75, Jennifer King '00, Marina Simenstad '68, Alheli Cuenca '14, and Jennifer Lin '11. Results were Lynette Castille-Hall '75, Jennifer King '00, Marina Simenstad '68, Alheli Cuenca '14 and Jennifer Lin '11 as member of the committee with Vicki Luibrand '75 and Gloria Fangon-Hitz '80 as alternates.

Governor Simenstad announced the election of Susan Ardisson '77 as the new Alumnae Trustee; her appointment will be 2015 to 2018. The Nominating Committee recommended the following appointments for the Board of Governors and the Board approved this slate effective 7/1/2015. Terms are three years. The three new Board Members are Dorothy Lawrence '11, Lenore Tate '74 and Athena Davis '06. Governor Loving '77 will be returning for an additional three years. Rachel Patterson, the incoming ASMC president will be the student governor, there is no faculty governor at this time. Governor Marge Nicholson will become a Vice-president on the Board.

A motion to approve the new Nominating Committee was made by Jennifer King '00 and seconded by Lillian Sahagun '10.

#### **VII TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

Trustee Melissa Stevenson Diaz '91 provided a hard copy of her report at the meeting. The report can be read on the AAMC website. The trustees are focusing hard on the strategic plan; they are looking at the structure of the curriculum to see if it can be reworked to be smarter. Focus on "zero based budgeting" as a best practice. Trustees in attendance took questions from the floor in an effort to brainstorm ideas and address concerns of alumnae.

#### **VIII BRANCH –CLUB REPORT**

Trustee Judith James reported on behalf of Marge Nicholson, the committee chair. The branches were offered an incentive of \$50 to defray costs if they wanted to host an event. Trustee James invited clubs in attendance to report on their activities.

The Palo Alto club had a report provided by Anna Henderson. They've done pot lucks and lunches, their holiday tea will be at the Art Guild this year and they are working on a new fund-raiser to replace the cottage tour. They are planning a hike at FiLoLi and their summer sendoff will be at a local park to be more of a family event.

The New York club highlights presented by Lucy Do were a chocolate factory tour and wine tasting in June 2014, their 61<sup>st</sup> annual benefit in October 2014 and a luncheon with college president Alecia Decoudreaux and AAMC president Lucy Do in February 2015.

The Marin club highlights were presented by Linda Jaquez-Fissori. They co-hosted a visit to a minor league baseball game with the San Francisco club, partnered with the North Bay club to do the summer sendoff, hosted an art history lecture with Mary Ann Milford and a cookie exchange in January as their holiday tea. They have more happy hours planned and a few other events.

The Seattle club is hosting monthly microbrew events and did a day of service at a local foodbank, which was so popular they are scheduling another. They also hosted a retirement seminar.

Trustee James reported for the DC club which hosted a reception for president DeCoudreaux and will do a new student sendoff in August. They are working on an on-line art auction.

Trustee Lyn Flanigan reported for the Hawaii club on behalf of Betty Wo. They have held two receptions and were finally able to get president DeCoudreaux to visit after two failed attempts. Flanigan commented that events are always well attended when someone from the college comes.

## **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Catherine Ladnier '70 is performing her play on Japanese letters in Los Angeles.

A drawing was held for the Millsiana basket of Mills College memorabilia, it was won by AAMC vice-president Jennifer King.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:47PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesli MacNeil '75, AAMC Office Assistant