**ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MILLS COLLEGE   
Annual Meeting**  
  
May 14, 2016  
2:00 PM  
Reinhardt Alumnae House

1. **INTRODUCTION**

Trustee Melissa Stevenson-Diaz welcomed alumnae to the annual meeting and thanked the membership for allowing her to be an alumna trustee for the past three years. 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: Marge Nicholson ’96 MA  
Treasurer: Susan Thomas ‘80  
Members: Gloria Fangon-Hitz ’80, Pierre Loving ’77, Lillian Sahagun ’10, ’12 MA, Lynette Castille-Hall ’75, Toni McElroy ’83,’05MA, ’13 EdD, and Lenore Tate ‘74.  
Alumna Trustees: Melissa Stevenson Diaz ’91, Susan Ardisson ‘77 and Judith James ‘74.  
  
***Board Members Absent:***Dawna Williams ’13, Marina Simenstad ’68, Catherine Ladnier ’70, and Dorothy Lawrence ’11.

***Association Members:***Linda Stingily ’78, Katie Sanborn ’83, Lynda Campfield ’00, ‘02MA, Michelle Balovich ’03, Cynthia Guevara ’04, Lynda Campfield ’00 ’02MA, Vicki Luibrand ’75, Linda Jaquez-Fissori ’92, Lesli MacNeil ’75, Myila Granberry ’05, Lyn Flanigan ’65, Louise Leck ’11, Linda Kay ’73, Tori Callender ’74, Sharon Tatai ’80, Kirby Hoberg ’12, Britt Taylor-Vernon ’09, Miki Hong ’95, Kirstyne Lange ’12, Sharon Jackson ’75, Cassandra Curry ’74, Rita Stuckey ’01MA ’05 EdD, Diana Odermatt ’60, Rhonda Wellington ’82, Leah MacNeil ‘51MA, Jennifer King ’00 ‘02MA, Linda Stingily ’78, Adrienne Foster ’74, Connie Davidson ’73, Sheryl Bize-Boutte ’73, Estrellita Redus ’65, Lynette Williams Williamson ’72, Gwen Foster ’67, Micheline Beam ’72, Melody Fuller ’87, Judy Greenwood Jones ’60, Karen Madison ’77, and Patricia Duncan Hall ’03, Camellia Hudson-Franklin’73.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

AAMC President Lucy Do ’75 reported that there were a few obvious things happening within Mills and the AAMC. College President Alecia DeCoudreaux would be leaving at the end of June, Beth Hillman would be coming in as college President on July 1st, Kathleen Burke, who had been the chair of the Board of Trustees, was stepping down from that role and Trustee Katie Sanborn ’83 would be coming in. AAMC President Lucy Do ’75 will be completing her three-year term and would be replaced by Viji Nakka-Cammauf ‘86MA as of July 1st. Do went on to recap the academic year’s events. First years and graduate students were welcomed in August 2015 with Taco Tuesday. Reunion 2015 was the 50th for the class of 1965 who got over 100 classmates to attend and rose over $3 million as a class gift. The Alumna of Color Committee hosted the Summer Academic Workshop students with a breakfast to start the academic year. There were many club functions over the holidays at the end of the year. The Alumna of Color Committee honored college president Alecia DeCoudreaux at their annual Phenomenal Woman of Color dinner. The Alumna Student Relations committee hosted a Winter Celebration for those graduating mid-year and two International Student Dinners, one in the fall, one in the spring, to welcome international students to Mills. The Alumna Student Relations committee also hosts the Pearl M dinner and this year the recipient was Brooke Parker ’16. Do went on to say the BIGGEST project this year was the compact between the college and the AAMC, just signed yesterday. She went on to say that the AAMC will need much help in the next steps moving forward towards the Operating Agreement. The challenge is going to be keeping alumnae engaged to come back and fulfill the obligations of the operating agreement.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

AAMC President Lucy Do asked the attendees to review the minutes of the 2015 AAMC Annual Meeting, hard copies were provided on the tables. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Michelle Balovich. The motion was seconded by Melissa Stevenson-Diaz. No discussion, vote taken, minutes approved unanimously.

1. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

AAMC Treasurer Susan Thomas provided her report in hard copy for the attendees. She focused on budget vs actual. The Finance Committee proposed a budget of $49,539.59 for fiscal year ‘16-’17. The investment fund performance is improving. The AAMC did have to take $20,000 in distributions for operating costs. Endowment fund has received slightly more in donations year-to-date compared to last year. Thomas reported an increase in the AAMC budget for travel for the incoming president to visit branches and clubs nationwide. A motion to approve the budget was made by Melissa Stevenson-Diaz, seconded by Linda Jaquez-Fissori. Vote taken, motion passed unanimously.

1. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Governor Pierre Loving introduced herself as the chair of the Nominating Committee and made announcements about the slate of new members to the Board of Governors. Loving reported that she made a clerical error when presenting the slate to the Board of Governors at their meeting earlier in the week and had left off Kirstyne Lange as having been selected to the board. Due to this error a technical vacancy existed on the Board of Governors and three nominations were taken from the floor to fill that vacancy. Kirstyne Lange, Toni McElroy and Miki Hong were nominated. A motion to close the nominations was made by Melody Fuller, seconded by Cynthia Guevara. Each candidate had 30 seconds to make a statement of their qualifications and why they should be elected. A vote by ballot was taken and the result was that Kirstyne Lange was elected to the Board of Governors. Governor Lynette Castille-Hall announced the election of Yvonne Daniel ‘75 as the new Alumnae Trustee; her appointment will be 2016 to 2019. A motion was made to ratify the entire slate to the Board of Governors by Melody Fuller, seconded by Gloria Fangon-Hitz. A vote was taken and the motion passed with two abstentions.

After the confusion of this selection a suggestion was made to put more information about the AAMC committees on the website. A second suggestion was that the AAMC by-laws be reviewed and updated to avoid some of the missteps of today. AAMC President Lucy Do reported that Trustee Susan Ardisson is already reviewing the by-laws with that in mind.

**VII BRANCH-CLUB REPORT**

Trustee Judith James started by introducing herself and her connection to the Greater DC club. James then introduced Kirstyne Lange to report on the North Bay branch, which includes Napa and Sonoma Counties. Lange reported their club had done fewer events this past year but now have a Facebook page and are making plans for the ’16-’17 year. Melody Fuller reported for the East Bay branch and that every second Thursday of the month there is a *Wise Women who Wine* event at Reinhardt House, the holiday tea this year started with a traditional tea early in the afternoon and ended with wine and cheese later in the afternoon. There is a July 16th fieldtrip scheduled. Anna Henderson reported for the Palo Alto Mills club which includes the San Mateo and Santa Clara areas. The holiday tea got moved to the spring and it seems to work well. There is a fall lunch with a speaker, a summer pot-luck and some pop-up events. Lyn Flanigan reported for the Hawaii clubs. They are working harder on helping students with admissions and try to stay connected to them while they are at Mills. They also held a Christmas brunch. Linda Jaquez-Fissori reported for the Marin club. They did a coastal clean-up service day last year and had Professor Bert Gordon do a lecture on *Love and Money, How* *Chocolate Married Valentine’s Day*. They are planning a day of bird watching this year. Trustee James completed the reports with the events in the greater DC area. They are working on an on-line art auction as a fundraiser. There was a summer send-off picnic. They have finalized their handbook. They have arranged for an internship at the Library of Congress for a student. While they were touring the Torpedo Factory a reporter from the Washington Post took their picture and printed it.

**VIII NOMINATING COMMITTEE SELECTION**

Governor Loving requested nominations for the ’16-’17 nominating committee, there needed to be representation from the board of governors and from the AAMC at large. Nominations were taken, Governors nominated were: Gloria Fangon-Hitz, Susan Ardisson, Susan Thomas. AAMC general membership nominated were: Myila Granberry, Sheryl Bize-Boutte, Miki Hong, Patricia Duncan-Hall, Camellia Hudson-Franklin, Lesli MacNeil. After a vote was taken the results were: Susan Ardisson and Susan Thomas from the board of governors, Myila Granberry, Miki Hong, Camellia Hudson-Franklin, and Sheryl Bize-Boutte from the general membership. Alternates were Gloria Fangon-Hitz, Lesli MacNeil and Patricia Duncan-Hall.

**IX. ALUMNA TRUSTEE REPORT**

Trustee Susan Ardisson reported that there was an Institute for Future retreat for the faculty to develop curriculum for the future. New Trustee board chair, Katie Sanborn, is planning to attend Board of Governors meetings in order to report back to the Board of Trustees and keep the two groups connected. An agreement has been signed to develop Parcel 4 to make a mixed-use retail and housing facility. This is a parcel of 3.5 acres formerly occupied by the construction yard. This is not a sale but a long-term lease to provide income for the college and hopefully jobs for students.

**X. COMPACT UPDATE**

Vice-President Marge Nicholson reported that the final signed compact is now a page on the website [www.alumnae.mills.edu/compact](http://www.alumnae.mills.edu/compact). Along with the compact are supporting documents, the History of the AAMC, the survey results, 2007 Memorandum of Agreement and the 1948 Reinhardt House use agreement. As information becomes available it will be added and updated at this website. The immediate next steps are a retreat on June 11 with the board of governors, summit attendees, compact committee. The plan is defining a new AAMC role and looking at the structure of the AAMC governance.

**XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alumna award nominations for 2016 are being taken, Susan Ardisson is chairperson. Nominations should be sent to AAMC.

Sharon Tatai made a motion to honor and thank Jane Cudlip King ’42 for all her contributions to the AAMC. Jane passed away in November 2015. Motion seconded by Linda Jaquez-Fissori. Tatai made a second motion to honor and thank Leone LaDuke Evans ‘45MA, who also died in 2015. That motion was seconded by Linda Kay. A vote was taken and both motions passed unanimously.

Tatai made another motion to thank AAMC President Lucy Do ‘75 for all her hard work the past three years. Motion seconded by Sheryl Bize-Boutte, vote taken, motion passed unanimously.

Do announced an upcoming Travel Committee trip to Jane Austen’s England with professor Kirsten Saxton, trip is scheduled for May 2017.

Alumna of Color chairperson Toni McElroy announced that as it is the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the committee and several events are planned for reunion. Collection efforts for the endowment in honor of Alecia DeCoudreaux continues.

Oakland Mayor Libby Schaff named April 30th as Alecia DeCoudreaux day, providing a golden opportunity to add funds to the scholarship.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesli MacNeil ’75, AAMC Office Assistant