

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

May 12, 2012  
2:00 PM  
Danforth Lecture Hall

**I. INTRODUCTION**

President Jaquez-Fissori called the meeting to order at 2:00PM.

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: Karlin Sorenson '92

Members: Rina Faletti '81, Cynthia Guevara '04, Lucy Do '75, Viji Nakka-Cammauf '82, Bev Curwen '71, Darice Balabanis '08, Diane Kettle '78, and Marge Nicholson '96.

Alumna Trustee: Diana Odermatt '60

***Board Members Absent:***

Julia Almanzan, Lynda Campfield, Gayle Rothrock, Rita Stuckey, and Modesta Tamayo.

***Association Members:***

Susan Brown Penrod '71, Jeunesse Speed '02, Sharon Page-Medrich '05, Jennifer Lin MBA '11, Taja Lester MBA '11, Nadine Dixon '09 and '11, Erika Young '94, Se Sullivan '07, Sharon Tatai '80, Linda Stingily '78, Rebecca Freeman '13, Dawn Cunningham '85, Anita Aragon-Bowers '63, Lesli MacNeil '75, Leah MacNeil '51, Pauline Langsley '49, Leone Evans '45, April Hopkins '03, and Nevi Kesselring '78.

**II. ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 15, 2011**

A. **MOTION** by Sorenson:

- a. Move to approve the minutes.
- b. Seconded by Faletti.

- c. **All approved the minutes.**

### III. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTION

Diane Ketelle

- A. Ketelle stepped in as Nominating Committee Chair this semester.
- B. The Nominating Committee recommended the following appointments for the BOG and the BOG approved this slate (effective 7/1/2012):
  - a. Treasurer: Lucy Do.
  - b. Vice President: Jennifer King.
  - c. Student Representative: Rebecca Freeman '13.
  - d. Board members to serve second term: Darice Balabanis, Lucy Do, and Viji Naka-Cammauf.
  - e. Four New Board Members: Merritt Richmond MA '12, Leslie Mac Neil '75, Bianca D'Allesandro Ed D '12, and LaKimbra Brown Ed D '12.
  - f. Alumna Trustee: Julia Almanzan (was elected by ballot for a second term).
- C. Nominations and vote for the 2012-2013 Nominating Committee:
  - a. The following alumnae were nominated to be members of the next Nominating Committee: Lynda Campfield, Leslie MacNeil, Cynthia Guevara, Anita Aragon-Bowers, Nadine Dixon, Marge Nicholson, Jennifer Lin, Karlin Sorenson, and Michelle Balovich.
  - b. After votes were counted, the following alumnae were chosen to be the new members of the Nominating Committee (effective 7/1/2012): Diana Odermatt, Cynthia Guevara, Anita Aragon-Bowers, Nadine Dixon, Jennifer Lin, 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: Michelle Balovich, Leslie MacNeil, and Marge Nicholson.
  - c. **MOTION** by Penrod:
    - i. Move to accept the new Nominating Committee slate.
    - ii. Langsley seconded.
    - iii. **All approved the new Nominating Committee slate for 2012-2013.**

#### IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Linda Jaquez-Fissori

- A. President Alecia DeCoudreaux has been visiting with alumnae/i since July 2011.
- B. More alumnae are becoming involved in the life of the College, and we have new volunteers for committees.
- C. The BOG has 19 board members, and many will be terming out this year and next year. Curwen, Sorenson, Campfield, and Student Representative Modesta Tamayo, are terming out this year. Next year, Jaquez-Fissori, Balovich, Guevara, and Rothrock will term out. The next Nominating Committee will do a search to replace outgoing board members.
- D. We have nine standing committees on the BOG: Three administrative (Executive, Finance, and Nominating committees); and six program-focused (Awards, Alumnae of Color, Educational Outreach, Travel, Alumnae-Student Relations, and Graduate committees)
  - a. Awards (chair- Campfield): The Reunion 2011 award recipients were: Distinguished Achievement (Diane Chin '85), Outstanding Volunteer (Susan Penrod '71), and Recent Graduate (Irina Dang '08).
  - b. Alumnae of Color (chair- Guevara): Very active this year. Celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of this committee at reunion. Had a four- day event earlier this spring to kick off the new Alumnae of Color Scholarship fund. The event included a jazz concert with performances from Tammy Hall and Debbie DeCoudreaux. Raised over \$11,000 for the scholarship fund so far.
  - c. Graduate Committee (chair- Faletti): We have a growing graduate alumnae/i population and the BOG recognizes the need for this committee. The committee was re-established this winter.
  - d. Educational Outreach Committee (chair- Balovich): Had several events this year including an outing to the California Shakespeare Festival, a lecture on the Academy Awards with Film Studies Professor Ken Burke, and a workshop entitled *Manage Your Inner Critic, Empower Your Appreciator*. Ken Burke is retiring next spring and has agreed to do another Academy Awards lecture for us next February.
  - e. Alumnae-Student Relations Committee (chair- Campfield): Organized Taco Tuesday for the incoming new students, the Winter Celebration for New Alumnae, and the Pearl M Dinner. This year, Kiri Lange and Modesta Tamayo were the recipients of the Pearl M Award. Bags of healthy snacks were distributed to the Freshwomen during finals.
  - f. Travel Committee (Chair- Do): Following a few years of a downturn in travel participants, we're experiencing a resurgence of travelers with our AAMC program. The travel

program has raised \$3,000+ for the AAMC. President DeCoudreaux will take a trip to Russia (cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg) with us in 2013.

E. AAMC Endowment

- a. \$1.6 million.
- b. If you plan to make a gift, please make sure it specifies that it is going to the AAMC Endowment Fund.
- c. Sold AAMC wares to help boost the endowment.

**V. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Karlin Sorenson

- A. Our income comes from interest and dividends.
- B. Fiscal year 2011-2012 budget: \$48,029.
- C. Fiscal year 2012-2013: \$32,550.
- D. We make money from selling ornaments, pins, etc.

**VI. ALUMNA TRUSTEE REPORT**

Diana Odermatt

- A. Next year Rothrock will be completing her second term as Alumna Trustee. She is from Vancouver, Washington and served on the following committees this year: Campus Planning Committee, Educational Policies Committee, and Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Alumnae Relations.
- B. Almanzan was reelected for a second term as Alumna Trustee. She served on the following committees this year: Strategic Planning Committee, the Ad Hoc Committee on Alumnae Relations, and Vice-Chair of the Student Life Committee.
- C. Odermatt is from Berkeley and was a staff person at Mills during the 1970s and '80s. She was appointed to the Student Life, Advancement, and Enrollment Management Committees.
- D. 45% of the Board of Trustees are alumnae, and they range in age and circumstance. The board also currently has one Greek citizen, and one from Hong Kong.

- E. President DeCoudreaux started her term on July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2011, and the new presidency is an exciting change for the College. She has responsibly addressed the budget shortfall and does not want to take the 7% payout from the Endowment anymore. The trustees take budget issues seriously.
- F. There is a renewed emphasis on international students and recruitment.
- G. Made some changes to some committees: Retired the ad hoc committee on Alumnae Relations and kept the Alumnae Relations Advisory Committee (ARAC). ARAC is helping to forge stronger bonds between the AAMC and the College.
- H. We had 500 students graduate today.
- I. Instituted Latin Honors. Faculty voted and decided to bring it to Mills.
- J. 2.1% increase in undergraduate tuition. The average for California colleges is 5%.
- K. The Annual Fund is currently \$1.7 million, and we have till June 30<sup>th</sup> to increase this amount. The Annual Fund has increased while participation has slightly decreased this fiscal year.

## VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. We still have time to nominate alumnae for the Alumnae Awards. Nominations are due May 30<sup>th</sup>. Fliers were distributed.
- B. Please don't forget to register for reunion, September 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Balovich distributed Educational Outreach Committee reports and announced a few upcoming alumnae/i events: *Jarrettsville* book discussion with Cornelia Nixon 5/26/12, Jean Paul Gaultier Exhibit private tour at the De Young Museum 6/9/12, and California Shakespeare Festival play, *Spunk*, 7/21/12.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Balovich '03, AAMC Co-Vice President