

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
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Board of Governors Meeting
December 12, 2012

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AAMC 2012-13 Goals

Marge Nicholson and I reviewed the ideas that came out of our brainstorming during the March 2012 board retreat. These ideas supported the 6 major goals that the board has been working towards since 2008. Marge and I determined what we thought were the most important and doable ideas to help build a stronger organization this year and put us in the best position for the future. The Executive committee reviewed the list, made some suggestions and approved these goals for the remainder of this fiscal year (see accompanying document).

Bylaws

I chaired a meeting of the Bylaws committee in November. The committee had met previously in the spring of 2012 under the leadership of Lucy Do and had developed a list of revisions to the bylaws. The committee reviewed the suggestions in November and a revised document is ready to be presented to the Board of Governors.

AAMC Collection of Mills jewelry

I have asked Mills alumna Jesse Wilson to inventory and catalog the AAMC's collection of Mills jewelry. In addition to Pearl M pins, alumnae have donated other rings, necklaces, and pins they received as students or alumnae. Jesse has extensive experience cataloging collections of museums here and abroad. We have also brainstormed ways to exhibit the collection such as an online exhibit or organizing an exhibit for reunion.

AAMC Endowment

Please make a gift to the AAMC Endowment. Our goal is for every Governor to make a meaningful gift to help support our programs for alumnae and students. To date 5 out of 19 governors have made a gift.

Holiday hours

The AAMC office will be closed Dec 21 – Jan 4. Lesli will be monitoring the AAMC mailbox during the this time to ensure that end of the year contributions to the AAMC Endowment and the Mills Annual Fund are processed before the end of the calendar year. Campus offices will be closed during this time. Some personnel will be out until 1/21.

Alumnae Relations Efforts

At the end of October I attended the “welcome event” for President DeCoudreaux in Marin County. The event was hosted at the home of trustee Sabrina Hellman. I met a number of alumnae who are interested in getting involved with the AAMC and Mills.

In October I sent an e-mail to alumnae asking them to consider taking a leadership role in the AAMC and Mills. Alumnae interested in becoming a Governor or an Alumna Trustee were directed to submit nominations to Diane Ketelle, chair of the Nominating committee.

The first weekend in December, I attended the inaugural Holiday Tea for the North Bay Alumnae Club in Santa Rosa and the annual Holiday Tea hosted by the San Francisco Alumnae Club. These events were a great opportunity to meet recent graduates and reconnect with past AAMC volunteers.

College Relations

At the end of October I assisted with organizing the joint Educational Outreach/College Julia Morgan presentation and lecture. This was co-sponsored with campus architect Karen Fiene.

Last month Diana Odermatt and I participated in an Annual Fund “calling party” for trustees that was organized by the Office of Institutional Advancement (OIA). We spent the evening calling alumnae to thank them for their contributions to the Annual Fund and called other alumnae to ask them to support the Annual Fund with a contribution.

I continue to meet monthly with Laura Gobbie and VP of Institutional Advancement Cynthia Brandt Stover. In November, I also had my quarterly meeting with President DeCoudreaux.