# PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Lucy Do '75

# Board of Governors Meeting October 16, 2013

## **Board of Governors**

### Annual Meeting – May 18, 2013

- 48 AAMC members attended, satisfying the quorum requirement of 25 members
- The Annual Meeting minutes from 2012 were unanimously approved
- The attendees overwhelmingly voted to accept all of the changes to the AAMC Bylaws as approved by the BOG and presented by Linda Jaquez-Fissori. The significant changes being:
  - Allowing electronic voting
  - Removing the position of Regional Governor
  - Establishing a Branch/Club Liaison Committee
  - Establishing a Communications Committee
- The slate of officers and members of the BOG as recommended by the Nominating Committee were unanimously approved by the attendees:
  - President: Lucy Do '75
  - Treasurer: Susan Thomas '80
  - Vice President: Viji Nakka-Cammauf '82 MA
  - New Governors: Toni McElroy '83, Pam Sufi '91, Marina Simenstad '68, Dawna Williams '13, Gloria Fangon-Hitz '80, and Alumna Trustee Melissa Stevenson Dile '91
- The attendees voted for the following members of the Nominating Committee with the term beginning July 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

#### BOG Membership

- Additional changes to the BOG membership are as follows:
  - Diane Ketelle resigned her position as Mills faculty governor and has not been replaced
  - Meghan Hirsh is our current student governor
  - Molly Fannon Williams has replaced Julia Almanzan as a member of the BOT and the BOG

#### New Governor orientation:

- Marge Nicholson led the organization of the orientation which was attended by 100% of the then new governors. Discussions included a review of the following:
  - AAMC Mission & Vision
  - Historical synopsis of the events leading up to the MOA
  - o Governor roles & responsibilities
  - Finances & budget
  - o 2013/2014 Priorities
  - o Committees

# **Alumnae Relations**

Mills Branch/Club events

- Nikole Adams and the Palo Alto Mills College Club and I organized a reception and tour of the Hung Liu Exhibit at the San Jose Museum. Hung spoke to us casually about the inspiration for her artwork for over an hour. She then led us into her exhibit and was so gracious and welcoming! I highly recommend making an effort to attend any events with Hung Liu in attendance. She is so generous and inclusive with her time and energy.
- I attended the Orange Country Mills College Club fundraiser. Professor Kirsten Saxton lectured on women murderers a very captivating presentation. The event was attended by over 40 alumnae, family, & friends. The fabulous food and refreshments were prepared by the club members.

## 2013 Reunion

- Nikole Adams pulled off a fabulous reunion
  - Over 350 alumnae plus approximately 75 family members and friends attended there were 53 Golden Divas
  - Over \$1 million dollars in donations were raised by the reunioning classes
  - AAMC organized and hosted 4 very well-attended events: Cuba World of Rhythm (Educational Outreach), Celluloids of Color – Alumnae of Color MiniCine Festival (AOCC), Chinese Language, Culture, and Calligraphy
- Only 4 members of the BOG attended, which was a disappointment
  - This was a missed opportunity for the AAMC leadership group to meet and get acquainted with a fabulous cross-section of alumnae, and learn how we can be relevant to the AAMC.
  - Thank you greatly to the governors who spent time at the AAMC merchandize sales tables! We could have used a lot more time and participation from the BOG. Fortunately a collection of past BOG members, reunioning and nonreunioning alumnae pitched in and made it a success.

# **College Relations**

Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Cynthia Brandt-Stover resigned from Mills College soon after the end of the school year. A search consultant has been hired with the task of having a replacement in place by January 2014.

## ARAC (Alumnae Relation Advisory Committee)

The first meeting of the AAMC-College committee for the year was held on September 12, 2013. Among other subjects the committee discussed Aligning AAMC and AR goals in FY14 with College's Strategic Plan. Our next meeting is tentatively set for December 5, 2013.