

AAMC Branch/Club Liaison Committee Third Quarter, 2015 Report

Mission:

The AAMC Branch-Club Liaison Committee provides leadership to the AAMC Board of Governors (BOG) in its relationship with AAMC branches and clubs. The BOG partners with the Mills College Office of Alumnae Relations to build a strong, active global network of Mills alumnae who have positive feelings about Mills College and the AAMC.

Committee Chair(s)/Members:

Chair, Marge Nicholson. Members: BOG members - Marina Simenstad, Judy James, Lynette Castille-Hall, Susan Ardisson. Non-BOG members: Kirie Lange, North Bay Club; Dalia Cuenca, Palo Alto Area Mills College Club.

Scheduled Meetings:

The committee meets approximately eight times a year by telephone conference call on a schedule to be determined. The committee met this quarter on October 5, 2015. **Next meeting:** Monday, November 16, 2015.

Thank you to Lynette Castille-Hall and Judy James for acting as co-chairs of the committee in the spring into the summer of 2015.

2015 Alumnae Awards

Congratulations to this year's alumnae award winners, all of whom are members of branches or clubs. Annette Chan-Norris '65 received the Outstanding Volunteer Award; Molissa Fenley '75 received the Distinguished Achievement Award. Both are active in the Mills College Club of New York. Katie-jo Ramirez '07 received the Recent Graduate Award; she is currently president of the Chicago Mills Branch.

2014-15 Highlight Look-Back:

- Holiday Teas: The committee encouraged members of the Board of Governors to attend branch and club holiday teas held in California. At least one and in some cases two or three governors attended each of the teas: Palo Alto, East Bay Branch, San Francisco, Orange County, and Marin. In addition, each of our non-Board committee members attended a tea. Thanks to all!
- Local leader networking lunch: The Committee collaborated with Caitlin McGarty on a local leader networking lunch, held on Saturday, February 28 at Reinhardt House. Representatives attended from North Bay, Marin, Palo Alto, and East Bay. The agenda was designed to facilitate information sharing and dialogue: events that really worked and why they were successful; events that were less successful and possible reasons why; suggestions for future volunteer training. Marge Nicholson shared about the work of the Committee.

- Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting, held on May 16, once again celebrated the work of our branches and clubs. Representatives from seven of our clubs and branches were present at the meeting and gave verbal highlights of their program years. An additional three clubs submitted written reports.
- \$50 expense reimbursements for branch-club activities: Two clubs took advantage of our \$50 expense reimbursement offer, North Bay and Orange County.

Ongoing:

- In light of recent restructuring of OIA staffing, partner with the College and alumnae on effective ways to engage alumnae in support of the College.
- Dialogue with branch/club contacts to identify their greatest needs and how we might be a resource. e.g.
 - i. Finding effective ways to engage alumnae, especially younger alumnae
 - ii. Reaching out to students
 - iii. Funding activities – and finding new ways to do fund-raising
 - iv. Supporting career networking
- Continue conversation about how best to use our budget to support clubs and branches.
- Partner with Nominations Committee and Alumnae Awards Committee to involve branch and club members in making nominations for alumna trustee, members of the BOG and alumna awards; also encourage voting for alumna trustee.
- Continue to encourage BOG members to visit branches and clubs.

Expenditures in 3rd Quarter:

None

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