

AAMC Branch/Club Liaison Committee First Quarter, 2016 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 Tuesday, February 2, 2016.

Recent Actions:

- To show our support for branches and clubs, we have launched a program that reimburses up to ten clubs \$75 for expenses related to putting on event(s). As of 2-05-16, eight branches and clubs have expressed interest in participating in the program. Two have actually submitted requests.
- Also to show our support for branches and clubs, we had one BOG member at each of the following branch or club holiday teas/events: San Francisco, Marin, East Bay, and Orange County. Thanks, Lucy and Marina.
- Plans are underway for our second annual Regional Leader networking luncheon to be held either March 5 or March 19. The agenda will include engaging leaders in the compact process that is underway, talking about the new AR structure since staff departures in spring of 2015, and having leaders share what is going on in clubs and branches.
- The compact working group has reached out to leaders of branches and clubs for input to the compact process.

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. Establish a strong working relationship with Mills AR staff.
- Dialogue with branch/club contacts to identify their greatest needs and how we might be a resource. e.g.

- Finding effective ways to engage alumnae, especially younger alumnae
- Reaching out to students
- Funding activities – and finding new ways to do fund-raising
- Supporting career networking
- 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 4th Quarter 2015 and 1st Quarter 2016:

\$125.33 for club activity reimbursements

Report submitted by: Marge Nicholson, Chair, Branch-Club Liaison Committee