

Branch/Club Committee Report
February 14, 2018

The Branch/Club Committee of the AAMC Board of Governors held a telephone conference meeting on the evening of February 6, 2018. Attending were: Marina Simenstad, chair, Lynette Castille-Hall, Judith James, Lucy Seereiter, and Nikole Adams. Absent were Kirstyne Lange and Chelsea Ekholm.

We were informed that Chelsea is working with Branches and Clubs, and would be our main contact, along with Nikole, for all matters in that domain. Nikole shared some upcoming events that were either Administration/faculty travels and events, or also several branch/club events that are known to us at this time:

Upcoming club/branch events: were

Brunch with the President in LA, February 10
Professor Diane Cady in Portland, March 10
Marin Mills Club, campus Book Art studio tour, TBD
Marin Mills Club Book Club events, Marin County, March 18
Prof. Bert Gordon in Chicago, tentative

Upcoming College or Alumnae Relations events:

Reception with the President in Dallas, February 24
Commemoration of March Fong Eu, March 2
A Queer Love Story (Jane Rule '52) with Marilyn Schuster '65, March 7
Betty Reid Soskin Presentation at the Rosie the Riveter National Park, March 17
Commencement, May 12
Summer Movie Series and Happy Hour, 3 parts (Lynette Castille-Hall will possibly take part in the movie series.

We as a committee will be reaching out to those branches/clubs, and encouraging attendance at all of those events. More information on each is available on the Mills website.

News shared by committee members:

Lucy Seereiter:

Shared that the Contra Costa branch is not active at this time. She is also in touch with East Bay and Palo Alto. Palo Alto will be having a spring tea, which is not currently on the above schedule. More information on that event will be forthcoming. Lucy plans to attend. East Bay is becoming more active. Vicky Luibrand is very involved in their events. They are having occasional Happy Hour events, to appeal to a wide group.

Judith James shared that there was a dinner event with Maggie Hunter, Mills professor and associate provost. DC is a very active branch.

There was much discussion on a topic brought forward by Lynette Castille-Hall, being an increased effort to involve recent graduates as new alumnae. A variety of ideas were presented: Offering a variety of events to cast a wider net to involve younger alums. Strengthening partnership between younger and older alums. Making an effort to identify where new graduates will be settling, and having branch/club members in those areas make contact to welcome them in. The Alumnae Relations group can help with that effort

The new partnership of the Alumnae Association with People Grove was discussed, and it is hoped that this will help with coordination between all levels and ages of alumnae. There will be much more to come in this area.

There was a strong feeling among all members of the committee that there is a great need to expand the scope of our outreach to new, younger alumnae, by creating a variety of appealing events, making it easier for them to access the web of older alumnae and the career networks available to them. Connection with the branches and clubs will assist in creating these connections in various parts of the country.

Our committee will continue to discuss further steps for the spring, including working with branches to encourage and develop activities that the branches could plan, and in general developing a stronger relationship with Branch/Club committee, and the AAMC in general.

Respectfully submitted,

The Branch/Club Committee - Marina Simenstad, Judith James, Lynette Castille-Hall, Kirstyne Lange, Lucy Seereiter.