

Branch/Club Committee Report
September 26, 2018

The Branch/Club Committee of the AAMC Board of Governors has not yet held a formal telephone meeting as of yet this fall. However, there has been much activity via email from various members of the alumnae association across California and other parts of the country.

First of all, we are pleased to congratulate the New York Club on its 100th anniversary! They have been honored by the Alumnae Awards committee, and will be recognized at the awards luncheon on the Saturday of the upcoming Reunion.

Melanie Phippard has volunteered to organize a Mt. Diablo branch, but it was suggested to her by Nikole and Chelsea that she combine forces with the Contra Costa branch, which is currently active.

Dana Edwards in Colorado has expressed interest in starting a branch in the Denver/Boulder area. She is requesting contact information in her area, and her request was forwarded to Nikole and Chelsea.

Brandy Tuzon in the Sacramento area is interested in reviving the branch in her area, and was also referred to Nikole and Chelsea for that information.

Several branches were contacted in our hope of securing donations of funds or appliances for the upcoming remodeling of RAH. The Orange County Club is interested in sponsoring a wine fridge. The Los Angeles Branch is donating \$500 at this point, but may be adding additional funds as their members are contacted further. Other branches contacted were Puget Sound, Palo Alto, and Greater DC. We are awaiting responses from them.

The Los Angeles Branch is going to be spearheading a revival of the AAR (Alumnae Admissions Representative) program. There was a recent conference call to discuss this topic. Participants were: Susy Fineman, past branch president; Julia Almanzan, current branch president; Maurie Davidson, LA Branch member; Dawn Cunningham, Alexa Pagonas, Viji Nakka-Cammauf, Marina Simenstad - all AAMC Board of Governors members. The discussion was lengthy and lively, and the next step in this process will be a meeting with Jeff Jackanicz on September 26, to discuss further the progress of this plan, and how it can best serve the College Admissions, and the Board

of Governors. This will be very exciting, and will revive the AAR program, which has been a topic of great interest to many alumnae in recent years.

The committee will also focus, this year, with the special help and advice of Kirstyne Lange, on developing an event “model” for younger alumnae participation. These would potentially be events that would be more accessible and affordable for our younger alums, such as a happy hour, or wine and cheese get-together - less formal, more casual and fun - to attract this age group into alumnae activities. More to come on this ...

Upcoming local event:

Marin Mills Club

Associate Professor of Art History Meryl Bailey

Topic: Tiziano Vecellio, 16th century Venetian Painter

Saturday, October 27

The Marin Club also hosts a quarterly book club meeting.

The upcoming Reunion will be an opportunity for many alums to meet, reconnect, and enjoy events on campus. A highlight will be the rededication of Lisser Hall, not to be missed!

Respectfully submitted,

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