AAMC BOARD OF GOVERNORS TRAVEL COMMITTEE REPORT MAY 15, 2020

MISSION: To provide educational and cultural opportunities for Mills College alumnae through organized annual international travel programs, while earning revenue for the AAMC.

Members: Debi Wood, Co-chair; Gwen Foster, Co-chair; Viji Nakka-Cammauf; Sheryl Wooldridge, Debra Dittman.

Activities: Since the end of February, the Committee has been in communications with both AHI and Gohagan travel contractors to determine their policies for the cancellation of 2020 trips. Several alums have pushed their 2020 trips to 2021, especially AHI's "Switzerland, Germany, Austria & the Passion Play" trip which our travelers have postponed until May 2022. AHI has implemented a "relaxed" cancellation fee schedule for land costs for the majority of 2021 trips, in partnership with its overseas partners. Furthermore, In addition, AHI will be offering "Paperless Savings" offer for all 2021 bookings, which would double the Early Booking Discount to \$500.00 per son/\$1000.00 per couple if booked prior to a stated booking deadline. Gohagan has not informed us of any similar policy shift in light of trip cancellations and re-bookings due to the global pandemic.

Marketing of 2021 trips will start soon. Soft marketing for 2021 trips will begin with an ad in the summer *Mills Quarterly*. An article about the new travel committee is planned for the fall issue. More concerted marketing will begin when appropriate.

At the first Committee meeting, on February 26 in Reinhart Alumnae House, we discussed how the Committee might offer other types of alumnae trips outside of those offered by AHI and Gohagan, and an alumnae survey to inform us of the future travel opportunities alumnae might like. A link to the survey will appear in the fall *Mills Quarterly*.

Submitted by Debi Wood and Gwen Foster.