

# AAMC BOARD OF GOVERNORS TRAVEL COMMITTEE REPORT

February 17, 2021

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

**Members:** Co-Chairs, Gwen Foster and Debi Wood; Viji Nakka-Cammauf; Sheryl Wooldridge, Debra Dittman, Tara Singh, Pam Roper, Ellen Hines, Catherine Ladnier.

## Activities:

1. News from AHI:
  - ◇ The new AHI co-branded website is now ready to be customized for the Mills AAMC travel program for 2021-2022. The Committee will work on it with our AHI representative and the AAMC staff.
  - ◇ As more alums become vaccinated against COVID-19 ~ and the pandemic is better controlled ~ AHI expects travel to pick up. In anticipation of more normal travel, AHI is working closely with the airlines and its suppliers to ensure that all required COVID-19 testing for travel is as convenient as possible for its travellers.
  - ◇ AHI Travel Assurance is now available at no additional cost. This package includes these important features:
    - Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, covering any illness (or accident), including COVID-19;
    - Trip Delay, including expenses incurred due to an official quarantine;
    - Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation, covering emergency transportation to the nearest adequate medical facility;
    - AHI recommends its travellers to purchase optional travel insurance that covers a variety of critical, travel-related contingencies that are not included in the AHI Travel Assurance package, such as:
      - Trip Cancellation
      - Trip Interruption
      - Accidental Death or Dismemberment
      - Baggage and Personal Effects
      - Baggage Delay
      - Any Reason Cancellation coverage
2. Neither AHI nor Gohagan have sent brochures yet due to the ongoing volatility of trip schedules. We continue to monitor 2021 trip cancellations and changes in departure dates:
  - AHI just pushed back the trips with May departures inasmuch as the pandemic continues to stall international travel. The African American Experience in Paris trip has been cancelled for May and will be rescheduled for September 4-12, 2021. At present, there are no Mills alumnae signed up for this experience (and no commissions as yet);
  - One alum is confirmed for the Spain ~ Andalucia trip scheduled for October 21-29, 2021; this trip was postponed from 2020;
  - Gohagan has pushed its popular Oberammergau trip from 2020 to July 17-27, 2022.

3. Gohagan has cancelled several trips and is also monitoring others in our itinerary.
4. The travel survey closed on December 4, 2020, with 131 alumnae responding. The informative results have been evaluated and will be presented at the next BOG meeting, once the committee has received them.

Submitted by: Debi Wood and Gwen Foster