EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT
TO THE
BOARD ON HUMAN SCIENCES
February 18-19, 2020

It certainly has been a busy and productive time for us at APLU. I would like to highlight for you some of the activities in which we have been involved:

• Worked with and supported the BoHS Board of Directors’ Chair, Vice Chair for Program, Secretary-Treasurer, Advocacy Coordinator, and liaisons
  o Monitored the BoHS accounts at TD Bank to ensure that the BoHS investment strategy is being followed
  o Communicated frequently with the Embassy Suites by Hilton Kansas City Plaza to ensure the logistics for the upcoming 2020 Joint BoHS/CAFCS Spring Meeting are implemented
  o Met and worked with the Embassy Suites by Hilton Kansas City Plaza on the room setups, meals, and other logistical concerns for the BoHS Spring Meeting
  o Corresponded with speakers for the 2020 Joint BoHS/CAFCS Spring Meeting and communicated frequently with the program chairs of each organization
    ▪ Secured Dr. J. Scott Angle, Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)/U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) as a speaker
  o Conducted conference calls/meetings with the BoHS Chair, Vice Chair for Program, Secretary-Treasurer, and Advocacy Chair
  o Worked with various BoHS liaisons in assisting them to interact with their respective groups
  o Assisted in the development of the BoHS Treasurer’s report
  o Worked with the APLU Council on Government Affairs in the appointment of a liaison to the BoHS (Matt Peterson, North Carolina State University)

• Assisted in providing organizational structure for the Board on Human Sciences
  o Prepared and disseminated agendas, information, reports, and minutes
  o Updated the BoHS membership directory, website, and the APLU database
  o Responded to questions and requests from BoHS members, speakers, award winners, federal agencies, and others
o Contacted (electronically and telephonically) BoHS members who were delinquent in their membership dues resulting in payment of 2019 membership dues
o Worked with the BoHS Membership Committee on rationale for membership dues and strategies for gaining new members
o Provided information to the APLU Finance Office for the invoicing of 2020 BoHS membership dues
o Consulted with the BoHS Chair in making appointments to various committees and organizations to which the BoHS has liaisons

• Supported efforts for advocacy of federal policy as well as collaboration with national organizations

  o Continued to explore the possibility of having a BoHS intern in the area of hospitality/events at APLU
  o Shared information about the Congressional hearings on SNAP/SNAP-Ed, the President’s budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2021, and other issues
    ▪ and encouraged action by the BoHS
  o Conveyed a solicitation in the Federal Register from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) seeking public comments on establishing strategic priorities for the Office of Minority Health and Health Equity (OMHHE) to ensure that health concerns are carefully considered; the deadline for submitting comments is February 28, 2018
  o Solicited nominations from the 1890 BoHS members for a representative from the 1890 community to serve on the BoHS Advocacy Committee

• Advanced the BoHS organization

  o Shared photographs and other information with the BoHS award winners at the 2019 APLU Annual Meeting
  o Provided information on the 2020 Joint BoHS/CAFCS Spring Meeting to Joe Pujol, Interim Dean, College of Education, Health and Human Sciences at Southeast Missouri State University
  o Prepared for the invoicing of 2020 membership dues of the BoHS
  o Secured dates and a hotel for the BoHS Board meeting in July that is held in conjunction with the BAA Joint COPs Meeting that will be held in Park City, Utah
    ▪ The BoHS Board dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 19, 2020
    ▪ The BoHS Board Meeting will be held on Monday, July 20, 2020
  o Selected the second group of BoHS social media interns and continued the current compensation schedule for the interns; only one intern accepted the offer:
    ▪ Breanne Burks, Kansas State University
  o Continued to work and update the BoHS portion of the APLU website – including the recently-established Human Sciences at Work
  o Used social media (e.g. Twitter) to share information about issues of importance to the human sciences community, including the 2020 Joint BoHS/CAFCS Spring Meeting
Continued to work on the listing of organizations with which the BoHS may wish to interact in order to determine if there are shared priorities to advance – including The Nutrition Coalition

Worked with the APLU Public Affairs Department to create a hashtag (#HumanSci2020) and social media graphic for the 2020 Joint BoHS/CAFCS Spring Meeting

Contacted Dr. Deanna Williamson (Chair and Associate Professor of Human Ecology, Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences, at the University of Alberta) by letter and scheduled a conference call with BoHS Chair Jo Britt-Rankin and BoHS Membership Chair Susan Hubbard on February 24, 2020 to discuss how the human sciences professionals at the University of Alberta and other institutions of higher learning in Canada can work together on issues of commonality between Canada and the United States

Collaborated with the leaders of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)/U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); the Council of Administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences (CAFCS); the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS); FCS Alliance; APLU Board on Agriculture Assembly; Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching; and, other partners

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