

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
TO THE  
BOARD ON HUMAN SCIENCES  
July 22, 2019**

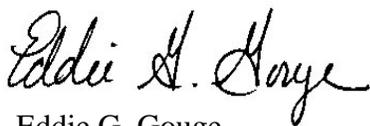
It certainly has been a busy and productive time for us at APLU since our Joint BoHS/CAFCS Spring Meeting in March. I would like to highlight for you some of the activities in which we have been involved:

- Worked with and supported the BoHS Board of Directors' Chair, Vice Chair for Program, Secretary-Treasurer, Advocacy Coordinator, and liaisons
  - Worked with APLU and TD Bank to manage the BoHS accounts to ensure implementation of the BoHS investment strategy
  - Conducted conference calls with the BoHS Chair, Vice Chair for Program, Secretary-Treasurer, and Advocacy Chair
  - Worked with various BoHS liaisons in assisting them to interact with their respective groups
  - Surveyed the participants in the 2019 Joint BoHS/CAFCS Spring Meeting, analyzed the results, and distributed the results to the 2020 BoHS/CAFCS Planning Committee
  - Assisted in the development of the BoHS Treasurer's report
  
- Assisted in providing organizational structure for the Board on Human Sciences
  - Prepared and disseminated agendas, information, reports, and minutes
  - Updated the BoHS membership directory and the APLU database
  - Responded to questions and requests from BoHS members, speakers, award winners, federal agencies, and others
  - Contacted (electronically and telephonically) BoHS members who were delinquent in their membership dues resulting in payment of 2018 membership dues as well as worked on the collection of the 2019 membership dues
  - Worked with the BoHS Membership Committee on rationale for membership dues and strategies for gaining new members
    - Discussed strategies in which the Board on Human Sciences might engage the insular/territorial land-grant institutions and 1994 land-grant universities

- Consulted with the President of the International Federation of Home Economics (IFHE) about assisting the BoHS in recruiting international members – particularly in Canada and Mexico – during the Annual Conference of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS)
- Supported efforts for advocacy of federal policy as well as collaboration with national organizations
  - Communicated the BoHS concerns in relation to the separation of children/families at the borders of the United States to Homeland Security Secretary Kristjen M. Nielsen via [letter](#)
  - Monitored the progress of the relocation of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and Economic Research Service (ERS) at the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and kept the BoHS Advocacy Team informed
  - Ensured that the BoHS would be represented in the APLU advisory team that will advise and consult with NIFA Director Scott Angle on issues related to the relocation of NIFA
  - Organized conference calls of the 2020 Joint BoHS/CAFCS Spring Meeting Planning Committee
  - Conveyed various solicitations from the *Federal Register* of interest to the BoHS membership
  - Secured Bret W. Hess, Interim Executive Director of the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors (WAAESD), and Lyla Houglum, Executive Director of the Western Extension Directors Association (WEDA) to discuss BoHS collaboration with the Board on Agriculture Assembly during the BoHS Board meeting in Utah
- Advanced the BoHS organization
  - Distributed 2019 membership invoices to the BoHS membership
  - Continued conversations with the APLU Chief of Staff and BoHS on establishing a BoHS internship at APLU relating to hospitality/event planning and exploring the possibility of a public policy component to the internship down the road
  - Worked with the BoHS and CAFCS program chairs in planning for the joint meetings in 2020 (Kansas City, MO) and 2021 (Washington, DC)
  - Planned 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 21, 2019**
    - The BoHS Board Meeting will be held on **Monday, July 22, 2019**
  - Continued to work on the BoHS social media effort which includes the following three interns:
    - **Hannah Ford**, *Mississippi State University*
    - **Kalifa Washington**, *Southern University and A&M College*
    - **Breanne Burks**, *Kansas State University*

- Updated the BoHS portion of the APLU website – including the recently-established *Human Sciences at Work* – and continued to solicit new entries for this effort
- Worked with the BoHS Nominating Committee Chair to secure nominees for the BoHS Board elections, conducted the election, and informed the candidates of the election results
- Initiated the process for the 2019 BoHS Awards to be presented at the 2019 APLU Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA –
  - Updated the awards nomination forms
  - Secured a new member (Martha Ravola, Alcorn State University) to the review committee
  - Collected and distributed the nominations received to the review committee
- Used social media (e.g. Twitter) to share information about issues of importance to the human sciences community
- Made preparations for the BoHS participation in the APLU Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA –
  - Entered meeting information into database
  - Created slide show of *Human Sciences at Work* to share during the BoHS awards breakfast
- Assisted Connie Pelton Kays, a CARET delegate from Kansas and the inaugural CARET liaison to the BoHS, register and prepare for the BoHS Board meeting
- Categorized and prioritized the initial listing of organizations with which the BoHS may wish to interact to determine if there are shared priorities to advance
- 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
- Initiated discussions with APLU’s Vice President for Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources on the staff needs of the BoHS following the departure of Marianne Klein at the end of August

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