EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT
TO THE
BOARD ON HUMAN SCIENCES
March 5-8, 2019

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
  - Worked with APLU and TD Bank to establish the BoHS accounts and implement the BoHS investment strategy
  - Communicated frequently with the Hilton Crystal City at Washington Reagan National Airport to ensure the logistics for the upcoming 2019 Joint BoHS/CAFCS Meeting are implemented
  - Met and worked with the Hilton Crystal City at Washington Reagan National Airport on the room setups, meals, and other logistical concerns for the BoHS Spring Meeting
  - Corresponded with speakers for the 2019 Joint BoHS/CAFCS Spring Meeting and communicated frequently with the program chairs of each organization
  - 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
  - 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
• Worked with the BoHS Membership Committee on rationale for membership dues and strategies for gaining new members
• 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
  • Scheduled appointments with J. Scott Angle (Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U. S. Department of Agriculture) and Arthur Lupia (Assistant Director, Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences, National Science Foundation) for the BoHS Advocacy Team to discuss BoHS capabilities and priorities and see where they might intersect with the priorities of NIFA and NSF
  • Solicited BoHS members to serve on review panels of the National Science Foundation (NSF) and submitted a list of volunteers to the NSF
  • Participated in and submitted written statements for the USDA Listening Sessions in November 2018 and February 2019
  • Communicated the concerns of the BoHS to the Attorney General of the United States and the House and Senate Committees on the Judiciary in regard to the policies surrounding the separation of children from their families at the southern border of the United States
  • Solicited nominations from the BoHS membership for the 2019 Emerging Administrator’s Award but received no nominations
  • Explored the possibility of having a BoHS intern in the area of hospitality/events at APLU
  • Shared information about the Congressional hearings on SNAP/SNAP-Ed (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) with administrators
    • Transmitted a National Public Radio segment, How Might Trump’s Food Box Plan Affect Health? Native Americans Know All Too Well and encouraged action by the BoHS
  • Conveyed a solicitation in the Federal Register from the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services seeking written public comment on topics and questions to be examined in the review of scientific evidence supporting the development of the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans by midnight on March 30, 2018
  • Notified the BoHS membership of the opportunity to comment on the proposed revisions to the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP)

• Advanced the BoHS organization
  • Shared photographs and other information with the BoHS award winners at the 2018 APLU Annual Meeting
 Welcomed Ethel G. Jones (Louisiana Tech University) and Beth VanDerveer (Ohio University) to the BoHS and provided them with their 2019 membership invoices.

Prepared for the invoicing of 2019 membership dues of the BoHS.

Worked with the BoHS and CAFCS program chairs to secure a location for the joint meetings in 2020 (Kansas City, MO) and 2021 (Washington, DC).

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 21, 2019.
- The BoHS Board Meeting will be held on Monday, July 22, 2019.

Selected the second group of BoHS social media interns at three-member institutions and continued the current compensation schedule for the interns; the interns are:

- Hannah Ford, Mississippi State University
- Kalifa Washington, Southern University and A&M College
- Breanne Burks, Kansas State University

Continued to work and update the BoHS portion of the APLU website – including the recently-established Human Sciences at Work.

Used social media (e.g. Twitter) to share information about issues of importance to the human sciences community, including the 2019 Joint BoHS/CAFCS Spring Meeting.

Facilitated the adoption of the BoHS request for a liaison from the Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching (CARET) and the Policy Board of Directors (PBD) of the Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) leading to the appointment of Connie Pelton Kays, a CARET delegate from Kansas, as the inaugural CARET liaison to the BoHS.

Created an initial listing of organizations with which the BoHS may wish to interact in order to determine if there are shared priorities to advance.

Secured interaction between the BoHS members and the participants of the 2019 Joint CARET/AHS Meeting by planning for the groups to enjoy a joint reception and dinner.

Worked with the APLU Public Affairs Department to create a hashtag (#HumanSci2019) and social media graphic for the 2019 Joint BoHS/CAFCS Spring Meeting.
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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