EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT
TO THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
BOARD ON HUMAN SCIENCES, INC.
November 11, 2017

Since the 2017 Joint BoHS/CAFCS Spring Conference and July meeting of the BoHS Board of Directors in Calgary, Canada, it has been a busy and productive time for us at APLU and the Board on Human Sciences, Inc., and 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 President for Program, Secretary-Treasurer, and liaisons
  - Conducted conference calls with the BoHS Chair and Secretary-Treasurer
  - Scheduled and participated in conference calls to assist in the formation of the Nominating Committee for the BoHS
  - Assisted in developing a Fiscal Year 2018 budget for the BoHS

- Assisted in providing organizational structure for the Board on Human Sciences, Inc.
  - Prepared and disseminated agendas, information, reports, and minutes
  - Scheduled and participated in a conference call to work on revisions to the BoHS Rules of Operation
  - Drafted the 2018-2020 Memorandum of Agreement (see attachment on the BoHS website) and 2018 Scope of Work (see attachment on the BoHS website) to be signed by the BoHS Chair and the APLU Vice President for Food, Agriculture, and Renewable Resources

- Supported efforts for advocacy of federal policy as well as collaboration with national organizations
  - Shared information about the Congressional hearings on SNAP/SNAP-Ed (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and actions on Fiscal Year 2017 with administrators
  - Met with Rick Mertens, Chair of the Healthy Food Systems/Healthy People Implementation Team for an update on the implementation strategy and how to move the initiative forward (Mertens and Gouge)
o Kept the BoHS leadership informed about the ever-evolving scenario related to the nomination of Dr. Sam Clovis to become USDA’s Chief Scientist and Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics until the withdrawal of his named occurred

o Assisted in keeping the issues of concern to the BoHS before the Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) Committee on Legislation and Policy (CLP)

- Advanced the BoHS organization –
  o Continued work on updating the BoHS portion of the APLU website
  o Used social media (e.g. Twitter) to share information about issue of importance to the human sciences community
  o Employed Marianne Klein as the part-time Program Staff Associate for the Board on Human Sciences, Inc. at APLU
  o Provided award nomination materials to the BoHS Awards Committee and tabulated the results and informed all relevant parties of the outcome –
    - Undergraduate Research Mentor Award
      Awardee: Lauren M. Papp, Vaughan Bascom Professor in Women, Family and Community, Professor, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, and, Provost, University of Wisconsin-Madison
    - Outstanding Engagement Award
      Awardee: Marlene S. Stum, Professor and Extension Specialist, Department of Family and Social Science, College of Education and Human Development, University of Minnesota
    - Ellen Swallow Richards Public Service Award
      Awardee: The Honorable Catherine E. Woteki, former Chief Scientist and Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture
    - Lifetime Achievement Award
      Awardee: Pamela J. White, Dean Emerita, College of Human Sciences, Iowa State University

  o Communicated with the BoHS award winners about their selection and provided information about their participation in the BoHS portion of the 130th APLU Annual Meeting being held in Washington, DC on November 12-14, 2017
    - Secured the plaques and financial awards for these winners

  o Provided and processed ballots for the BoHS election of the Class of 2020 – John B. Buckwalter, Kansas State University; Carolyn Dunn, North Carolina State University; and, Laura E. Stephenson, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

  o Assisted in planning the BoHS program that is part of the APLU Annual Meeting
  o Distributed reminder notices on the BoHS memberships that have not been renewed
○ Explored avenues to increase the membership of the BoHS
○ Contacted the deans and presidents/chancellors of institutions that have indicated their membership withdrawal from the BoHS
○ 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; Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA); and, other partners

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