

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
TO THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
BOARD ON HUMAN SCIENCES  
November 10, 2018**

Since the 2018 Joint BoHS Spring Conference and July meeting of the BoHS Board of Directors in Guadalajara, Mexico, it has been a busy and productive time for us at APLU and the Board on Human Sciences. Here are some of the highlights 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 and preparing the Fiscal Year 2019 budget for the BoHS
  - Drafted and secured adoption of an investment strategy for BoHS funds at APLU
  - Worked with the leaders at BoHS (Carolyn Dunn) and CAFCS (Ani Yazedjian) in planning the 2019 Joint BoHS/CAFCS Spring Meeting (registration now available), [\*The Human Sciences' Role in Promoting Rural Prosperity and Quality of Life\*](#), and issued speaker invitations to the following:
    - John-Paul Chaisson-Cárdenas, Consultant/Owner, *Transition Facilitator Group*
    - Mitchell Gold, Co-Founder, *Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams*
    - Anne Hazlett, Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development, *U. S. Department of Agriculture*
    - Jessica Hulsey Nickel, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, *Addiction Policy Forum*
    - Katherine A. MacTavish, Associate Professor, College of Public Health and Human Sciences, *Oregon State University*
    - Representative from the *Human Rights Campaign Fund*
- Assisted in providing organizational structure for the Board on Human Sciences –
  - Prepared and disseminated agendas, information, reports, and minutes
  - Scheduled and participated in conference calls to work on the nominations for awards
- Supported efforts for advocacy of federal policy as well as collaboration with national organizations –

- Submitted five names (including that of **J. Scott Angle**) for consideration to be appointed as the next Director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) at the U. S. Department of Agriculture
- Shared information about the Congressional hearings on SNAP/SNAP-Ed (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and actions on Fiscal Year 2018 with administrators)
- Communicated BoHS [support](#) to Congress for the research, Extension, and teaching provisions contained within Title VII of H. R. 2, the ***Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018***, as well as the group's support for the expanded role of Cooperative Extension in the delivery of nutrition education through the SNAP-Ed program
- Submitted [comments](#) to the U. S. Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services in relation to the ***2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans***
- Joined more than 125 other agricultural research stakeholders in signing a [letter](#) to Congress expressing serious concerns with the Administration's proposal to move the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) outside the National Capital Region and urged the leadership of the House and Senate authorizing and appropriating committees to delay the proposed relocation until the questions and concerns raised by NIFA's stakeholders can be fully addressed
- Co-sponsored, along stakeholders (including the APLU Board on Agriculture Assembly and the Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching (CARET)) in sponsoring a webinar, **[USDA RESEARCH RELOCATION AND RE-ORGANIZATION: Perspectives from Former USDA Chief Scientists and Administrators](#)** (an audio version of the webinar is contained within this link), in which the following panelists participated:
  - The Honorable Catherine E. Woteki, Former Chief Scientist and Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture
  - The Honorable Gale A. Buchanan, Former Chief Scientist and Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture
  - Dr. Susan Offutt, Former Administrator, Economic Research Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture
  - The Honorable Stephen Censky, Deputy Secretary, U. S. Department of Agriculture
- Secured BoHS representation on the ***Well-Connected Communities***, a collaboration with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, as a follow-on to the work of the joint ***Healthy Food Systems/Healthy People*** Initiative of the APLU Boards on Human Sciences and Agriculture Assembly
- Assisted in surveying the BoHS membership on what challenges should be addressed through NIFA's research, education, and Extension programs for the four regional listening sessions
- Obtained time on the agenda of the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy

- (ECOP) for the BoHS Advocacy Team to present a proposal to fund an effort to ensure that land-grant universities not currently involved with SNAP-Ed be able to develop (more) capacity to manage a new nutrition education program in the event that the House version transferring SNAP-Ed to Cooperative Extension is realized
- Submitted, along with the APLU Board on Agriculture Assembly, [comments](#) to the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR) in response to their request for input on their preliminary Challenge Areas for 2019 and beyond
  - Obtained (from June Henton, Auburn University) and transmitted a BoHS [response](#) to the International Federation of Home Economics' (IFHE) request for input on a position statement which highlights the contribution of Home Economics to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goal 2 “Zero Hunger.”
  - Distributed the request for nominations from the U. S. Departments of Agriculture and Human Services for the 2020 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee
  - Assisted in keeping the issues of concern to the BoHS before the Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) Budget and Advocacy Committee (BAC) and Committee on Legislation and Policy (CLP)
  - Prepared a communication to Congress and the White House about the position of the Board on Human Sciences related to the separation of children from their families which will be shared after the mid-term elections
  - Scheduled a meeting of the BoHS advocacy team with NIFA Director J. Scott Angle on December 4, 2018 at APLU
- Advanced the BoHS organization –
    - Continued work on updating the BoHS portion of the APLU website
    - Used social media (e.g. Twitter) to share information about issue of importance to the human sciences community
    - Instituted [Human Sciences at Work](#) on the BoHS website and used in Twitter to highlight the work being done by the BoHS-member institutions
    - Created a [brochure](#) for the BoHS to use in membership recruitment and visibility improvement
    - Attended the annual conference of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
    - Participated in the conference calls and meeting of the Alliance for Family and Consumer Sciences
    - Joined the International Federation of Home Economics
    - Assisted in planning the BoHS program that is part of the APLU Annual Meeting
    - 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: **Richard D. Lewis**, UGA Foundation Professor in Family and Consumer Sciences, Department of Food and Nutrition, College of Family and Consumer Sciences, *University of Georgia*

***Outstanding Engagement Award***

Awardee: **Judy A. Harrison**, Professor and Extension Foods Specialist, Extension and Outreach, Department of Foods and Nutrition, College of Family and Consumer Sciences, *University of Georgia*

▪ ***Ellen Swallow Richards Public Service Award***

Awardee: **Caroline E. Crocoll**, Director, Division of Family and Consumer Sciences, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, *U. S. Department of Agriculture*

▪ ***Lifetime Achievement Award***

Awardee: **Virginia M. Moxley**, Dean Emerita, College of Human Ecology, *Kansas State University*

- Communicated with the BoHS award winners about their selection and provided information about their participation in the BoHS portion of the 131<sup>st</sup> APLU Annual Meeting being held in New Orleans, LA on November 11-13, 2018
  - Secured the plaques and financial awards for these winners
- Provided and processed ballots for the BoHS election of the Class of 2021 – **Roberta Riportella**, *Oregon State University*; **Michael D. Delp**, *Florida State University*; and, **Brenda Martin**, *University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff*
- Provided letters of welcome to new BoHS deans/administrators
- Distributed reminder notices and made telephone calls on the BoHS memberships that have not been renewed
- Explored avenues to increase the membership of the BoHS and compiled a listing of potential BoHS members (including contact information)
- Contacted the deans and presidents/chancellors of institutions that have indicated their membership withdrawal from the BoHS
- Updated and maintained the BoHS membership directory
- Created an electronic distribution list in the APLU database for the Council of Administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences (CAFCS)
- Distributed the request for nominations for the 2019 [Excellence in Administration Award](#) and the [Emerging Administrator Award](#) that will be presented at the 2019 Joint BoHS/CAFCS Spring Meeting in Arlington, VA
- Solicited three nominations for the [2019-2020 BoHS Social Media Internship Program](#) and selected the following students:
  - **Breanne Burks**, *Kansas State University*
  - **Hannah Ford**, *Mississippi State University*
  - **Kalifa Washington**, *Southern University and A&M College*
- 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

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eddie G. Gouge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "E".

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**Board on Human Sciences**