The Membership Committee Chair, Susan Hubbard, participated in a skype call with the BoHS Board of Director’s Retreat held July 22, 2019 in Park City, Utah. The following items were reported from the Membership Committee to the Board of Directors:

- A conference call was held with the Membership Committee on July 8, 2019 with the following members/ex officio members participating: Susan Hubbard, Erik Porfeli, Jana Hawley, Eddie Gouge and Marianne Klein.

- As of July 8, there were 44 active members of BoHS. New members gained this year included Louisiana Tech, Tennessee Tech, and Virginia State. One member, Cornell University, was lost from the previous year.

- The committee suggested sending a letter signed by John Buckwalter and Eddie Gouge with the recruitment brochure attached to list of potential members.

- The committee discussed recruitment ideas for Canadian, Mexican and 1994 institutions. Eddie Gouge has a contact with the International Federation of Home Economists. The IFHE contact could provide Canadian and Mexican potential member lists for BoHS. The American Indian Higher Education Consortium is another contact for potential BoHS members.

- Potential members may also come from human sciences discipline programs that have been divided across campus units (i.e. Merchandising Management in the College of Business at Oregon State). The idea was proposed to develop a list of public institutions that have human sciences disciplines spread throughout units on campus. The goal is to develop a roadmap to advocate for membership as a collective group through institutional membership. The Provost at institutions with disciplines spread across several colleges/units could be strong contacts with which to share the benefits of membership. The committee could assist in identifying colleges and universities to target for correspondence.

- The committee suggested highlighting the BoHS faculty awards program as a benefit of membership for faculty recognition at the national/international level. The information should be included when brochures are reprinted and the information should be added to the website information regarding membership benefits.

- The committee discussed the option of developing internship opportunities through APLU and related entities as a possible benefit for membership. Plans are to host an event management/hospitality intern with APLU/BoHS during Spring 2020 as a pilot to determine extended interest.

A recruitment letter was sent to 24 universities from the BoHS recruitment list in early August following approval during the BoHS Board Meeting in Park City, Utah.

Plans are in progress to set up a conference call with American Indian Higher Education Consortium president to gauge interest in joining BoHS.
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Due to the Membership Committee’s interest in growing our international presence, a suggestion was made to reach out to the International Federation of Home Economics for a list of potential members (especially Canadian and Mexican potential members). The Board of Directors supported the request to contact.

A request was made to add the nomination of faculty for Faculty Recognition Awards through BoHS to the list of membership benefits on the brochure and website. The Board of Directors supported this suggestion.

The Board of Directors supported exploring the idea of competitive student internship opportunities for member institutions within APLU units as well as with affiliated entities (e.g., public policy internship with APLU for students or possibly faculty; internships with related/affiliated entities such as National Restaurant Association). Plans are in place to host an event management intern with APLU during Spring 2020.