MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear AMG Friends:

As the end of the academic year draws near, we would like you to remind you to always make time for opportunities to enhance your career and professional development – regardless how busy you get. There are many ways you can do this, at many levels of time and commitment. Here are a few ideas:

Check out the presentations from the 2012 ABOG (Academic Business Officers Group) Conference that was held April 15-17, 2012 in Santa Barbara. Nearly 20 staff members from UCLA attended the annual conference and got to hear and learn from our own Lubbe Levin, the Staff Advisor and Staff Designate to the Regents, and UCOP representatives, as well as network with colleagues from the 9 other campuses. Conference topics range from operational efficiency to How to Work with Faculty to system-wide...
Updates. There seems to be a little something for everyone.

We are currently soliciting nominations for the **AMG board of directors election**. We have 6 positions opening up: Vice Chair of Programs & Special Projects; Communications Liaison; Secretary/Historian; and 3 member-at-large positions. Consider running and helping to shape and drive AMG’s work over the next year. See the next column for further details.

Lastly, I’m very pleased to tell you about an exciting new initiative. Since November 2011, AMG and Campus Human Resources have had the benefit of working with two outstanding PDP project teams to realize our vision for what will be **UCLA’s Talent Management Resource Center (TMRC)**. Intended to foster networking, knowledge sharing, and mentoring, the first phase of TMRC will be a peer-to-peer networking initiative with a variety of components that will be rolled out beginning in June. So please stay tuned for further details.

**Sonya Gavin**  
*Director of Operations & External Relations – Graduate Division*

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**AMG BOOKCLUB**

Have you read any good career development books lately? Are you organized and like to coordinate things? Are you

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Please submit the following to **Sonya Gavin** by close of business June 1, 2012.

- Candidate name
- Current position at UCLA
- Department
- Board position being sought
- 3-5 sentence summary of professional experience
- 2-3 sentence statement regarding why you are seeking the particular position

Questions? Please contact **Sonya Gavin**.

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**PAST & FUTURE EVENTS**

**BUSY, BUSY, BUSY** – Everyone is busy here at AMG.

After a series of very well received events...
- 9/14/2011 – Reinvent your life & Your Work
- 10/11/2011 – How to Advance Your Career Workshop
- 2/14/2012 – How to Overcome Career Obstacles
- 2/22/2012 – Enhance your Career by Volunteering (Co-hosted with Staff Assembly)

...the focus shifted a little but the activity level has not.
- 4/15 thru 4/17/2012 – the ABOG Conference (UC-wide version of AMG)
- 5/18/2012 – AMG Board Election Information Session
- 5/31/2012 – EXCEL Award Presentation
looking for an opportunity to meet and hear from other professionals at UCLA?

If you answered yes to these questions, then you just might be the person(s) we’re looking for! We need a few good people who are interested in spearheading the coordination of the AMG Book Club. If that’s you, please email Mark Ramseyer and he’ll get you started.

AMG BOARD MEMBERS & CONTACT INFORMATION

Sonya Gavin | Chair
Mark Ramseyer | Vice Chair/Chair Elect
Louisa Ovanesian | Vice-Chair Events
John Cramer | Vice-Chair, Information Technology
Stephanie Fisher | Vice-Chair, Programs & Special Projects
Julia Sanchez | Immediate Past-Chair
Jennifer Perkins | Communications Liaison
Ivonne Nelson | Treasurer
Tom Nykiel | Historian
Gena Perrine | Member at Large

To learn more about AMG and to sign up for our listserv, please visit our website.

Watch for announcements for these upcoming events:
A series of sessions by fields of interest on Mentoring and Informational Interviews
A presentation by Allison Kleinbrodt, who previously did our presentation on identifying your strengths.
Presentation by the 2012 EXCEL Awardee

More information to come after the elections.

CAREER-LIFE BALANCE

Research has shown that exercise improves job performance: sick days and health care costs go down for employees who exercise regularly and fit employees have energy and vitality. At UCLA, we are fortunate to have a superb exercise program that is free to staff and faculty. The Bruin Health Improvement Program (BHIP) is a 12-week program brought to you by UCLA FITWELL designed to educate, motivate and provide UCLA Faculty and Staff with an opportunity to improve their overall health and fitness. Visit the BHIP webpage or check them out on Facebook for more information.

If you are seeking growth and challenge, BHIP is for you!