

June 2015

## June Joint Board Meeting: Annual Leadership Transition

Our year begins July 1 so each June, ARCS Pittsburgh holds a Board of Directors meeting that includes incoming and outgoing board members. We thank all for the volunteer work completed over the typical two-years terms and thank all those who have committed to volunteering over the next two years!

### The new ARCS Pittsburgh Board of Directors:

Co-Presidents: Pamela Meadowcroft and Kathy Testoni  
 Secretary: Jeannette Wholey  
 Director of Finance: Angie Maher  
 Treasurer: Charlotte Beukema  
 Assistant Treasurer Carol Heppner  
 Communications: Debra Alward  
 Fund Development: Missy Unkovic  
 Donor Relations: Beth Wainwright  
 Membership: Linda Burke  
 Planning: Barbara Granito  
 Scholar Relations: Leslie Dunn  
 University Relations: Karen Slevin  
 Nominating: Annie Rivers  
 Programs: Jennifer Martin

### Thank you to departing members

Kate Freed, Sarah Jones, Gez Ebbert, and Dottie Nielson



June Field Trip to Powdermill Nature Reserve: An ARCS Benefit for all members. Interesting science - learning and interesting members.

**Strategic Plan Report:** Our five-year plan was approved at the May Annual Members meeting. At the June Board meeting, we began the process of setting goals in each of these key areas:

1. Award Fund Development
2. Organizational Development
3. Partnership Development
4. Scholar Development

### Finance Report:

Scholar Awards increased this past year to \$165, 000 (up from previous year of \$145,000). Our fund balance has all the money necessary to cover all 33 current awards through the three years of the awards. Income for this past year, however, is down from last year (though June 2015 has not ended yet). A full discussion regarding the budget for 2015-2016, and goals needing to be met, followed. The board approved this preliminary budget.

### Educational Programs Report:

Donor Appreciation Event to be hosted by Pitt this year on **September 22 at the University Club.**

Other events are being developed for fall (getting to know the new CMU president, Dr. Subra Suresh; March Scholar Showcase, April Organ Transplant Field Trip, June Field Trip to CMU's new energy institute

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## Other Board Reports:

All other committees reported on their transition plans and emerging priorities for July 2015-2016. All committees have been meeting with Co-Presidents Kathy and Pam and outgoing President, Missy Unkovic, to orient all to this year's priorities: engaging members, attracting members, increasing our awards, having fun while getting lots done!



## A Special Thank You to ...

Missy Unkovic who stepped down from serving as our President for three years. Thank you Missy for your gracious, easeful leadership (at least you made it look easy and fun!)

## IMPORTANT DATES

### **July 1-30: RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! Membership year is July 1-June 30.**

This year you will be able to complete membership renewal ONLINE (and have the ease of paying online as well). You will receive more information on how to do this in early July.

### **July 24, Friday, noon to 2:00PM: Al Fresco Luncheon**

Summer social gathering for members (and their prospective member guests) to be hosted by Judith Thomas at her home in Sewickley. Get to know other members and meet a scholar or two. Stay tuned for your invitation from Paperless Post.

### **August 4, Tuesday, 6:00PM-8:00PM: ARCS Summer Evening Gathering**

Hosted by Carol Stockman and Kathy Testoni at Carol Stockman's home in Shadyside. An early evening dinner-like-appetizers and wine for all Members, spouses, friends of Members, and Prospective Members. Meet more scholars! Another Paperless Post invitation will be coming your way.

### **September 22, Tuesday: Donor Appreciation Event**

Hosted by the University of Pittsburgh to thank ALL OF OUR MEMBERS and DONORS. Come to meet all the scholars and learn more about their research.