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Dear Fellow HBA Members,

I write to announce news of our forthcoming Annual Meeting and also to announce two special initiatives!

The **46th** Annual Meeting of the Human Biology Association will take place **virtually**, March 29-April 2, 2021. Additional information on the meetings, along with instructions for submitting abstracts and proposals, are detailed in the attached **first and only HBA Call for Abstracts/ Proposals** that will also shortly be posted to the [HBA website](#).

Deadlines for *submissions included in this call* are:

- **Contributed abstracts** **Oct 15, 2020**
- Phyllis Eveleth & E. E. Hunt, Jr. Awards **Oct 15, 2020**
- Hilde Spielvogel Award **Oct 15, 2020**
- Proposals for Break-Out Sessions **Oct 15, 2020**

Calls for Nominations for the Boas and Little Awards, as well as open HBA offices, will be sent separately. Deadline for these submissions are:

- Franz Boas Distinguished Achievement Award **Oct 15, 2020**
- Michael A. Little Early Career Award **Oct 15, 2020**
- HBA open offices **Oct 15, 2020**
 - President-Elect
 - International Chair
 - Nomination & Elections Committee (2 members)
 - Publications Committee (2 members)

We look forward to providing you with quality scientific programming in a virtual format! The choice of an online platform and re-imagined schedule of our forthcoming Annual Meeting has very much benefited from the leadership of your elected HBA Program Chair, **Gillian Ice**.

Registration fees will be heavily discounted this year, given our move to an online format. Here are the 2020 HBA Annual Meeting registration fees:

- \$10 for HBA members
- \$10 for all registrants from low and middle income countries
- \$105 for registrants from high income countries who are not HBA members

Now for other good news and details of new initiatives. As you know, one of the core goals of the Human Biology Association is to build a diverse network of scholars to promote understanding of human biological diversity. To this end, we strive to diversify our membership and also provide opportunities for effective mentorship.

The 2020 Diversity Initiative

This is a fundraising initiative seeking to bring additional and diverse voices to current HBA membership. Funds would cover the membership fees of younger scholars - undergraduates, graduates, and post-doctoral students, from minority and/or international backgrounds - to join the HBA for a period of two years.

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Given that HBA student membership fees are currently \$60, a modest fundraising goal of \$2,400 would cover two-year memberships for 20 new student members!

Please go to our website link ([2020 Diversity Initiative](#)) and give generously to help – it's the right thing to do for the Association! You can also donate at the time of renewing your membership and Annual Meeting registration. Once we close fundraising in 2020, we will put in place an application process to distribute the donated membership fees. Of course, I hope that the generous pricing for the 2020 Annual Meeting registration will prompt you to engage in this Diversity Initiative.

The Community-Building and Networking Program

Our inaugural [Community-Building and Networking Program](#) seeks to increase student involvement in the HBA and to connect pre- and post-doctoral students more closely with faculty members. To this end, we created two new positions on the HBA Executive Committee - the *Junior Service Fellows* – who join the HBA to serve as point persons for this Networking Program.

Our inaugural Junior Service Fellows for 2020-22 are: **Kayleigh Meighan** (University of Nevada), with research interests in biocultural medical anthropology, and **Olawunmi “Taiye” Winful** (Vanderbilt University), with research interests in genetics, race, stress, African and African American diversity. Very soon, you will see an announcement from our Junior Service Fellows, inviting you to this mentoring program in advance of our Annual Meeting. Please join this new initiative!

AJHB News

The [American Journal of Human Biology](#) has seen its impact factor raised to 1.558, up from 1.438. Our flagship journal is now just ahead of the *Annals of Human Biology* at 1.535 and *Human Biology* at 0.629. Please spread the good news, and encourage writing for our journal, which is in the expert hands of **Bill Leonard**, Editor-in-Chief.

Award winners

As you all know, last year's Annual Meeting had to be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While we did not award research awards, we would like to celebrate our other award winners. Congratulations to our 2020 HBA student travel awardees Rebecca Burris, James Gibb, Isa Godinez, Kayla Hurd and Amanda Rowlands; and our 2020 International Travel awardees Isabel Escobar, Sarai Keestra, Hilton Pereira da Silva, and Andrea Silva-Caballero. Our Michael Little Early Career Award was awarded to Lee Gettler and Zaneta Thayer. Special congratulations to Carol Worthman, recipient of our Franz Boas Lifetime Achievement Award, which is very richly deserved for many years of dedication to the field of human biology and sister disciplines, and to strong mentorship within the HBA. We will be able to recognize some of these awards 'in person' at the virtual meetings this year. Please do consider nominating a colleague for the both of these prestigious awards for the coming year.

Finally...

Our special thanks go to Alex Brewis, now Past President, for her stellar leadership of the HBA over the past three years – I am extending my heartfelt thanks to her on behalf of the Association. I am also extending sincere thanks to **Jason DeCaro** (Treasurer), **Gillian Ice** (HBA Program Chair), **Elizabeth Miller** (Secretary), **Pablo Nepomnaschy** (International Committee Chair), **Claudia Vallengia** (Membership Committee Chair), and **Christopher Lynn** (our brand new Chair of Public Relations). They are an awesome team, working with dedication and energy. I want also to specifically thank **Michaela Howells**, who served for the past four years Public Relations Chair – we are extremely grateful for her leadership and dedicated service. We also thank our student representative, **Kyle Gowen** (Binghamton University), for all his work for the society, and welcome **Mecca Burris** (Indiana University) as well as **Carlye Chaney** (Yale University), to take the lead on representing our student members.

We all look forward to being together at the 46th Annual Meeting. My very best wishes, for you and your loved ones,



Catherine Panter-Brick, President