ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Report for: Leadership Committee

Chair(s): Carol Bartell, Chair; Liz Collier, Chair-Elect; Kate Lovelady, Chair of Leadership Training Committee; Randy Best, Interim Dean
Currently we have 8 members on our committee:
- 4 Leaders: Robert Berson, Anne Klaeysen, Kate Lovelady, Joy McConnell
- 4 lay people: Carol Bartell, Liz Collier, Lenny Meyerson, Susan Runner

Please provide brief updates on the following areas of your Committee that occurred or developed during 2019:

Committee’s Mission/Purpose:

The mission of the Leadership Committee includes overseeing the training of professional Leaders and making recommendations for certification to the AEU Board upon completion of training. In addition, the Committee oversees the training of Ethical Culture/Ethical Humanist Officiants and makes recommendations to the AEU Board for licensing of qualified candidates who have completed the required training. The Committee consults with societies intending to hire Leaders.

Programs/Projects:

- Randy Best served the Committee as Interim Dean.
- We worked with 6 LITs, providing guidance and training seminars.
- The Dean provided coordinated LITs programs of study with their mentors.
- The LC met with the New York Society and AEU Board Treasurer to learn more about the budgeting process with the Adler fund.
- The Committee worked hard to stay under Budget guidelines and provide financial assistance to the Trainees in accordance with our policies and procedures.
- The LC worked with the AEU Board to review our policies and personnel needs.
- The LC reviewed financial policies concerning the LITs.
- The LC Committee created the Leadership Survey Team to survey the status and needs of Society regarding professional Leadership.
- The LC supported the Leaders-in-Training to organize a “Decolonizing Ethical Humanism” one-day workshop.
Goals for 2020:

- Hire a permanent Dean of Leadership Training.
- Find Societies for LITs who are ready to do Internships.
- Continue to provide training, support and tracking of all LITs.
- Make a smooth transition to new committee chair Liz Collier.
- Have the Leadership Survey Team conduct meetings with all Societies on their professional Leadership needs and report back to the LC, and eventually Societies, NLC and AEU Board.

Leader Transitions as of June 2020:

- Anne Klaeysen retired as Leader from the New York Society for Ethical Culture (September 2019)
- Richard Kiniry passed away (December 18, 2019)
- Jé Exodus Hooper became certified as an Ethical Culture Leader (May 30, 2020)
- Kate Lovelady retired as Leader of the Ethical Society of St. Louis (May 31, 2020)
- Amanda Poppei retired as Senior Leader of the Washington Ethical Society (June 28, 2020)