

**2007 Online Branch Annual Meeting
May 2-28, 2007**

PREFACE

On May 1, as a preface to the annual meeting, President Sandy Kirkpatrick presented a report on the April AAUW-CA Convention. Her report included branch donations to the AAUW Educational Foundation (EF) and the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). Our branch totals were:

EF: \$1,053 (\$17.26 per capita) towards the California total of \$456,074.74

LAF: \$363 (\$5.95 per capita) towards the California total of \$124,190.29

Commentary on the business sessions of the state convention were posted on the branch blog.

CALL TO ORDER

On May 3, at 4:34 PM, President Sandy Kirkpatrick announced the beginning of the annual meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

She referred to the report of the Nominating Committee that was presented by Mary Rack on May 2, at 8:01 AM and asked Branch officers to present their reports. President Kirkpatrick announced that nominations would remain open for 15 days before the election would be held.

Nominated were:

President: Anne Henke

President Elect: Harriet Tower

Program Vice President: Mary Rack

Membership Vice President: Gail Swain

Treasurer: Jean Simutis

Secretary: Sandy Hansen

FINANCIAL REPORT

On May 3, at 5:15 PM, Treasurer Harriet Tower presented the financial report, which was posted on the branch website. In response to the financial report, there was some discussion of both the EF assessment the branch receives from AAUW-CA and the assessment for the AAUW-CA insurance program. To summarize, AAUW-CA assesses each branch a minimal donation to ensure every-branch support of the Foundation and AAUW-CA bylaws require branches to participate in the insurance program to protect all from liability issues. Both assessments are based on membership numbers and some branch members who are dual-branch members expressed concerns about being assessed multiple times. The discussion about dual membership inspired much discussion and was moved to the blog by blog manager Mary Rack. People were invited to contact Mary if they need help in getting started with the blog.

PUBLIC POLICY REPORT

On May 3, at 7:37 PM, Public Policy Chair Caroline Wood updated the branch about the newly-adopted state bill package and public policy activity at convention. The bill package was e-mailed to all branch members and is available on the AAUW-CA website.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

On May 5, at 11:43 PM, Membership Vice President introduced seven new members to our branch, including one new primary member.

On May 9, at 3:35 PM, Membership VP Ronni Colmer reminded members of our dues structure, which is now updated on our website, and encouraged everyone to pay their 2007-08 dues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

On May 6, at 3:55 PM, President Kirkpatrick presented a recap of the meeting, including referring members to our blog at <http://careaders.blogspot.com> to learn/comment more about the convention. She moved on to announce

- 1) the formation of a membership committee (Sharon Gomez and Mary Rack) who are working on outreach plans to new, younger members.
- 2) we have a committee working on major re-design of the Members Only part of our website, seeking suggestions about web designers.
- 3) We have been approved to have a "Taste of Success" display at the Association convention in Phoenix at the end of June. Further information about the displays is available at: <http://www.aauw.org/convention/conv2007/TasteofSuccess.cfm>.
- 4) She asked anyone planning to attend the convention to inform her of their plans so that a branch gathering at the conventiun can be planned.

On May 6, branch member Nancy Shoemaker suggested that nominees for branch offices introduce themselves and over the next few days, such introductions were made. We were further reminded that we can update information about ourselves in the Members Only area and on the blog. It is possible that we'll be able to post photos in the Members Only area when it is updated.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On May 17, at 2:11 PM, President Sandy Kirkpatrick announced there had been no further nominations from the floor, and called for the election of the 2007-08 officers. She informed members about the procedure for voting in the secure Members-Only section of the branch website and announced that voting would close at noon (PST) on May 22.

On May 2, at 10:03 PM, President Kirkpatrick announced the election results. The slate was approved unanimously with 29 members voting.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

On May 17, at 2:35 PM, President-Elect Anne Henke presented a request for volunteers to help our treasurer with the year-end financial review.

MEETING CLOSURE

On May 24, President Kirkpatrick asked if there was any additional business and thanked the 2006-07 board for their service. With no further requests from members to discuss other business, the meeting was officially adjourned on May 28.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Sandy Hansen. May 29, 2007

