

The January 13, 2013 California Online Board Meeting by conference call was called to order by President, Sheli Ryan at 3:05 p.m. In addition to the president, the following members were present: Donna Mertens, Treasurer; Jan Cook, AAUW Funds VP; Krys Wulff, Program VP; Ruth Currie, Membership VP.

Absent: Sandy Kirkpatrick, Communications Chair.

Sheli Ryan, President set the following agenda: Budget, Membership, Program, Nominations, and Funds

Treasurer: Donna Mertens discussed the budget. We have lost some members and this affects the budget. We gained one member in December and another recently at the ½ price fee. Another problem discussed is when you write a check for renewal and you wish to donate to AAUW Funds you can't set it up online. You will have to write it out to the branch separately.

Membership: Ruth Currie will follow up on members who have not rejoined. A question asked is how many members use the MPP method for membership renewal. One of the ideas discussed for gaining members came from the New York online branch. They have reached out to their fellowship grant recipients to join their online branch. Other ideas: promote CA Online Branch in landline monthly newsletters; promote the branch in the *California Perspective*; promote the branch on the website. Also, we may be able to get in touch with disbanding branches and ask them to join.

Program: Krys Wuff will begin discussion on the "The Invisible War" on Monday, February 18, 2013. In March, the program will be "Violence Against Women". Kathleen Cha will be a delegate to the UN Commission on the Status of Women. Krys will look into AAUW's stand on gun violence. In January AAUW addressed the fact that all people should live in a safe environment. March 4 and 5, CARE will have a video feed called "Billion Rising".

Funds: Jan Cook has received the yearly member donations. She read the names and asked if everyone listed had received a thank you from National.

Discussion: What is the value that we give to anyone who joins our branch? We felt that we are very mission based and offer a variety of information on all areas of AAUW.

What kinds of opportunities can we use to raise funds?

The Nominating Committee is composed of Sheli and Sandy. They will have a slate by the end of March.

Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted, Janice Cook, Secretary