



**Minutes of the California Online Branch Board
Business Conducted Via Email
January-June 2015**

Krys Wulff, President
Harriet Tower, Treasurer
Cherie Sorokin, Program Co-VP
Jeanne Lese, Program Co-VP
Alice Labay, AAUW Funds VP
Sandy Kirkpatrick, Membership VP
Sandy Hansen, Communications Chair

January

Board officers gave reports on progress and issues via board listserv:

- Communications: Work continuing on cleaning up and updated the website, addressing members' use issues, and monitoring the Facebook group.
- Membership: Mid-year discounted dues rate in effect until mid-March, and the website has been updated accordingly. Currently have 51 members, with our stated goal of reaching 60 by the end of the year.
- Finance: Q2 financial report posted on the website. Major concern is the impasse at getting our 501(c)(4) status restored by the IRS and the lack of assistance from national AAUW at resolving the issue.
- Program: Discussed plans for a National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) program and how to raise funds to sponsor a student.

February

Board officers continued to give reports and discuss agenda items:

- Approved August 2014 conference call minutes and July-December 2014 minutes.
- Verified our branch membership matches MSD records.
- Follow-up on regaining 501c4 status with IRS. Krys is working with AAUW's CFO, Michael Gellman and learned that:
 - Our branch once used the state EIN when filing;
 - The IRS recorded us as being on a calendar year instead of a fiscal year in 2012; and
 - For the 2011-2014 filings we did not record our branch name consistently (without abbreviations, etc).

Still investigating our options to get non-profit status restored.

- Agreed that there isn't room in the budget to financially support anyone from the branch to attend the state's leadership training day, but that we would advertise it to our members if any of them are interested and willing to pay the registration fee.
- Several board members will be attending the state annual meeting and/or national AAUW convention. They will each be given a supply of branch business cards so they can recruit new members.
- AAUW Funds: AAUW CA reports that our branch's 2014 total giving was \$5,920. Motion (Kirkpatrick): Select Jo Harberson as our Branch Named Gift Honoree. Motion approved.

Agreed it would be best next year if the membership was asked to suggest nominees, and that our policies should be updated to reflect this for the future.

- Communications: Discussed the need to keep the blog on the main website more active.
- Report from Speech Trek Chair Cathy Foxhoven: Five students competed on February 19, and the winner was Sabrina Fleming. The video of her performance is posted on YouTube. Agreed we need to do better outreach to our members to actively recruit contestants from all areas of the state in the future.
- Established nominating committee: Harriet Tower (chair) and Caroline Wood.

February-March

Program held on program listserv: NCCWSL, with guest Shannon Cholakian, a CSU Long Beach student who attended NCCWSL and is now on AAUW's Student Advisory Council. The program included a fund raising challenge, with matching funds offered by Jo Harberson and Krys Wulff. Total raised by the branch: \$735, which was enough to sponsor a California student to attend the 2015 NCCWSL.

March

Nominating committee offered the following slate of officers for 2015-16:

President: Krys Wulff

Program: Cathy Foxhoven

Membership: Sandy Kirkpatrick

AAUW Funds: Tobi Balma

Treasurer: Harriet Tower

Q3 financial report posted on the branch website.

Agreed that when another AAUW branch asks us to post info about their branch event on our website that we should refer them to the state website, which offers this service to all branches and gives them a wider audience.

April

Branch elections were held April 22-28. The nominated officers (listed above) were all elected. Sandy Hansen was appointed to continue as Communications Chair.

Urged branch members to vote in both the state and national AAUW elections.

Received an invitation from the AAUW-Iowa eNetwork Online Branch to participate in a May web conference of virtual branches. Harriet volunteered to participate representing our branch.

Program held on program listserv: Equal Pay Day discussion

May-June

Program held on program listserv: Domestic violence and other forms of violence against women.

Minutes compiled by Sandy Kirkpatrick