

Mary Rack

Sun, 11 May 2008 19:56:11 -0700

In response to Gail, I don't remember if committees were optional before but based on the following excerpts from our bylaws and P&P's they don't seem to be now. In fact, the tech chair has so many time-consuming duties I think the only way she'll get them done is with the help of a very active committee. I volunteered because I assumed there would be a committee as described below. If we weren't so pressed for time I would have consulted Amber first. She could have presented it to the board if she liked the idea. Clearly I should have done that despite the time crunch. I hope we will soon hear from Amber on this.
Mary

From branch Bylaws -

"Article XIII: Committees and Task Forces

Section 1. Standing committees shall be program, technology and communications, membership, public policy, finance, Educational Foundation/Legal Advocacy Fund, and bylaws.

Section 2. Standing committees shall be appointed by the president with the consent of the board."

From branch Policies and Procedures -

"9.4. BOARD DIRECTORS AT LARGE

9.4.1. Chairs one of the following committees: Program, Membership, EF/LAF, Public Policy.10.1. TECHNOLOGY/COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR (Here follows MANY responsibilities! No. 8 below is the one I keyed on.)

10.1.8. Chairs a Technology Committee and delegates the above tasks to the committee members as needed."

"11.7. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

11.7.1. Composition: Technology/communications chair, president, program chair, membership chair and any others deemed necessary by the committee chair."

Sandy Kirkpatrick

Sun, 11 May 2008 18:29:59 -0700

I love this idea on several levels, not the least of which is the idea of Mary being a part of the committee! But my only hesitation (as a member of the slate of officers for 08-09) is that perhaps this is a decision for next year's board, rather than the current board.

The 08-09 board hasn't been elected yet, let alone had a chance to start setting goals and making plans for how to handle committees, etc. Would it perhaps be more appropriate for the president-elect to bring this proposal to the incoming board after the election?

Sandy K.

anne henke

Sun, 11 May 2008 17:50:58 -0700

I think it would be helpful to hear from Amber as to how she sees this fitting into the bigger technology picture. I think this would be helpful to the board before a decision is made.

Anne

Josephine Turner

Sun, 11 May 2008 10:55:58 -0700

I agree with Harriet and Caroline that the Board should appoint Mary to manage the Online blog.

Jo Turner

Harriet Tower

Sun, 11 May 2008 10:38:18 -0700

I fully support this idea and suggest that the current board approves it. By suggesting it, Mary not only offers her valuable service, she reminds us that committees are prescribed by our bylaws and that board members should think about forming them. Thank you, Mary!

Harriet

Caroline Wood

Sun, 11 May 2008 10:23:42 -0700

I think this is a brilliant idea and I support Mary's idea of serving on the technology committee.

----- Original Message -----

From: GAIL SWAIN To: board@aauwcaonline.org Sent: May 11, 2008
Subject: Re: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: Issues that Board Members want to cover

What a great team Mary and Amber will make, I totally support this!!! And a side comment on committees, I was told they were optional. I can understand their value, but I consider them more work than I have time for, yes, I can see my poor reasoning there too..... I suppose it is my personal preference.

Gail Swain

----- Original Message -----

From: Mary Rack To: Sent: Sunday, May 11, 2008 4:49 AM

Subject: Re: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: Issues that Board Members want to cover

From Mary Rack, outgoing branch program vp

I hereby volunteer to serve on Amber's technology committee and to perform a certain function if she is agreeable and board confirms. I apologize to Amber for bringing this to the board without first consulting her.

Issue: Discussion blog maintenance (www.careaders.blogspot.com)

Rationale: Sandy K and I developed and maintain this blog. There are now so many posts and comments that they need "managing". Some could be deleted because they are out of date, and saving their history is not important. Some, such as HIV/AIDS and Pay Equity, remain timely and would be easier to search and use if they were "re-indexed" by relabeling. I can't assume these tasks without authority. I therefore volunteer to be "blog manager" for the coming program year. Now that blogging is a part of branch programming we need ad hoc procedures. One day they will be added to P&P, but for now I feel it is enough to recognize the need with this authority.

Recommendation: Outgoing board could . . .

a) Authorize me or me and Sandy to manage the blog, seeking board guidance about deletions or other matters as necessary, and could
b) Recommend that incoming board (Amber) monitor blog use and make changes and/or formalize management guidelines as they see fit.

Respectfully,

Mary Rack, outgoing program vp

----- Original Message -----

**From: anne henke To: Sent: May 9, 2008
Subject: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: Issues that Board Members want to cover**

Dear Board Members:

We'll be having our election in about ten days, after the close of nominations from the floor. This signals that we're about to start the transition process and I wanted to be sure if you had items that involve loose ends or items that need to come to the board's attention you have an opportunity to get those out on the table. I received an e mail from Rita Wustner related to the Online Branch and wanted to bring this to the board. Rita and I had had a conversation last week about Public Policy issues. She was at a meeting in Sacramento, earlier this week where someone from Planned Parenthood asked her if we would like to work on their campaign against the Parent Notification initiative which will be on the November ballot. I told her I would have to put that before the board. I do not have any details as yet but I am sure it will be part of the State's Public Policy agenda as we have a history of support. I don't know what next year's board has in mind for Public Policy, but I hope we can continue the good work done by Caroline last year.

Thanks,

Anne

AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: New P&P Added to Site

Amber Chiang

Sun, 13 Apr 2008 19:02:03 -0700

Finally - the new P&P are added to the site. I'm sorry for the delay. Was actively working my most recent in a series of media crises - my institution being called discriminatory quite publicly by a student. It kept me busy most of Friday, even while driving in late afternoon to Rowland Heights to take my hubby's sister to the doctor.

Crazy things always seem to happen when I'm unavailable - like our basketball team being removed from school two weeks ago while I was in jury duty for threats against them from one of the city's most dangerous gangs. No fault of their own, except, well, they brought home girls who "belonged" to the gang. Not too bright.

Anyway, I'm back home and I just put the revised P&P on the site.

Amber

AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: Program plan

Sandy Kirkpatrick

Fri, 11 Apr 2008 10:10:59 -0700

Dear Board,

On behalf of the program committee, I just wanted to let you all know of plans for a new branch program to be presented on the branch blog in May (current program is the focus on Pay Equity Day, April 22, and the postcard project).

We will be presenting weekly postings throughout the month of May to introduce the 4 speakers from the state convention's international plenary -- a mini-bio of the plenary speaker, a summary of the organization she presented (and its work to improve the lives of women throughout the world), and an invitation to participate in dialog on that organization's work and how it fits into AAUW mission.

One of the overriding messages of that plenary session was that there are MANY worthy causes out there, and rather than feeling overwhelmed by them, we need to listen to our hearts and do what we can when we encounter a cause that speaks to us on a personal level -- and that it doesn't require earth-shattering, big-scale projects to make a difference.

This is just a "heads-up" so you know it's coming. When we are ready to launch it, we'll make an announcement on the branch listserv, and will post a short listserv reminder each week when there is a new posting (as Jo has done so well with LAF blog postings).

Sandy K.

Sandy Kirkpatrick

Thu, 10 Apr 2008 09:28:29 -0700

Voting report:

As of 5 pm on April 9, I received 7 out of 10 board officers' votes, all in the affirmative to approve the P&P. Two more trickled in after 5 pm, also in the affirmative.

I'll send Amber a clean copy of the approved P&P with the final date of approval for her to post on the website.

Sandy K.

P.S. Special thanks that Gail Swain was able to send in her vote after a car crash on the way home from convention -- her car is totaled, but I'm sure the rest of the board joins me in our heartfelt sighs of relief that she survived to tell the tale!

AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: Closing the vote on Revised P and P

anne henke

Wed, 09 Apr 2008 21:25:55 -0700

Dear Board:

It doesn't pay to send an e mail when you are in a hurry. I tried it and it bounced back. I originally sent this at 6 P.M. an hour after I had said the voting would be closed. The purpose was to officially close the vote on the revisions of the Policies & Procedures for Online. I am declaring the voting closed and ask Sandy Kirkpatrick, our parliamentarian to give us the result of the vote.

Thanks,

Anne Henke

Online President

Amber Chiang

Tue, 08 Apr 2008 13:34:12 -0700

Good catch. Thanks!

Amber

Sandy Kirkpatrick
Tue, 08 Apr 2008 13:12:40 -0700

Excellent. Thanks so much. Small typo in the announcement about Marion Smith's blog -- it's the "2008" convention, not "208"
(Gosh, you are FAST!)

Amber Chiang
Tue, 08 Apr 2008 11:14:54 -0700

This is all added to the site now.

Amber

anne henke
Mon, 07 Apr 2008 14:09:55 -0700

Dear Amber:
You are Online's best Public Relations! Thank you for making that extra effort. Sorry you couldn't be with us this weekend. I need Teresa Cheung's address. Is there a way for me to get that in the members only section? Or can you just send it to me.
Thanks,
Anne

Sandy Kirkpatrick
Mon, 07 Apr 2008 14:10:33 -0700

Hi Amber,
First, I've never seen anything from you that is even VAGUELY "rude."
(Your patience and good-humor are inspirational!). Thanks so much for handling the errant "contact" messages in a way that gives AAUW (and our branch) the face of an organization that is all about service and helping others.

Jo Turner took photos at convention so I'm hoping she'll send them to you to post on the branch website. Jo, when you send the photos to Amber, it would be best if you identified who's who for her to include in captions on the website.

It might also be good to include on the branch website an announcement on the newly elected board of directors for AAUW-CA, noting which ones are Online members.

The newly elected board of directors is:

Lynne Batchelor
Rozanne Child
Letitia Corum (Online member)
Kathleen Doty
Donna Erickson
Mickie Feicht
Jo Harberson (Online member)
Anne Henke (Online member)
Karen Jackle
Sherry Ludwig
Bakula Maniar
Judith Pfeil (Online member)
Gail Swain (Online member)
Gloria Taylor
Patricia Toth (Online member)
Harriet Tower (Online member)

I'm going to send a message on the branch listserv to alert everyone to a wonderful blog that AAUW-CA Communications Chair, Marion Smith, was writing throughout the convention -- a great place to learn exactly what went on, and hopefully others who were there will read and add their own comments to her blog: <http://aauwca.blogspot.com/>

Sandy K.

Harriet Tower
Sat, 05 Apr 2008 15:04:12 -0700

>From convention . . . Amber, it is so kind of you to write nice letters to folks who reach our branch in error. It's way above and beyond, and so appreciated. Thank you for *all* you do!
Harriet

PS: the program is packed with good meetings, workshops, plenaries - too much, really. Seventeen speeches were made last night and the polls just closed. I guess we'll soon know who our new Board of Directors are.

jeanne lese
Sat, 05 Apr 2008 10:30:17 -0700

Amber, you rock.

When people make mistakes, they tend to shift the blame. The addresses are so similar, it's an easy mistake to make. We know you are doing a great job. Keep on keeping on!

Jeanne

AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: Fw: Member

Amber Chiang

Fri, 04 Apr 2008 07:07:19 -0700

I know some of you wonder about my glaring and (yes, I know) rude messages on the home page of our site and on the "Contact Us" form. Below is a message I received about Tech Trek to show you why. I do reply to every one of these and try to redirect them to the folks in the know. Tech Trek and "is there a branch by me" are the questions I get most often, even with the messages that we are a branch and not the state organization right on the contact page. My guess is folks outside the organization don't know the difference (understandably) and I'm happy to help them find what they need.

It's my pleasure and part of the service I provide to reply, so I'm fine with it. But I wanted you all to know what comes in. I get 2-3 a week now that those notices are up. It used to be 2-3 a day.

Hugs!

Amber

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Amber Chiang <>

To:

Cc:

Sent: Friday, April 4, 2008 7:03:22 AM

Subject: Re: Member

Good morning, Mrs. Taylor! You have not emailed the state branch of AAUW, but that's no matter, I'm happy to help. While I cannot answer your questions, I have copied the statewide Tech Trek chairs, Marie Wolbach and Nancy Andren, and know they will be able to help you.

If for some reason you do not hear from them, please do email me back and I'll see how I can get you connected with someone.

Congratulations on having such a successful young woman! I can only hope my daughter (who is only 4, mind you) will be as successful in the maths and sciences as your daughter!

Amber Chiang

AAUW California Online Branch
Technology Chair

----- Original Message -----

From: "" <>

To:

Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2008 12:42:22 PM

Subject: Member

Name: Karin Taylor

Address:

City, State, Zip: Templeton

Phone: 805-237-9266

Email:

Reason: Tech Trek

Comments: Our daughter will be entering 7th grade next year. She does very well in both math and science (as well as all her other courses). What should we do to find out her eligibility for Trek camp next year?

Yours, Karin

AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: Voting on Revised P & P

anne henke

Thu, 03 Apr 2008 23:47:01 -0700

Dear Board:

Sandy has posted the revised Procedures and Policies on the notice she sent earlier in the week. Because a number of us are going to convention, the voting will be open from now until Wednesday, APRIL 9 at 5 P.M.

Please send your vote to our parliamentarian, Sandy Kirkpatrick at :

I look forward to seeing many of you at Convention.

Always,

Anne

anne henke

Mon, 31 Mar 2008 23:01:08 -0700

Unfortunately, based on information I received, we are not allowed to bring in any food or drink. It must be provided by the hotel. So we may want to check that out before we make a plan.

Anne

GAIL SWAIN

Mon, 31 Mar 2008 17:39:27 -0700

RE: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: branch meeting at convention
Could each of us that will be coming from the board, bring along a bag of non-perishable food? Something fun to share, nothing elaborate.

maybe not chocolate because of the caffeine- although, I will eat it... maybe a bag of flavored popcorn or something like that- something you like.

Josephine Turner

Mon, 31 Mar 2008 22:04:03 -0700

I like Sany K's idea of opening it up to the whole group. Then any Board members who want to hang around and chat afterward can.

Jo Turner

Caroline Wood

Mon, 31 Mar 2008 17:56:02 -0700

I have a conflict with my branch, but I will try and come by for a little while. Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette is honoring Jo Harberson and you are invited to that function also

On Mar 31, 2008, at 5:16 PM, Sandy Kirkpatrick wrote:

Harriet, Do you mean a sort of informal board-to-board planning meeting? Where this year's board chats with next year's board members? If so, it's worth considering. But you might actually accomplish much of the same thing by involving the whole group at the social meeting. Ask the entire group what they liked about this year and what they would like to see happen next year... and ask some of them if they'd be willing to serve on the various committees to help make it all come together. (Bring a signup sheet with you with a list of the committees and maybe a brief description of what each committee does taken from the new P&P!)

Then, after the meeting, if the current/incoming board members have the energy, they can stick around and talk it over further. It would have to be informal, unless ALL the incoming officers were going to be there. Will we be awake enough to do so? Won't know until that moment, will we! :)

Sandy K.

P.S. Sorry you won't be there, Sandy H!

AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: barnch meeting at convention

Harriet Tower

Mon, 31 Mar 2008 16:49:02 -0700

Dear Board,

We have been assigned a room (Santa Rosa Room) to hold a branch meeting/recruitment event on Saturday after dinner - 9:30-10:30. I have been asked if we can have a board meeting *after* this event of any current or candidates for next year board members. The entire slate has not yet been assembled, but some will be in Sonoma.

What do you say? Will we be awake enough to have a meeting?

Harriet Tower

District Director

AAUW-California South Central Coast District

805.934.0488

805.215.2305 cell

AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: Revisions on P & P

anne henke

Fri, 28 Mar 2008 17:37:41 -0700

Dear Board:

Sandy hopes we can get all our revisions to her by Monday and she in turn will have it ready for a final check on Wednesday. We can vote on it then. This will be good to have it done before we go off to convention.

Thanks,

Anne

Re: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: P&P revision

Sandy Kirkpatrick
Thu, 27 Mar 2008 17:30:26 -0700

Good catch, Gail. Others have sent me things I've missed and/or inconsistencies in spelling/capitalization, etc. If everyone can send me their feedback by Monday, I can have a final version ready for us to approve on Wed.

To answer Gail's question, we have committees instead of elected officers because our new bylaws have 4 at-large directors who each chair a committee (program, membership, EF/LAF, public policy). The ideal, of course, is for the chair to actually round up at least a few others to help them, but if they want to be a committee of one, I guess there's nothing that prohibits it -- but the ideal is always to engage more branch members in the work of the branch (and lighten the work load on the committee chair).

Sandy K.

jeanne lese
Thu, 27 Mar 2008 09:58:09 -0700

Sandy -- this needs many grammatical fixes. I'm working on it. You will have my feedback by end of the day.
Jeanne

From: GAIL SWAIN <>
Sent: Mar 26, 2008 8:29 PM
To: board@aauwcaonline.org
Subject: Re: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: P&P revision

I think you left in one of the items that needs to stay with the Tech chair under Membership- 11.4.4 7. e

e. Maintains all branch listservs.

I am also curious why have all of the formerly elected positions become committees? If you explained this before, I missed it.

Thanks, Gail

**Re: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ:
P&P revision**

Josephine Turner
Wed, 26 Mar 2008 16:43:04 -0700

Sandy, I think your changes are all excellent, but, being terribly picky, I found it jarring at one point. Towards the end, 11.4.4.d #'s 5 and 7, you use the phrase 'subscribes the new member ON the branch listserv'. I'm used to subscribing TO magazines so the ON seems inappropriate. Otherwise it is all clear and you are to be congratulated for a tremendous job.

Jo Turner

Sandy Kirkpatrick <> wrote:

OOPS!!!!!!

I attached the wrong file (before I had saved the changes). So please toss that one and read the one I've attached to THIS email entitled "REV3 Online P&P 3-08" Sorry if this caused any confusion. (This is what happens when you do document work while on vacation... I'm just too relaxed) *GRIN*

Sandy K.

-----Original Message-----

From: Sandy Kirkpatrick
Sent: Mar 26, 2008 3:59 PM
To: board@aauwcaonline.org
Subject: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: P&P revision

Hi board,

I received a message from Jean S. that indicated that Amber was content to continue to manage the listservs (you are an ANGEL, Amber!!!)

So in hopes of finishing up the P&P revisions soon so the nominating committee can use it, I have one more version of the document to swing by you to see if I've got it all.

The things I've added/changed are highlighted in red this time. I've added a section 3.6 to describe how the nominating committee should be elected -- please take a look and see if you agree with what I've put down and, if so, if it's worded clearly.

I've also made the necessary changes in the Tech/Membership committees to have the tech chair handle the listservs...

...and added one piece to the procedure for welcoming new members that includes encouraging them to join Facebook, since that is the venue we've gravitated towards for social interaction (as well as outreach, I might add).

Last, but not least, I've tacked on an administrative calendar to help the board keep track of when things need to get done. Some things happen all the time (e.g., programs, public policy, adding new members, etc), so I didn't really include those, but things with particular timing deadlines I tossed in there. I'm sure I've missed some things, so take a look and let me know if there's anything glaring I should add to the calendar.

Sandy K.

AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: Tech Chair Duties Changes

Amber Chiang

Mon, 24 Mar 2008 12:23:54 -0700

Board - Gail and I have had an offlist conversation about the changes she proposed to the Policies and Procedures in regard to the Tech Chair and Membership VP. I am going on record to state that I am in support of the changes Gail recommends.

Thanks!
Amber

AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: Board business

jeanne lese

Tue, 18 Mar 2008 11:21:59 -0700

Dear Board,
You probably know I have total knee replacement coming up in April. It's pretty much taken over my life -- coping with the increasing physical pain and appointments and arrangements. This will go on for a good while after surgery as well. I haven't had the time or energy to participate in the discussions for the past weeks. This too will not change.

Re EF -- I hope to get the named gift info resolved and posted. As to other activities, I know there will be only one spot for EF/ LAF on the board. Perhaps Jo would like to handle them both. I couldn't take this on and I would like to remove myself from being considered for anything in this next round of appointments. I do this with reluctance but with an appreciation of reality. Thank you for understanding.

If you need input, please write to me personally and I'll do my best. Other than that, I won't have much to say. But I know the decisions are in good hands.
Jeanne

AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: Re: P&P re nominating committee chair - SORRY

Mary Rack
Tue, 18 Mar 2008 10:11:28 -0700

I meant to say: Let's DELAY completing P&P revision . . . Sorry.

From: Mary Rack Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 1:08:10 PM
Subject: RE: P&P re nominating committee chair

I agree: Let's DELAY completing P&P revision while the nom comm gets under way. We may be getting a bit "mired down" anyway, and breather will help.

Mary

From: Sandy Kirkpatrick Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 12:54:31 PM
Subject: RE: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: RE: P&P re nominating committee chair

Establishing the committee at the beginning of the year makes great sense to me, and Harriet's right that the draft P&P are inconsistent on how that committee is established (and the prez's role in establishing it!). Our bylaws say that it is an elected committee, and must be elected at least 2 months before the election (article IX, section 1), so we're actually already behind schedule this year in creating one -- oops! :(

So would you all like to defer the completion of the P&P revision so that Anne can focus on finding nominating committee people and having them duly elected?

Anne, we need at least one board member, and you can also send out a branch listserv announcement asking for volunteers to serve from the general branch membership. Once you have at least one board member and one branch member, you can have Amber set up an election page and call an election of the committee.

While that's underway, I'll take another look at how we can correct the inconsistencies in the P&P on this committee. (Harriet, if you have any recommendations, go ahead and send them to me). It will also give the Membership/Tech/Treasurer trio a little more time to finalize the wording they agree to in the membership section.

Sandy K.

Sandy Kirkpatrick
Tue, 18 Mar 2008 09:43:24 -0700

In answer to Anne's question about combining EF/LAF, I was thinking that the establishment of a committee would take care of it -- different committee members could handle the blogs, etc. And since there are only 4 at-large board members, keeping EF and LAF separate would mean that one of those at-large directors would have to chair 2 committees.

Sandy K.

Caroline Wood
Tue, 18 Mar 2008 15:27:00 -0700

That is how my branch works also. The Nom Com is partly appointed and partly elected and they start work in January. I have always thought that was too late but the new officers are installed in May.

Caroline

From: Harriet Tower <>
Sent: Mar 18, 2008 8:25 AM
To: board@aauwcaonline.org
Subject: RE: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: RE: P&P re nominating committee chair

That's the way my LWV does it, and it seems to work well.

Harriet

From: On Behalf Of Sandra Hansen
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 8:10 AM
To: board@aauwcaonline.org
Subject: RE: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: RE: P&P re nominating committee chair

I just received proposed bylaws changes for one of my land-based branches and they specify that the nominating committee be formed at the BEGINNING of the program year--so that committee members are on the watch for "future leaders" from the start of the year--rather than scramble through a 6-week or so period. Would we want our committee to be so formed also?

Sandy Hansen

Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2008 01:49:20 -0400
From:
To: board@aauwcaonline.org
Subject: Re: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: RE: P&P re nominating committee chair

I would agree with Sandy, we did tell Amber we would relieve her of some of the duties and that was part of her agreement to stay. I'm not sure we've lived up to our part of the agreement. I'm also wondering if we don't want to keep an LAF person. Jo has done such a good job of

getting the blog up. If EF/LAF are consolidated that means two blogs to monitor. I realize that might be an issue to conform to Association and state bylaws. These are the two questions I've come up with so far.
Anne

From: Jean Simutis <>
Sent: Mar 17, 2008 11:43 PM
To: board@aauwcaonline.org
Subject: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: RE: P&P re nominating committee Chair

Usually the nominating committee is elected, rather than appointed.

I looked at the model bylaws and the model P&P documents on the state website. It says the branch gets to determine the way the chair is selected. Three methods are given as examples.

In our case, I suppose all we need to do is be sure that our bylaws & policies are consistent. Our new bylaws state that the board member is the chair.

Jean Simutis

From: on behalf of Harriet Tower
Sent: Mon 3/17/2008 7:46 PM
To: board@aauwcaonline.org
Subject: RE: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: FW: Sandy Kirkpatrick's Comments on P&P

I find the following somewhat confusing. What is the president's role regarding the Nom Comm?

Cited from President description:

.1.4. Appoints the chairs of all task forces and committees except the nominating committee and those chairs provided for by election.

Cited from Committees description:

11.2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

11.2.1. Composition: A minimum of two members, one of whom shall be a board member, selected by the president with the board's approval.

11.2.2. Selection of the Chair: The board member. If there is more than one board member on the committee, the president names the chair from among them.

Harriet

From: On Behalf Of Sandy Kirkpatrick
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 7:00 PM
To: board@aauwcaonline.org
Subject: Re: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: FW: Sandy Kirkpatrick's Comments on P&P

Well, I've finally figured out how to send emails (using webmail on Earthlink rather than my usual mail system -- can't believe I didn't

Think of that sooner... DOH!)

Anyway, thanks Jean for forwarding my Facebook message in case any of you didn't read it there. Hopefully it answered the questions Caroline raised about the nominating committee, as well as addressed some of the other comments thus far.

How about the treasurer, tech chair and membership vp put their heads together and come up with the way they all agree the membership section should read? ...particularly in regards to who does what when a new member joins, and whatever you collectively decide for listserv management. Perhaps easier for the 3 of you who are most involved in the process to update this section rather than the whole board.

Still would like to hear from everyone else about whether you think the Job descriptions for your particular area are OK, or whether you'd recommend any changes.

I've also gone through the entire document again and found several other spots where I'd forgotten to change the "vice president" to "chair" so have done so.

Attached is the latest draft -- this time a "clean" version with no strike-throughs or color coding.
Sandy K.

From: Jean Simutis <>
Sent: Mar 16, 2008 8:30 PM
To: board@aauwcaonline.org
Subject: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: FW: Sandy Kirkpatrick's comments on P&P

Hi

Sandy is trying to conduct branch business while on vacation. I'm forwarding the message she had to put onto Facebook so it becomes part of the discussion.

Jean

From: Facebook
Sent: Sun 3/16/2008 8:15 PM
To: Jean Simutis
Subject: Sandy Kirkpatrick sent you a message on Facebook...
Subject: P&P

From: Sandy Kirkpatrick
Sent: Sun 3/9/2008 4:06 PM
Subject: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: P&P update



Online P&P
AMENDMENTS.doc

Attachment:

I'm on the road at a new campground and have great wifi internet access

And can receive email... but there's a glitch with this system and I can't SEND email -- aargh!

So forgive me for resorting to Facebook, but I didn't know how else to respond to the suggestions/questions on the board listserv.

Caroline asked about the nominating committee. The P&P says the election of officers happens anytime between March 1 and May 30, and the slate must be presented at least 15 days before voting. So I'd say as soon as we finish approving the revised P&P, we need to put together a nominating committee pronto! (They will probably find these new P&P very helpful)

Gail asked about changing listserv management duties back to the Tech Chair. We promised Amber we'd relieve her of that duty last year, and I'd hate to renege on that promise. Is it possible that some of the membership chair's duties could be lessened by delegating some of the duties (including listserv management, recruitment, renewals, planning annual social gathering at convention) to the membership committee members? The idea here is that we actually establish a COMMITTEE each year, so that it doesn't all fall on a single person. (Which is what Mary Rack did so well this year with the program committee).

Gail also suggested a change to allow the introduction of new members to be monthly -- that's easy to fix. On 11.4.4.7 how about we add the sentence: "Introductory listserv messages may wait up to one month to allow multiple introductions at one time."

Jean noticed a duplication of duties in the membership chair -- good catch, Jean!

Jean also suggested we delete mention of a separate LAF account, since We don't have one. Done.

Dear Board,

As soon as the branch vote on the bylaws amendments is finalized (whenever Anne announces the results on the branch listserv), it's time for us to update the branch policies and procedures to make them line up with the changes we made to the bylaws. Jean Simutis worked on this when we were drafting the bylaws amendments, so we come to you PREPARED! :)

Amending/updating the P&P is a much simpler, easier process than the bylaws -- it can be accomplished with a vote of the board. So I'm attaching a first draft of proposed changes to the P&P for you all to read through and comment on. (Forgive me for sending an attachment on the listserv -- I know we're generally not supposed to use attachments, but this is the easiest way to get this to you all).

In addition to moving away from the whole "meeting" concept, the changes in the P&P reflect the new board configuration. I was making some assumptions about how that would play out, but you all may have different ideas, so keep in mind this is merely a DRAFT.

The idea here is that the 4 at-large directors would each be assigned to chair a committee, covering the areas of program, membership, EF/LAF, and public policy. We've had EF and LAF as separate positions this year, but since there will only be 4 at-large directors, it

seemed best to combine the two. I'd like to suggest that each "chair" have a committee, so that (for instance) blog postings and other tasks could be delegated amongst committee members rather than all falling on the committee chair.

After we work out the details of how those committees will operate, we might want to consider updating the P&P next year to include committee job descriptions (including the nominating committee!), but for now this will probably do.

Another area to look over and think about is section 3.2. How do we want to handle amendments to motions and voting on the branch webpage? Standard parliamentary procedure could end up being a very drawn-out business if multiple motions are made to amend a main motion and each has to be voted upon individually before we get around to the main motion. Should we allow for voting on all amendments and the main motion simultaneously? Or is this risky?

Sandy K.

P.S. I'm at a new RV campground this week and internet access seems to be pretty good here -- hooray!

Re: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: EF and LAF baskets

GAIL SWAIN

Tue, 04 Mar 2008 21:11:22 -0800

Good, that will work! The basket itself is the prize, I really don't put much into them since the basket is a Longaberger.

Gail Swain

From: Josephine Turner<>
To: board@aauwcaonline.org<mailto:board@aauwcaonline.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2008 7:25 PM
Subject: Re: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: EF and LAF baskets

Gail, I'll be glad to take care of Jeanne's basket too. Jo Turner

jeanne lese <<>> wrote:

Me too! I haven't registered for convention. You probably know I'm having surgery to have a full knee replacement 4/17. My knees are very bad and I don't know how I would manage a whole weekend convention. There's usually lots of walking and standing. So I would love to have you do this, but I probably can't promise to help unless I can pay for some contents.

Still thinking I might come up for just the online get together -- Sat night? I hate this pain crap!

From: Josephine Turner<[\[EMAIL PROTECTED\]](#)>
To: board@aauwcaonline.org<<mailto:board@aauwcaonline.org>>
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2008 5:17 PM
Subject: Re: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: EF and LAF baskets

Gail you certainly have my OK and blessings ! ! ! Since I'll be coming from Riverside, it would be a real headache for me to deal with. I think your offer is awesome. Go for it.

Jo Turner

GAIL SWAIN <[\[EMAIL PROTECTED\]](#)<[\[EMAIL PROTECTED\]](#)>> wrote:
Nothing at this time, just to get an ok from Jo Turner for LAF and Jeanne Lese for EF. I don't want to duplicate their efforts and we can chat off the board listserv on the details.

Gail Swain

From: Harriet Tower<[\[EMAIL PROTECTED\]](#)>
To: board@aauwcaonline.org<<mailto:board@aauwcaonline.org>>
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2008 4:54 PM
Subject: RE: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: EF and LAF baskets

Gail,
That's a very nice offer. What would you need from the board?
HT

From: [\[EMAIL PROTECTED\]](#)<[\[EMAIL PROTECTED\]](#)> [[mailto:\[EMAIL PROTECTED\]](mailto:)]
On Behalf Of GAIL SWAIN
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2008 4:46 PM
To: board
Subject: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: EF and LAF baskets

In the past, I have always donated baskets for the EF and LAF silent auction of baskets for my Branch. Now that Online Branch is my only branch, I would be glad to do it again. Would our EF and LAF chairs be interested? I can do all the "foofing" too so they are ready to go- just had them off to you for the convention and the auction.

Gail Swain
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jeanne lese
Wed, 05 Mar 2008 11:48:31 -0800

RE: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: Feb. 1 branch count

This has been quite a year for Gail, Jean, and me. It's hard to believe that the three of us wasted (wrong word?) so much time trying to verify information that we knew was true but couldn't document. As Gail said, next year ought to be a piece of cake. That is, if we are reappointed! and say yes! I don't think any of us thought it would be so difficult and we all agree there is need to get a system in place to prevent others from similar experiences.

From: Jean Simutis
To: board@aauwcaonline.org
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2008 9:26 PM
Subject: RE: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: Feb. 1 branch count

Hi

As Gail said earlier, we compared our branch membership roster to the Feb. 1 roster sent by Association and the current roster on the Association website.

If we use the association Feb. 1 roster, we find that we have 18 primary members.

The Association incorrectly lists Karen Manelis' primary branch, so she appears as a dual member on our roster. Gail has asked that this be fixed. The database interface would not allow Karen to fix this herself. Also, we have a member whose name did not appear on the Feb. 1 roster, but now is in the association database.

This count of 18 primary members is what should be on the credential information which we take to the convention.

Jean Simutis

From: on behalf of Sandy Kirkpatrick
Sent: Fri 2/29/2008 4:42 PM
To: board@aauwcaonline.org
Subject: Re: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: Feb. 1 branch count

Whatever the official Association count, by rights our delegation count should be based on the number of PRIMARY members, so it would be best if Gail could come up with an accurate count of Primary members and send a message to the person in charge of the state convention delegate credentialing -- the sooner, the better, I'd think, to make it easier for the credential chair to do her job. Sandy K.

On Feb 29, 2008, at 12:55 PM, anne henke wrote:

Jean and Gail:
Does that match your records as of Feb.1?
Anne

From: Jean Simutis <>

Sent: Feb 29, 2008 11:26 AM

To: board@aauwcaonline.org

Subject: AAUW CA Online Board ListServ: Feb. 1 branch count

>> The Association just released the Feb. 1 count. They show the
Online
>> membership as 87. This appears to include the dual membership.
>> That means
>> we should have at least 3 votes at the state convention.
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>> Jean Simutis
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