

## FALL 2006 AAUW ONLINE BRANCH MEETING

The Agenda for the Fall meeting was posted Sept. 10:

1. Branch audit report
2. Plans for regional social gatherings in October
3. Amending bylaws
4. Revising outdated standing rules
5. Amending policies & procedures
6. Report on status of our proposal to present a program at the 2007 AAUW Convention

### 1. Branch 2005-2006 financial review report

Sept. 11, Treasurer Harriet Tower presented the 2005-2006 financial review report, submitted by Jean Simutis. Tower reported that Simutis recommended a change to the branch Policies and Procedures regarding the budget source for payment of the EF/LAF assessment.

### 2. Plans for regional social gatherings in October

Sept. 10, President Sandy Kirkpatrick reported that Technology Chair Amber Chiang would be creating a voting page on the website so we can poll members about their support of fall social gatherings. Kirkpatrick announced this to the branch membership Sept. 11(?? Not sure of date). On Sept. 25, Kirkpatrick reported on the response, which supported a Bay Area gathering on Oct. 28. This was later postponed to Nov. 18.

### 3. Amending bylaws

Sept. 13, 7:27 PM, President Sandy Kirkpatrick reported that Bylaws Chair Jo Harberson was ill, so on her behalf Sandy presented the following amendments, requesting a motion to approve presenting these bylaws changes to the branch membership.

Proposed Bylaws Amendments – Sept. 2006  
Deletions in strike-through and additions in *italics*.

1. Article VII (Officers), Section 1. “The appointed officers shall be the technology/communications chair, Educational Foundation/Legal Advocacy Fund chair, *Legal Advocacy Fund chair*, public policy chair, *international interests chair*, and *parliamentarian/bylaws chair*.”
2. Article XI (Board of Directors), Section 1. “The board of directors shall include the elected and appointed officers. *They shall all be voting members of the board with the exception of the parliamentarian/bylaws chair.*”

Sept. 13, 8:34 PM, Treasurer Harriet Tower moved that the amendments be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Public Policy Chair Caroline Wood.

Sept. 18, 11:37 AM, Sandy Kirkpatrick called for a vote on the motion. The motion

was approved with 7 AYE and 0 NO votes. A majority of the branch board voted on the proposal on Sept. 18, so voting was closed. Voting on the motion included: Sandy Kirkpatrick, Harriet Tower, Caroline Wood, Barbara Grenier, Jeanne Lese, Jo Harberson, and Sandy Hansen. Following the vote, Sept. 18, President Sandy Kirkpatrick reported that the state bylaws chair has some concern about the bylaws revisions we are considering, so this proposed bylaws packet will be presented to the branch membership in October pending state bylaws committee go-ahead.

#### **4. Revising outdated standing rules**

Sept. 18, Bylaws Chair Jo Harberson presented some recommended changes to the branch standing rules. The proposed standing rules were posted at:  
<http://www.aauwcaonline.org/branchbusiness/proposedstandingrules.asp>.

**On Sept. 25, President Sandy Kirkpatrick tabled the remaining agenda items and called the board meeting to a close, to reconvene in mid-October.**

On Oct. 17, Sandy K. announced to the branch that the board would reconvene its September meeting the following week and distributed the following agenda, inviting branch members to participate.

Board agenda:

Tabled from Sept. board business:

1. Amending policies & procedures
2. Report on status of our proposal to present a program at the 2007 AAUW Convention

New Business

3. Finance report -- unexpectedly high insurance premiums
4. EF and LAF contributions

**On Oct. 24, Sandy Kirkpatrick re-convened the board meeting.**

Kirkpatrick suggested that items be taken out-of-order.

She announced that our proposal to present a workshop at the Association 2007 convention (**#2 on the new agenda**) had been rejected. She thanked the branch members who worked on the proposal: Sharon Gomez, Jo Harberson, Sandy Kirkpatrick, Jeanne Lese, Mary Rack and Harriet Tower.

At 12:22 PM, President Kirkpatrick moved to discussion of the liability insurance assessment, (**New Business #3**) recapping initial discussion of the previous week:

Oct. 17, Branch Treasurer Harriet Tower reported that the annual assessment for liability insurance of \$100 had been received from AAUW-CA. She reported that based on the expenditure the previous year, only \$25 was budgeted for the expense. This opened discussion about the appropriateness of the scaled assessment since our branch is unique in the way it meets (or does not meet). Sandy Kirkpatrick reported that the bill is due Nov. 15 and that it would be placed on the agenda for discussion at our next board meeting. It was decided that the bill should be paid and that she and Harriet will consult

with the state board regarding future assessments. (10/25/06—msg to board from Sandy K.). Discussion on this topic closed.

On Oct. 26, President Sandy Kirkpatrick moved to **Agenda item #1: Amending Policies and Procedures**. Her message included highlights of the proposed P&P amendments. Several members participated in the discussion. A correction was made and some language clarified.

On November 1, at 9:17 AM, President Sandy Kirkpatrick asked for a **motion to approve the draft of the policies and procedures** and [attached](#) them to an e-mail distributed to the board listserv. **On November 1, at 9:25 AM, Harriet Tower moved that the revised Policies and Procedures be accepted as presented. Caroline Wood also moved the motion at 9:37 AM. This was accepted as a second to Harriet's motion.** At 9:45 AM, President Kirkpatrick opened the motion for discussion, announcing that discussion would close Sunday, Nov. 5 by 5 PM. As a quorum had not voted by the deadline, President Kirkpatrick extended the deadline. **Voting closed on Nov. 13 with seven votes in favor of the motion.** Those voting included Hansen, Henke, Tower, Wood, Lese, Weston and Kirkpatrick. The updated Policies and Procedures were posted on the branch website.

While the discussion of Policies and Procedures amendments proceeded, President Sandy Kirkpatrick moved on to **Agenda Item #4: EF and LAF contributions**. She opened a discussion regarding designation of EF and LAF funds, reporting that requests had been received for us to designate EF funds to support the Valentina Valena Research and Projects fund #4201 and the fund which honors Marie Wolbach. She shared her personal desire that our LAF funds support the Gloria Weston fund. Caroline Wood and Ronnie Colmer both supported these directions. On Nov. 18, voting closed on the motion. **On Nov. 18, the motion to designate LAF funds to the Gloria Weston Fund and EF funds to the Valentina Valena Research and Projects fund #4201 was approved. A quorum of 8 voted, with 6 yes, 1 no, and 1 abstention.** Those voting on the motion included Wood, Kirkpatrick, Chiang, Lese, Tower, Henke, Weston, and Carr.

On Nov. 13, President Kirkpatrick opened discussion on meetings or workshops at our state convention. As this progressed, there was discussion of visibility—i.e. things we could wear that would draw attention to the online branch, making online branch members visible among convention attendees. **As discussion on this concluded, President Kirkpatrick suggested that Gail Swain and Jeanne Lese research such items and report back to the board after the Thanksgiving holiday.** President Kirkpatrick shared that an aspect of a workshop being planned by the AAUW-CA Membership Committee may include outreach to prospective members interested in branch participation in an online environment. Discussion also touched on visibility at the June national convention in Phoenix. President Kirkpatrick reported that the Association convention will have two networking opportunities. **As discussion proceeded, it was decided that we would socialize at the AAUW-CA convention and try to recruit members at the Association convention, as our workshop proposal was rejected for the Association convention.**

The agenda was completed and the meeting closed by President Sandy Kirkpatrick Nov. 18, 5:31 PM.

Sandy Hansen

