

MINUTES of February 2007 Board Meeting,
AAUW California Online Branch

President Sandy Kirkpatrick announced to the branch on Feb. 2, 2007 that the board would meet the following week, distributing a preliminary agenda, inviting any members who wished to attend to respond so they could be included on the board listserv. The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 9:25 AM. The agenda for the meeting was:

1. Mid-year budget review--Harriet
2. State/Association bylaws report--Jo
3. State and Association convention plans
4. Report on EF and insurance assessment issues
5. Establishing nominating committee
6. Miscellaneous announcements

The meeting was attended by Anne Henke, President-Elect; Amber Chiang, Tech Chair; Caroline Wood, Public Policy; Gloria Weston, LAF; Barbara Grenier, EF; Harriet Tower, Treasurer; Jo Harberson, Bylaws/Parliamentarian; Jeanne Lese, Program; Jan Carr, International; Ronni Collmer, Membership; Sandy Hansen, Secretary; and Sandy Kirkpatrick, President, all as board members and subscribers to the board listserv. Branch members who attended as guests included Gail Swain, Margo Johnson, and Priscilla Mowinkel.

Agenda item #1: Mid-year budget review.

Harriet presented the treasurer's report at 9:50 AM. It is posted in the Members Only area of our branch website.

Discussion included clarification of website costs. On Friday, Feb. 9 at 9:34 AM, Harriet Tower moved: **TO ESTABLISH A WEB DESIGN COMMITTEE, TO BE COMPRISED OF THE PRESIDENT, TECH CHAIR, TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP VP.** The motion was seconded by Jo Harberson at 9:45 AM. The president allowed four days for discussion and called for a vote on Feb. 13 at 2:51 PM, reminding board members to send their votes to parliamentarian, Jo Harberson, by Friday, Feb. 16, at 3 PM. **Harberson reported at 7:44 PM Feb. 16 that the motion passed, 6-0, with a quorum of 6 board members voting.**

Agenda item #2: State/Association bylaws report--Jo

Jo Harberson presented a report on bylaws changes being proposed for both AAUW-CA and Association. The Association proposals are available for member review at http://www.aauw.org/member_center/leader_corner/documents/strategicP_proposedBylawsChart.pdf. Jo addressed a number of questions about the proposals and procedures for voting. An overview of proposed CA bylaws changes was also shared; subsequently they were distributed to all AAUW-CA members before the board meeting was completed and are now posted on the AAUW-CA website at www.aauw-ca.org. President Kirkpatrick suggested that this topic be opened to general branch discussion in March.

Agenda item #3: State and Association convention plans

On February 10 at 9:34 AM, President Kirkpatrick opened discussion of plans for conventions. The agenda for this discussion was:

- 3a. Selecting delegates for state and Association convention
- 3b. AAUW-CA convention social gathering of online branch -- outreach opportunities
- 3c. Association convention outreach plans
- 3d. Anything else I've forgotten?

3a. Selecting delegates for state and Association convention. We discussed possibilities for selecting branch delegate(s) from among our eleven members who have this branch as their primary branch. Some possible delegates were identified. President Kirkpatrick will contact them and present a report to the branch to vote on a delegate in March.

3b. AAUW-CA convention social gathering of online branch -- outreach opportunities. President Kirkpatrick reported that a branch social gathering is planned for Saturday night, April 28, at 9:30 pm (after the dinner that night). She'll ensure that an announcement about this event will appear in the convention program and in the news dailies for both Friday and Saturday. She opened discussion about ribbons to attach to nametags. It was determined that the purchase of ribbons would be covered by the branch administrative budget.

3c. Association convention outreach plans. President Kirkpatrick reported that she had learned from Association board member Kryss Wulff that we should complete a Special Interest Group application for meeting space at the Association convention. Details of the application were discussed. She also reported that it is likely that our branch will be able to share information in the Taste of Success area at the Association convention.

Agenda item #4: Report on EF and insurance assessment issues.

On Feb. 19, President Kirkpatrick reported that the state board is looking at current policies related to the assessments to determine whether assessments should be based only on primary branch membership numbers. This led to a discussion of the new membership database now available on the Association website—and inconsistencies.

Agenda item #5: Establishing a nominating committee.

On Feb. 21, at 3:43 PM, President Kirkpatrick opened discussion. She shared language from our branch bylaws describing the nominations process. She asked for a volunteer from the board and **Anne Henke volunteered to serve as the board representative.** In March, Kirkpatrick will go to our general branch membership for two additional volunteers for this committee.

Agenda item #6, Miscellaneous announcements.

On Feb. 23, President Kirkpatrick opened the floor for announcements. There was some discussion of the purchase of a rubber stamp for endorsing checks. It was determined that this would be an administrative expense and covered by this budget.

Finally some ideas were shared about recruiting new members for our branch. Sharon Gomez and Mary Rack joined our discussion. Kirkpatrick shared that Gomez and Rack are brainstorming ways our branch could be a model for similar branches in other states. Mary shared some experiences with blogs, suggesting them as a possible way to find new members. We were advised to continue brainstorming with Rack and Gomez after the board meeting.

President Kirkpatrick concluded the meeting at 10:45 AM, March 5, 2007.

Submitted,

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