

MINUTES
BOARD MEETING JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2008
AAUW-CA ONLINE BRANCH

On 1/24/2008, President Anne Henke announced that we would soon have a board meeting and invited officers to distribute reports.

Fri 1/25/2008 8:08 PM Anne Henke opened the board meeting and announced the following agenda:

1. ISSUES THE PRESIDENT NEEDS TO FOLLOW UP - Anne Henke
 - a. Nominations
 - b. Convention Plans
 - c. Other Issues
2. THE ONLINE PROGRAM - Mary Rack
3. FINANCE - Jean Simutis
4. LAF ISSUES - Jo Turner
5. THE PROBLEMS OF EF - Jeanne Lese
6. BYLAWS AND THE NECESSARY CHANGES - Sandy Kirkpatrick and Jean Simutis
7. PUBLIC POLICY WITHOUT STATE DIRECTION - Caroline Wood

Henke announced that the EF Named Gift nominees (Teresa Cheung and Amber Chiang) had been approved by consensus and that EF Vice President Jeanne Lese could now submit the nominee form to the state EF Vice President. Henke invited Jeanne Lese to address her issues first, since Lese had travel plans.

Sat 1/26/2008, 6:25 PM, Henke announced the insertion of another item to the agenda: 3. Membership – Gail Swain. The remainder of the agenda to be adjusted accordingly.

On 1/26 and 1/27, the board discussed the EF report which had been distributed on 1/25. There was some discussion of the difficulty to ascertain that Association had properly attributed donations to the branch, but no action was taken in response to the report, since Lese felt the difficulties had been resolved.

On 1/29, President-elect Harriet Tower moved the agenda along, calling on Program Vice President Mary Rack to present her report.

Mary referred the board to her report distributed on 1/24/08. It reviewed the program presented so far this year and spoke to the challenges of engaging members in the program. Rack also reported on the various blogs she has established for branch use.

On 1/29 at 10:08 PM, Henke rejoined the meeting after experiencing some technical difficulties and introduced Agenda item #3, Membership.

Membership Vice President Gail Swain reported we have 90 branch members, but she continues to have difficulty reconciling membership records with Association. Most discrepancies relate to dual branch memberships. Discussion of membership issues continued throughout 1/30/2008.

On 1/31 at 2:15 PM, President Henke introduced Agenda item #4: Finance, referring board members to the reports distributed by Jean Simitus on 1/25.

Some discrepancies were noted and a new budget/year-to-date report was distributed 2/2/08. There was some discussion of how a branch reserve fund and dues in/out should appear in the budget. The finance committee will review details and procedures.

On 2/3/08 at 10:04 PM, President Henke called on LAF Vice President to share her report and news.

Turner shared the excellent report prepared by Sandy Kirkpatrick concerning the LAF luncheons the weekend of 02/02-03 featuring LAF litigant Michael Burch. The reports are posted on the LAF blog. General consensus was that it was a very inspirational presentation.

On 02/05 at 12:24 PM, President-elect Harriet Tower moved the agenda forward to the report of the branch bylaws committee. The bylaws committee has been considering a number of proposals, among them a restructure of our board.

Parliamentarian Sandy Kirkpatrick opened the discussion by inviting officers to respond to the question: **“Would prospective board members be more likely to be interested in running for an at-large position and later decide who amongst them would chair EF/LAF, public policy, membership, etc; or would they be more comfortable being nominated/elected for a specific job in the first place? “**

On 2/7/08, Kirkpatrick distributed the proposal to the board as an e-mail attachment.

On 2/7/08 at 1:28 PM, Sandy Kirkpatrick MOVED:

On behalf of the bylaws committee, I move we accept the proposed bylaws amendments. The motion needed no second since it came from a committee.

On 2/9/08, at 10:51 AM, Kirkpatrick further modified her motion to now incorporate the following changes:

1. Article VIII, new section 4, delete "and Legal Advocacy Fund" so the sentence reads: The treasurer shall send moneys for any AAUW 501 (c) 3 entity, such as the Educational Foundation, by the specified deadlines and shall keep separate ledgers for each type of account. (reason: LAF is now within the family of EF funds, so no need to mention it separately. Note: we still need to leave the wording open to other types of 501(c)3 funds, such as Special Projects Fund for potential future branch projects, Tech Trek support, etc. This new wording still leaves open that possibility without naming specific funds)
2. Article XII, new section 2. Change "budget review" to "reviewing budget" so it will read: . . . including but not limited to hearing officers' reports, reviewing budget, establishing dues, amending bylaws and giving directions to the board.(reason: parallel structure of the rest of the sentence)
3. Article XII, new section 3. Change "10 percent" to "ten percent (10%)" so it will read: The quorum shall be ten percent (10%) of the branch

membership. (reason: consistent with use of numbers/percentages in the rest of the document)

4. Article XV, Section 1. Divide the first sentence into two sentences: Place period after "use of members." Delete "and." Capitalize "no." So it will read: The title for all property, funds and assets of the branch shall at all times be vested in the branch for the joint use of members. No member or group of members shall have any severable right to all or any part of such property.

5. Article XIX, Section 2. Change "AAUW-California" to "state" so it will read: ...branch bylaws shall be sent to the state bylaws chair for approval. (reason: consistent with usage in the rest of the document)

While we followed our rules and waited four days for the president to call for a vote on the motion on the floor, President Henke moved on to discussion of convention plans. She announced that she is awaiting confirmation from Meetings Planner Mickie Feicht regarding scheduling an informal gathering of branch members at the state convention. She inquired of the board about the use of name tag ribbons at convention. Sandy Kirkpatrick will bring the supply of ribbons.

On 2/11 at 11:50 AM President Henke called for a vote on the pending motion. Votes should go to Parliamentarian Sandy Kirkpatrick by Noon on Friday, Feb. 15.

Discussion began on the subject of a voting branch delegate to our state convention. After some discussion of potential delegates, on 2/14/08, President Anne Henke queried branch primary members on interest in being the branch delegate. On 2/22, Henke announced to the membership that Program Vice President Mary Rack will be the branch delegate.

On 2/15/08 in messages at 12:35 and 1:59 PM, Parliamentarian Sandy Kirkpatrick reported that the board had approved the proposed bylaws amendments, and that they have been sent to and approved by the state bylaws chair and they are ready for a branch vote.

Public Policy Report: On 2/21 at 2:29 PM, Caroline Wood referred the board to her public policy report shared in August; that there was little to update. The branch public policy blog has had some updates.

At 2:40 PM, President Henke reported that at the request of Mary Rack and Gail Swain, the remaining agenda item of an EF fundraiser is to be deferred to a future time. **The meeting was adjourned.**

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