



**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
UNIVERSITY WOMEN
CALIFORNIA ONLINE BRANCH
MINUTES OF BOARD BUSINESS
CONDUCTED VIA EMAIL
October-December 2021**

Branch Established October 2, 2001

Attendance:

Shelley Mitchell, President

Jean Simutis, Treasurer

Gail Swain, Program VP

Bev Van Citters, Membership VP

Harriet Tower, AAUW Funds VP and Book Interest Group Chair

Sandy Kirkpatrick, Communications Chair

Cathy Foxhoven, Speech Trek Coordinator and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Chair

Sandi Gabe, Technology Interest Group Chair

Wendy Levine, Public Policy Committee Chair

October

- Continued the program email discussion about the book “Caste” by Isabel Wilkerson.
- Distributed *Onliner News* to members
- Approved the Q1 minutes, which were then posted on the branch website.
- Reviewed the Q1 financial report, which was then posted on the branch website
- Held a member “Meet and Greet” on Zoom, Friday, October 8 (5:30 pm)
- Learned that Gloria Blackwell is the new AAUW Chief Executive Officer, effective October 18.
- Discussed the logistics for the Auction fundraiser for AAUW Funds.
- Heard a report from the Bylaws Committee (Gail Swain, Sandy Kirkpatrick and Sue Cochran) that they have held two Zoom meetings and are working on draft language for proposed bylaws amendments and a complete restructuring and revision of the branch policy. As a part of that policy revision, the board agreed the maximum for a outgoing president’s gift should remain \$50.
- Learned that Google will be automatically transitioning our G Suite account to their new “Google Workspace,” with no changes in services offered or cost. Agreed the next branch financial report should reflect this name change.

November

- Distributed *Onliner News* to members.
- Held the 3rd annual auction fundraiser on the branch Facebook group November 1-14. Eleven members donated a total of 50 items, and the winning bids along with extra donations brought in \$1296 for AAUW Funds. The board agreed to review the process at its January Zoom meeting.
- Reviewed a spreadsheet measuring progress on AAUW’s 5-star recognition program.
- Held a member “Meet and Greet” on Zoom, Thursday, November 11 (5:30 pm)
- Noted that we now have 76 members.

December

- Distributed *Onliner News* to members.
- Set a date for a mid-year board Zoom meeting for January 4, 7 pm.
- Held a member “Meet and Greet” on Zoom, Friday, December 10 (3 pm)
- Held a Zoom branch program on December 14 on “Diversity, Equity and Inclusion,” featuring speakers Elaine Johnson, co-chair of the AAUW CA DEI committee, and Cathy Foxhoven, branch DEI chair. An edited recording of the session was sent to all branch members on December 22.

Signed,

Sandy Kirkpatrick