



**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
UNIVERSITY WOMEN
CALIFORNIA ONLINE BRANCH
MINUTES OF BOARD BUSINESS
CONDUCTED VIA EMAIL
April-June 2022**

Branch Established October 2, 2001

Attendance:

Shelley Mitchell, President and Incoming Newsletter Editor

Jean Simutis, Treasurer and Incoming Co-Program VP

Gail Swain, Program VP and Incoming President

Bev Van Citters, Membership VP and Incoming Tech Interest Group Chair and Incoming Co-Program 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, and Incoming Public Policy Chair

Sandi Gabe, Technology Interest Group Chair

Wendy Levine, Public Policy Committee Chair

Kristina Rueckert, Incoming Treasurer

Patrice Lyn, Incoming Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Chair

Charmen Goehring, Incoming AAUW Funds VP

Tobi Balma, Incoming Membership VP

Randa Blanding, Incoming Communications Chair

April

- Closed voting for branch elections on April 1. (See Q3 minutes for election results.)
- Distributed April *Onliner News* to members.
- Approved Q3 finance report, which was then posted on the branch website.
- Approved the Q3 minutes, which were then posted on the branch website.
- Held a member “Meet and Greet” on Zoom, April 8, 3:00pm

May

- Distributed May *Onliner News* to members.
- Held a member “Meet and Greet” on Zoom on May 12, 3:00pm
- Held a board meeting on May 24 at 7:30 via Zoom to introduce newly elected board, to adopt Policies and Procedures revisions, and to review our branch 5-Star submission, (see separate minutes for that meeting)
- Authorized donation of \$140 to the Greatest Needs Fund in honor of AAUW's 140th anniversary
- Approved minutes of Zoom board meeting, which were then posted on the branch website
- Held a Zoom program meeting with a firsthand report from the war in Ukraine.

- Discussed the challenges in monitoring renewals and access for all members to a membership roster with the new AAUW Community Hub replacing the Member Service Database (MSD).
- Began a discussion (that continued into June) about the challenges in transitioning to new bank account signers, noting that it is easiest to open a new account with the new signers and then close the old account.

June

- Distributed June *Onliner News* to members.
- Held a member “Meet and Greet” on Zoom on June 10, 5:30pm
- Reviewed and approved by consensus newsletter guidelines
- Discussed with incoming branch officers the challenges of finding a bank with no fees that recognizes us as a non-profit that is registered with the CA Secretary of State and will accept the letter from National AAUW stating our 501c4 status.
- Began discussion with outgoing and incoming officers regarding policy changes to allow the second signer on the branch bank account to be a board member other than the president, should the president not live in a city or area close to a branch of the chosen bank for the branch account.

Signed,
Harriet Tower