



**Minutes of the California Online Branch
Board Zoom Meeting
August 5, 2022**

Branch Established October 2, 2001

Attendance:

Gail Swain, President
Kristina Rueckert, Treasurer
Bev Van Citters and Jean Simutis, Co-Program VPs
Tobi Balma, Membership VP
Charmen Goehring, AAUW Funds VP
Cathy Foxhoven, Public Policy/Speech Trek Chair
Patrice Lyn, DEI Chair
Shelley Mitchell, Newsletter Editor
Harriet Tower, Book Group Chair

Absent:

Randa Blanding, Communications Chair

The meeting was called to order by Gail Swain, President, at 7:04 pm.

Board Introductions were given. Board expectations and member boundaries were discussed with each person giving their input.

Old Board tasks were addressed: Jean Simutis has a gift certificate for outgoing President Shelley Mitchell and will send it to her. Shelley gave an update regarding the bank account and transferring it to a new bank. There were concerns around having a second signer due to the geographic constraints. The P&Ps will be updated to reflect new decisions regarding the bank account and signers.

Financial Report: Jean reported that two items had yet to clear and that currently expenses are greater than income, mostly due to the Zoom account expense. Bev Van Citters generously agreed to pay for Zoom to bring the account into balance. The account balance is \$1825.65. President Swain called for a committee to be formed to consider a branch dues increase. The following members volunteered to be on the committee-Gail, Bev, Kristina, Jean, and Tobi.

Zoom Account: Bev has noticed that having reoccurring meetings tends to create problems within Zoom. Recommended just using the personal meeting room feature.

Branch Survey: Bev went over the results of the survey which were positive overall. Survey has been shared with Board members.

Membership: Tobi reported that the membership form was updated and shared to Board on the Google drive for comments. The Join Us feature on the website has been updated. 57 members have renewed/joined. 33 have not yet as of 6/30/22.

September Newsletter: Shelley put out a call for articles by the 15th of the month. Articles should observe a 200-500 word limit.

Policies & Procedures: President Swain asked for volunteers to review the P&Ps this year. Bev, Shelley and Patrice Lyn offered to help.

Secretary Position: It was suggested to put an “ad” in the newsletter to find one and then the board will have to decide whether the person will be elected or not.

Social Media Account: President Swain would like another volunteer to help she and Randa Blanding with social media. The website committee also needs volunteers.

Program: Bev announced that Dr. Amy La, a member of the Online Branch who works at Long Beach City College will give a presentation on Oct. 8 at 11 am entitled, “Surviving the Pandemic and Taking Care of Our Mental Health.” The Oregon Online Branch is interested in co-sponsoring a program with us. Charmen Goehring volunteered to have the Online Branch join AAUW CHAR’s October program about the ballot propositions on October 20. There is no September meeting planned yet.

The next Board Meeting will likely be the 2nd Thursday but not necessarily every month.

Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Signed,

Charmen Goehring