



**Minutes of the California Online Branch
Board Zoom Meeting
October 13, 2022**

Branch Established October 2, 2001

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Attendance:

Gail Swain, President

Kristina Rueckert Treasurer

Bev Van Citters, Jean Simutis Program VP

Tobi Balma, Membership VP

Charmen Goehring, Fund VP

Randa Blanding, Communications Chair

Cathy Foxhoven, Public Policy Chair and Speech Trek
Tech Group, and Gov Trek, Bev Van Citters

Absent:

Patrice Lyn, DEI chair (submitted report)

Harriet Tower, Book Group,

Shelley Mitchell, Newsletter

Gail Swain called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Gail introduced Sharon Westafer, Secretary, and welcomed her to the board. Gail invited members to share things for which they're grateful.

Board Reports:

Financial: Kristina discussed budget expenses which currently are lower than income. The bank balance for Q1 is \$1600. So far, income is just over \$1000. Several branch donations have been received. All documents for tax filing have been filed within the deadline. Kristina explained that the branch does not currently have Venmo or Zelle availability for donations. She is working with the bank on getting those services set up. Jean reported that there is currently about \$230 in the old bank account, which hasn't been closed yet because a \$140 contribution hasn't cleared the bank.

Membership: Tobi gave a detailed membership report and stated that there are currently 90 members with 2 checks in the mail. There are 28 primary members. 6 members have not renewed due to personal or health reasons. 2 members have not responded to Tobi's outreach. The branch has gained 12 new members with a net gain of 5 members. Tobi is using AAUW CA Director Marsha Swail's membership motto "Each One Brings One." 83 of 90 members responded to the branch survey and Tobi shared branch demographics. She is close to finalizing the membership roster for the website.

Program: Bev extended thanks to Nancy Mahr for the September program, a presentation of the ballot measures on the November ballot. The Thursday, December 1st program will feature Kathleen Harper, Director, and Co-Chair of the State Public Policy committee, who will speak about the election results and how they impact California women. Dr. Amy La will present after the first of the year, and Cathy Foxhoven's niece, Dr. Monica Bertagnolli, will be invited to speak about women's health for the Spring fourth quarter program. Dr. Bertagnolli was appointed by President Biden as the first woman Director of the National Cancer Institute.

Fund: Charmen reminded everyone of the upcoming AAUW CA Fund events on October 15th, 22nd, 23rd and November 12th. She is waiting for the branch donation report from National.

Public Policy: Cathy will be moving to Portland this month and will step down from this position. She will continue this year as committee chair.

Speech Trek: Cathy announced that the branch will participate. She currently has 5 contestants and is hoping for more before February. She will submit articles to the newsletter to encourage members to recruit more contestants. Randa questioned whether a motion needs to be made for the branch to participate in Speech Trek. Gail will research this.

Communications, Website: Randa announced that the website has been redone. Any changes can be sent to Alice LaBay, website administrator, and updates can be submitted to Randa.

Book Group: The selection for October is *Feminism is for Everyone*.

Tech Group: Bev is pleased with the interest in the group. The next meeting will be November 14th. The presentation will be on how to mail online auction items to winning bidders.

Gov Trek: Bev met with Gov Trek leadership to work on a survey for students. Randa suggested that the branch consider contacting students who participated in Speech Trek to see if they would be interested in Gov Trek. Gail suggested that this is something to consider in the future.

Zoom Issues: Jean reported that the biggest issue with zoom is the validation process for logging onto zoom. Jean suggests making the treasurer the account owner. If the treasurer changes, the alias for the zoom account will remain the same. Several people could be listed on the account so log-in issues wouldn't occur. Bev is working on this.

Committees: Gail will chair the Dues Increase committee which consists of Kristina, Jean, Tobi, and Gail.

Bylaws committee: Tabled until after the first of the year.

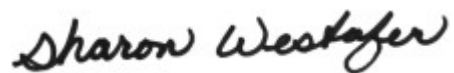
Policies and Procedures: Bev, Shelley, Patrice, and Gail will work on updates after the first of the year.

Great Decisions: A member asked if there is a Great Decisions interest group. Gail will invite Kathi Harper to write an article for the newsletter asking if members are interested.

Gail will send sympathy cards from the board to Sandy Kirkpatrick and Amy La for the death of a family member.

Next Board Meeting in January.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Westafer".

Sharon Westafer, Secretary