



**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
UNIVERSITY WOMEN  
CALIFORNIA ONLINE BRANCH  
MINUTES OF BOARD BUSINESS  
CONDUCTED VIA EMAIL  
January to March 2023**

*Branch Established October 2, 2001*

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**January 2023**

- Standard Operating Procedures for the CA Online Branch Zoom account were updated by Bev Van Citters, Jean Simutus and Kristina Rueckert. Google document to help facilitate the process of revisions/editing was included.
- January 9– Technology Special Interest Group met via zoom to discuss Excel and Google sheets - 4 p.m.
- January 12 - Meet and Greet via zoom – 5 p.m.
- January 16 – Public Policy /Diversity and Inclusion met via zoom -7:30 p.m. Patrice Lyn discussed Colorism/Racism. A recording link was provided for those unable to attend the meeting.
- January 23 – Book Group met via zoom to review *The Many Daughters of Among Foy* -7 p.m.
- January 28 – Branch meeting via zoom. Dr. Amy La spoke regarding “Surviving the Pandemic and Taking Care of our Mental Health”. 11 a.m.
- January 31 – Board meeting via zoom. 7 p.m.
- January branch program uploaded to YouTube.

**February 2023**

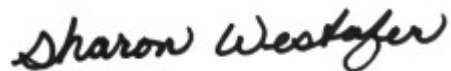
- Nominating committee appointed
- February 9 – Meet and Greet via zoom – 5 p.m.
- February 13<sup>th</sup> – Technology Special Interest Group met via zoom – 4 p.m.

- Exploration occurred regarding online meeting options. It was decided to remain with the current zoom account.
- Discussion occurred regarding branch dues increase. Notice sent out to branch members for discussion.
- February 18 – Speech Trek contestant presentations. There were 2 contestants and 1 was chosen as the winner.
- February 27<sup>th</sup> – Book group met via zoom to discuss *Horse* – 7 p.m.

### **March 2023**

- March 9 – Meet and Greet via zoom – 5 p.m.
- Voting occurred regarding branch dues increase of \$5 to make dues \$15 per year
- March 13- Technology Special Interest Group-Podcasting 101 - 4 p.m.
- March 13 – Public Policy Interest Group – 7 p.m.
- Vote to increase dues from \$10 to \$15 per year occurred and passed by 98%. 55 members voted with 54 yes votes and 1 no vote.
- March 21-22 – Patrice Lyn and Cathy Foxhoven participated in California Lobby Day
- March 27 – Book group meeting to discuss *The Only Woman in the Room*- 7 p.m.
- March 28 – Board meeting via zoom – 7 p.m.

Signed,



Sharon Westafer