



**Minutes of the California Online Branch
Board Zoom Meeting
May 31, 2023**

Branch Established October 2, 2001

Attendance:

Gail Swain, President, Social Media

Kristina Rueckert, Treasurer

Bev Van Citters, Jean Simutis Program VP

Tobi Balma, Membership VP

Randa Blanding, Communications Chair

Patrice Lyn, and Cathy Foxhoven, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion/Public Policy

Cathy Foxhoven, Speech Trek

Bev Van Citters, Tech Group

Charmen Goehring, Fund

Elaine Johnson, Incoming Program VP

Sharon Westafer, Secretary

Absent:

Tracey Clark, Incoming VP Membership (Excused), Harriet Tower, Book Group, Shelley Mitchell, Newsletter

Gail Swain called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Board Reports:

Financial: Kristina reported that renewals are coming in and she received \$225 from AAUW National last week. She is working with National on a new member check which hasn't been deducted from the checking account. Kristina will follow up on a \$2 service charge on the checking account. The balance in the checking account is \$1905.00.

Gail submitted a bill for \$105.99, which is \$15.99 over budget, for shipping charges. The budget currently has \$40 budgeted for Admin and \$50 for the President's gift for a total of \$90.

Motion: Tobi Balma moved that Gail be reimbursed \$105.99. Motion seconded by Bev Van Citters. Motion carried.

Membership: Tobi has been working with members to navigate the National HUB to help with renewals. 40 members of 103 have renewed for next year. 3 members will not renew. The member roster information sheet for 2023-2024 has been updated. The branch is entitled to 3 free National memberships which can be used for a new primary member or for a current member. There is currently no policy regarding free National memberships.

Motion: Bev Van Citters moved that a list of the new primary members be created and three names, to be awarded the free memberships, be drawn from the list. The free membership will be for the member's second year of membership as an incentive for them to continue with the branch, Motion seconded by Gail Swain. Motion carried.

Tobi will select the three recipients from people who have joined between July 1, 2022, and July 1, 2023.

A policy will be created regarding free membership.

Program: Bev reported that the June 3rd program will feature GovTrek Director Shauna Ruyle presenting GovTrek. The program will be recorded.

Fund: Charmen announced that \$1204 has been donated to the Greatest Needs Fund since April. The silent auction fundraiser will be discussed with the new board.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Public Policy: Patrice and Cathy have held several meetings together this year with good discussions. This year Cathy did PP and Patrice DEI, next year they will switch and hold separate meetings.

Communications, Website: Randa has been working with Google Workspace. Google changed the monthly charge to \$12 per month without any notice. Randa investigated and got them to change the charge back to \$6 per month permanently. The account is used for email aliases.

Social Media: Gail reported that the members only private Facebook group isn't being used and has been deleted. The public Facebook group, which is open to people with permission, is still active. To join the public group a person must answer questions and then be approved by admin. All posts must also be approved, admin can preview the post and decide whether to approve it. All the board members plus Sandy Kirkpatrick are pre-approved to post.

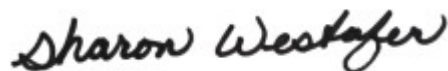
Tech Group: Bev surveyed the group to find out their interests. They will be exploring new technology.

Speech Trek: Cathy will check with past participants to see if they would like to participate again next year. The topic for 2024 will deal with book banning. Cathy hopes to have more contestants for next year.

Newsletter: No report.

Next Board Meeting to be arranged in July or August.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Sharon Westafer, Secretary