



**Minutes of the California Online Branch
Board Zoom Meeting
July 31, 2023, 7 pm**

Branch Established October 2, 2001

Attendance:

Gail Swain, President, Social Media

Jean Simutis, Treasurer

Elaine Johnson, Program VP

Tracey Clark, Membership VP

Randa Blanding, Communications Chair, Website

Cathy Foxhoven, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Speech Trek

Patrice Lyn, Public Policy

Sharon Westafer, Secretary

Absent:

Charmen Goehring (Excused), Bev Van Citters (Excused) Tech Group, Harriet Tower, Book Group, Shelley Mitchell, Newsletter

Gail Swain called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Gail asked that people include how they would like to be communicated with; text, email, phone call

Board Reports:

Financial: Jean's goal is to keep good track of branch money and communicate well with the AAUW HUB. Jean presented an early draft of the budget and will update the figures once she receives the final yearend figures from the previous treasurer. The final budget will be voted on in August or September. Jean would like the board members' phone numbers, so they are in her phone. Estimated dues income is \$1500 and estimated Speech Trek donations are \$500.00. The balance in the checking account is \$2700.00.

Discussion occurred regarding paying program speakers. Historically, the branch hasn't paid speaker fees. Discussion also occurred regarding funding a NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) student. It was agreed that the branch doesn't have the funds.

Membership: Tracey is processing her predecessor's materials. She will have a meet and greet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M. for the remainder of this year. In December, she will assess whether the day and time are good for members.

Program: Elaine presented her program goals, suggested programs for 2023-2024, her budget and the list of committee members. Discussion occurred regarding the days and times of the meetings. Elaine's committee will present their final plans once they meet and confirm the programs.

September 22, 2023: Faces of Tomorrow, NCCWSL in collaboration with the Oregon Online branch.

January: Gender Fluid Conversation (LBGTQ+)

March: Women's History Month

May: Banned Books This program may be changed to April as the final meeting of the year is usually the board installation.

Fund: Charmen reported that she is planning an online auction fundraiser in October.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: No report

Public Policy: Patrice prefers text communications. The group will meet on a Monday each month and will be prepping for the spring lobby day. Patrice attended two webinars in June and hopes to partner with Equality California to encourage people to run for school boards.

Communications, Website: Randa's goal is to stay on top of changes on the website. She works with Alice Labay. Hayley Green takes care of the email. Randa is ok with phone calls.

Social Media: Gail's goal is to get the branch on Linked-In. She monitors the Facebook page and encourages members to read it and post on it.

Tech Group: Bev has published the dates and subjects for the Tech Group meetings in the newsletter.

Speech Trek: Cathy announced that prizes for the 1st place winner will be \$250, 2nd place will be \$150 and 3rd place will be \$100. \$500 in donations have been received so far. Any money over the \$500 balance will be carried forward to next year.

Newsletter: No report. Gail reminded everyone that the due date for articles for the September newsletter is August 20.

New Business:

The branch goals for 2023-2024 will be worked on via email. Gail asked for volunteers to work on Branch Policies and Procedures updates and Branch Bylaws updates. She also requests chairs for both of these committees.

All members present were very appreciative of the little gifts that were sent to all before the meeting.

Board meetings for this year will be 7/31, 10/30, 1/29 and 4/29. (They are subject to change)

Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 30 at 7 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Sharon Westafer, Secretary