



**Minutes of the California Online Branch
Board Zoom Meeting
October 30, 2023**

Branch Established October 2, 2001

Attendance:

Gail Swain, President, Social Media

Jean Simutis, Treasurer

Elaine Johnson, Program VP

Tracey Clark, Membership VP

Charmen Goehring, AAUW Fund

Randa Blanding, Communications Chair, Website

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

Sharon Westafer, Secretary

Tobi Balma

Absent:

Bev Van Citters (Excused) Tech Group, Patrice Lyn, Public Policy Harriet Tower, Book Group,

Shelley Mitchell, Newsletter

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

Board Reports:

Financial: Jean presented the Quarter 1 financial report. As of November 1, the California account is closed, and the Oregon bank account is open. Beginning balance in both accounts as of October 31st was \$2711.72. Ending balance was \$3028.66. Going forward, all monies are in the Oregon account because Jean lives in Oregon.

Membership: Tracey reported that there are three new members. Total membership is 101. Tobi Balma, prior membership chair, has been assisting Tracey. Tobi reported that of the three new members, one is a primary member and two are dual members. Tobi gave an overview of the membership and stated that there are thirty-one primary members. The goal is to increase the number of primary members.

Program: Elaine presented a preliminary list of programs for the branch year. The Oregon branch has invited the Online branch to collaborate on the January program. Discussion occurred and Elaine will get more details from the Oregon membership chair regarding the subject matter. The remaining meetings for the year were also discussed.

Fund: Charmen reported that \$1271 in donations to the Fund have been received to date. Discussion occurred regarding doing a fund raiser vs a direct appeal for money. It was agreed that Charmen will make a direct appeal in November.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Cathy reported that the group will meet in January and March.

Public Policy: No report.

Speech Trek: Cathy reported that last year's branch entrant may participate again this year. There are no confirmed participants at this time.

Communications, Website: Randa reminded members to check the website. If any information needs to be revised/replaced, notify both Randa and Alice LaBay. Notify Randa if new material needs to be added to the website..

Social Media: Gail will check the Facebook page to see who is actually accessing the page. She said that many people who are not members of the branch visit the site. She suggested that they be approached to join the branch.

Tech Group: No report.

Newsletter: No report. The November newsletter was distributed today.

Secretary: No report.

New Business:

Branch Survey: Gail reported that about 25% of members responded. Most people said they would attend a 2-hour zoom meeting on a Saturday morning.

New Officer Report: Gail presented the new listing of officers.

ZOOM Standard Operating Procedures: Guidelines for zoom meetings were distributed prior to the meeting.

Things that need to happen in 2023-2024: Gail will work on updates to the Policies and Procedures and will add the policy regarding the Shape the Future program once it is completed. The bylaws will be revised due to National Bylaws changes.

Next Board meetings for this year will be 1/29 and 4/29. Next Board Meeting: Monday, January 29th at 7 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Sharon Westafer, Secretary