



**Minutes of the California Online Branch
Board Zoom Meeting
April 29, 2024**

Branch Established October 2, 2001

Attendance:

Gail Swain, President

Jean Simutis, Treasurer

Elaine Johnson, Program VP, Nominations

Randa Blanding, Communications Chair, Website

Patrice Lyn, Public Policy

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

Bev Van Citters, Tech SIG

Sharon Westafer, Secretary

Absent: Charmen Goehring, AAUW Fund (Excused), Shelley Mitchell, Newsletter (Excused), Harriet Tower, Book Group (Excused)

Gail called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Board Reports:

Financial: Jean emailed the board the budget to date. There is \$100 left in the Speech Trek account. Jean will make suggestions regarding what to do with the money. More money has been received by the branch than spent.

Program: Elaine reported that there will be four speakers for the May 11th annual meeting: Wendy Levine, Shelley Mitchell, Winifred Creamer and Elaine Johnson. The subject will be Cultural Understanding Through Travel. Elaine will ask for permission to record the program. Randa and Gail will co-host the program, which will include the annual meeting.

Nominations: Elaine presented the proposed slate of officers for 2024-2025: Gail Swain, President; Bev Van Citters, President Elect; Cathy Foxhoven, Program; Elaine Johnson, Membership; Jean Simutis, Treasurer. Gail announced appointed offices: Sharon Westafer, Secretary; Randa Blanding, Communications and Newsletter; Kathi Harper, Public Policy; Alice Labay, website; Hayley Green, Email list; Cathy Foxhoven and Patrice Lyn, DEI. Harriet would like someone to replace her as head of the book group.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Cathy reported that the group is finished meeting for the year. She hopes to have three meetings next year and has ideas for two of them.

Public Policy: Patrice reported on her experience at Lobby Day. The number of participants has increased. Patrice, Charmen and Kathi Harper participated. The group has finished meeting for this year.

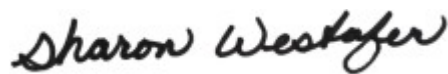
Speech Trek: Cathy announced that the California State Board has decided to discontinue Speech Trek. Cathy would like to continue the program for one more year in order to spend the money in the account. She is appealing to the State Board.

Tech Trek: The branch has three students who will attend Tech Trek virtual camp. Gail and Randa are working with Mary Isaac.

Tech Group: Bev thanked Randa for her help and announced that she will be stepping down from the position in June. The group will be discontinued.

Bylaws: Gail will propose changes to the bylaws not included in what AAUW is requiring. She will recommend changes regarding nominations and elections and adding the secretary as an elected officer. She will also recommend that the AAUW Fund chair be an appointed position. Randa and Cathy will help Gail. The revised bylaws will be voted on in May.

Gail read an inspirational message.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



Sharon Westafer, Secretary