



**Minutes of the California Online Branch
Board Zoom Meeting
August 25, 2025**

Branch Established October 2, 2001

Attendance:

Gail Swain, President

Elaine Johnson, Program VP

Randa Blanding, Communications Chair, Website, Tech Trek

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

Sharon Westafer, Secretary

Kathi Harper, Public Policy

Excused: Shelley Mitchell, Finance

Total attendance: Six

Gail welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

No additions to the agenda.

Board members shared activities they've been doing over the summer.

Program: Cathy reported that the branch will have joint programs with the Oregon and Washington On-line branches. She also listed programs planned for the year: immigration, the use of menstrual kits and Title IX California style, presented by Kathi Harper.

DEI: Cathy and Gail will be presenting a program on sexual assault.

Financials: Shelley submitted her report via email. Discussion occurred regarding Shelley's report. She will be asked to include renewal instructions in the branch newsletter.

Membership: Elaine thanked Gail for updating the welcome letter. There are currently 115 members plus two state board members who advise the branch. There are two branch members who are also on the state board and also advise the branch.

Public Policy: Kathi's goal for 2024-2025 was to keep the membership up to date on anything regarding Public Policy going on at the State and National. She accomplished this through the newsletter. Her goal for this year is to work with Cathy regarding Title IX issues and to keep the branch website up to date on issues related to public policy. Public Policy will no longer be designated as an interest group but will have its own website page. Kathi will keep the page updated so members are apprised of Public Policy activities.

Website: Randa reported that the website has been updated. The branch Named Gift recipient list will be updated.

Newsletter: Randa received a Fund article from Sharon, which she forwarded to Donna Holmes for further editing. Donna will meet with Tremayne Parquet next week to go over the details.

Tech Trek: No report

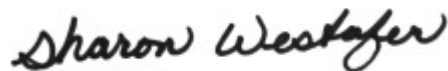
Fund: See newsletter and Shelley's motion.

Motion: Shelley moved that the branch make a donation in the amount of \$100 to National. Seconded by Sharon. Discussion occurred. Gail recommended further research on branch funds before voting on the motion as a larger donation may be feasible. Suggestions were also made regarding a donation to a fund other than Greatest Needs. A meeting via email will be conducted to vote on the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: To be decided.

Addendum to minutes: Motion: Randa moved, via email, to table the motion, No second required. Motion carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Westafer".

Sharon Westafer, Secretary