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Thanks Tokyo.

Now we finally know the rules for canoe sprinting.

Dear Randa,

Welcome to the *California Connection*, the monthly e-blast sent to every member from your state organization for a quick read of things to know and do in AAUW!

Things to Know



While muscled athletes were rowing and running, your slightly flabbier AAUW team was Zooming to finalize plans for another medal-winning year. Going for the gold? Pshaw. That's nothing. We're going for another 5 stars! Only two other states earned 5-star status last year and we plan to be returning champions. 5 + 5 doesn't equal 10, but we'll have TWO fancy certificates! Now, where to hang them.....



Tech Trek jumped over the hurdles and crossed the finish line! The fans are celebrating three weeks of virtual camps with 600 happy students boasting wearable tech, like hats that move. We tip our nonautomated fedoras to our talented leaders, Susan Negrete, Alice Hill, and Mary Isaac (Dr. Mimi), and scores of dedicated volunteers for completing the challenging course. However, we do notice wine sales are up.



You must still be bored at home if you've been reduced to binge-watching 1940's Merrie Melody cartoons. That's a silver lining for us. People's ennui (remember your SAT vocabulary words?) made the turnout of volunteers for state committees merrier than the melodies. New folks looking for a purpose joined us in Marketing, Public Policy, Communications, Diversity/Equity/Inclusion, and other committees. They'll meet August 28th in the cartoon world of Zoom to set committee goals. *That's all folks.* No, really, that's all. We mean it.

Things to Do

After charging as fast and hard as the panting sprinters in a 400-meter relay race, our state Tech Trek program directors are ready to pass the baton to the next runners. We're scouting for talented people to be on the Tech Trek team. We need an overall program director, a finance person, and support people for the cool roles in the brand new Tech Trek Committee. Don't sit on the bench! Study the track [HERE](#), then lace up your cross-trainers and complete an [application](#) by August 20th. This may be the only time you weren't picked last.



Our schedule of upcoming events includes our first webinar of the year: *"You're in Charge. Now What? What Boards Need to Know"* presented by President-Elect Sandi Gabe on September 8th. She'll be tossing ideas around like the women's beach volleyball team, but thankfully not wearing the same outfit. Registration information will be coming soon on [the AAUW California website](#). Watch for it so you can be more than just a team mascot.



If you had students attending Tech Trek Virtual Camp, they (a) made a piece of wearable tech, like a hat with moving parts, and (b) explained it in the wrap-up event. You're probably wondering (a) what moved on it and (b) was anything injured in the making of this hat. Lucky for you, there are video clips of your students' presentations and they are delightful. So you should (a) contact Mary "Dr. Mimi" Isaac at 2021ttvirtualcamp@aauw-ca.org to get them and (b) bug your branch to show them.



The games are over. And so is this issue.

That's all Folks!



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