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Greetings to our new team of branch leaders. I am excited to begin my term as AAUW California president and invite you to enjoy this abbreviated edition of our monthly *Board to Board* (B2B) newsletter. Our full edition will return in August.

After a two-year Covid break, the incoming 2022-2023 leadership team had the pleasure of meeting in person to plan our approach for the upcoming year. With the strategy of "Linking together for our mission," we outlined actions to meet our priorities to:

- Strengthen connections among the state, the branches, and national AAUW.
- Use a laser focus to develop resources to help branches build membership.
- Assist branches struggling with leadership needs.
- Launch new state project(s).

Join us: Enthusiasm is contagious.

Reboot your AAUW passion by joining a high-powered group focused on engaging hearts and minds in the fight for equality. In just a few hours a month, you can make a difference in our plans for STEM education, social justice initiatives, and skill-building opportunities for high school students, as well as help AAUW's brand shine with effective marketing and communications. Engage with other talented, committed members to help offer our successful signature programs or get in on the ground floor of new ones. The opportunities are nearly endless and always rewarding.

How to Participate

1. Apply to participate on a committee.

Since our committee structure and opportunities have changed, submit an application even if you want to continue on the same committee you were on last year. Click <u>HERE</u> to view committee descriptions and apply. Deadline: July 12th.

- 2. Attend Committee Day
 - July 30th
 - 8 am 4 pm
 - Online via Zoom

Meet your fellow committee members, learn about your committee goals, and develop an approach to meet them. You'll receive a detailed agenda prior to the meeting.

Dobbs, A New Word In Our Vocabulary

AAUW California has released a statement condemning the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on June 24th in *Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization* which overturned *Roe v Wade*. If you missed it, you can view the statement on our website <u>HERE</u>. We understand that there may be a lot of confusion among members about the ramifications of this momentous decision. Our Public Policy committee chair, Kathi Harper, will present a

webinar to address members' concerns on Thursday, July 7th at 7:00 pm. We hope you will join us and please urge your members to do the same. You can register <u>HERE</u>.

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