



Our leaders are also readers! Thanks to their eagle eyes, we learned of a few errors and omissions in this month's Board to Board and are sending an amended version. Please accept our apology and our thanks to branch leaders for reading our messages so carefully.

Welcome to the abbreviated edition of the first Board to Board (B2B) for 2023-2024. Since some branches are still updating their rosters, this message is distributed to both outgoing and incoming branch leaders. Our full edition will return in August for 2023-2024 leaders.

As Sandi Sees It

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AAUW California Leadership Team Goes To Camp!

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of Tech Trek, the incoming leadership team took over a residence hall on the California State University Monterey Bay campus in June as part of Leader Trek – an opportunity for the incoming leadership team to begin planning the new year.

We gave up the creature comforts of a hotel to evaluate the campus as a potential location for a future Tech Trek camp. Note that no decision has been made about any future camp locations.

Thirteen women in dorm rooms.... what could go wrong? Luckily, nothing did. No one fell out of the sky-high dorm beds or starved eating cafeteria food. The team made significant progress outlining our goals for the upcoming year. The goals will be reviewed and fleshed out by the newly-formed committees on Committee Day on Saturday, August 19th.

We will continue with the strategy of “Linking together for our mission,” which includes these priorities:

- **Strengthen connections among the state, the branches, and national AAUW.** *This year we will increase the focus on peer groups—gatherings of people with the same position across branches. Peer groups will be used to provide regular job training and orientation to resources available on the national and state websites. Branch members who are listed in the Branch Officer Report (BOR) will be automatically included in peer group meetings. Watch for messages from the committee chairs about when the initial meetings will be held.*
- **Use a laser focus to develop resources to help branches build membership.** *This year we continue our marketing focus by enhancing our outreach to potential members.*
- **Assist branches struggling with leadership needs.** *This year we added the Leadership Development Committee to fortify our development of branch and state leaders.*
- **Launch new state project.** *This year we'll strengthen the Gov Trek offering which was adopted as a new state project last year.*

Please join me in welcoming our incoming leadership team and acknowledging the outgoing leadership team members who have given enthusiastically to the organization.

We welcome:

- CFO – Kathy Ford
- Incoming President-elect – Charmen Goehring
- Directors – Amy Hom, Melissa Maceyko, Sigrid Moranz
- Speech Trek Director – Lana Widman

We bid farewell to:

- Directors – Janice Lee, Carol Holzgrafe, Kathi Harper
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