

# Board to Board

A Communication from the AAUW California Board to Branch Boards

*Standing together for equity*



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## May 2025

What and why is an online branch? Everyone is familiar with branches that you can attend in person. The beauty of an online environment is the absence of geographical barriers in defining membership. The California Online Branch was established in 2001 as an experiment in creating a “virtual” community. The branch currently has members residing in eight states, comprising 32 primary members and 73 dual members. There are quarterly program meetings, a monthly newsletter, several interest groups, a board of directors, and a monthly no-agenda gathering. Why do people join? There are probably as many reasons as the 105 members. Some reasons include no nearby in-person branch, the virtual environment works well, the various offerings are interesting, it is only an additional \$15 per year to become a dual member and meet new like-minded people, people move away from their primary branch, they don’t want to drop their membership, but they want to remain active in AAUW and **many more reasons**. If you or someone you know fit these or other reasons, please consider checking out the [California Online Branch](#).

Your members may be interested in this article; please consider including it in your newsletter.

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### Charmen's Chat

**Charmen Goehring**, President, AAUW California, [statepresident@aauw-ca.org](mailto:statepresident@aauw-ca.org)

#### Annual Meeting was a success!

Pivoting 4 Our Future was our Annual Event theme, loosely tying together the book, *The Four Pivots* by Dr. Shawn Ginwright, Social Change roles with Deepa Iyer, and our own Volunteers First!

Program. The big takeaway was that even small pivots can transform our organization into something stronger and more sustainable. Look for information later this summer about a statewide book study with *The Four Pivots* book, and join us for an in-depth exploration of what the pivots are and how they can help us strengthen AAUW and our branches.

### **AAUW California Election in progress**

Our state election began April 26th and runs through May 16th. An email was sent to all members at about 8 am on April 26th. Those without email received a paper ballot, which must be returned by May 16th to be counted. You are asked to vote to approve our Biennium Public Policy Priorities and a dues increase and to vote for two candidates for the State Board. Please vote and have a say in your organization.

### **Consider applying for a State Committee**

Applications are now available and will be accepted until May 31st. This is a wonderful way to bring your skills and passion for all things AAUW to the state level to aid all branches. Committees meet monthly on Zoom and have varying responsibilities. All committees accept applications for general members; some also have specific roles for which you may apply. You can find the application and more information [HERE](#).

### **Dues Increase Questions**

There have been questions regarding the dues increase, should it pass during our election. It will be in effect for the 2025-2026 AAUW year, starting July 1st. Since we are currently beginning renewals for the next year now, any renewals that are processed before the end of the election, and the announcement of the results, will be subject to the current dues rate of \$20. Provided the dues increase passes, any renewals after that will be at the \$30 rate. Branch officers should submit renewals as they come in so that it won't be necessary to go back to members later for the increased amount. If you have additional questions, please contact the Branch Development committee or me.

### **National stays strong on our values**

Despite the rhetoric and attacks on higher education, AAUW remains strong as a tireless advocate for women in higher education. We do not receive any federal funds so the bans on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion programs and language do not apply. In fact, we consider dismantling these programs to be a direct attack on women in STEM. You are invited to join AAUW on May 13, 2025 at 7 pm (EST) for the Strategic Plan Launch on Zoom. You can register [HERE](#).

### **The BOR (Branch Officer Report) Updates Begin Soon**

*Julika Barrett, AAUW California Office Manager, [Office@aauw-ca.org](mailto:Office@aauw-ca.org)*

### **BRANCH PRESIDENTS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Each year, current branch presidents (or their delegates) gather at their computers to enter the names of their branch officers. That time approaches very soon for entering their 2025-2026 board.

You will receive an email with your login information later in May. For now, please add to your calendars these key dates:

- June 2nd, begin entering new and returning officers into the BOR
- Attend Office Hours on Zoom, if needed. There are three days of BOR Demonstrations and Q&A, taking place from June 2nd to June 4th, from 10 am to 2 pm. Register for a session below. Note: You can enter the meeting at any time.
  - Monday, June 2nd [HERE](#)
  - Tuesday, June 3rd [HERE](#)
  - Wednesday, June 4th [HERE](#)

**Be sure to:**

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## Committee News

### AAUW FUND [TOP](#)

*Deanna Arthur, AAUW Fund Committee chair, [aauwfund@aauw-ca.org](mailto:aauwfund@aauw-ca.org)*

#### **Congratulations to Our State Named Gift Honoree!**

Kathleen Doty, of the Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch, was revealed as the State Named Gift Honoree during the Virtual Annual Event. Since joining her branch in 1985, Kathleen has served in most branch leadership positions, including president three times. She has also served on AAUW California committees and the state board as Secretary and Parliamentarian and, from 2014-2016, as president. Kathleen and her late husband, Jim, started the Colorful Stories program to give diverse books to local schools. She hosted with her husband, and now her sister, "Dining with the Dotys"/"Dinner with Kathleen and her Sister," where raffle tickets are sold, and the winner is treated to a gourmet meal for six. Proceeds go to the AAUW Fund. Kathleen has also long been active in her local community- serving on the PTA board of Ramona School in Alhambra, as a Girl Scout leader and lifelong Scout, as a board member for the local American Youth Soccer Organization, and on the board, including as president, of the California Association for Medical Laboratory Management. Thank you, Kathleen, for all that you give AAUW and your community!

#### **Join the Fund Committee!**

Committee applications are now available. Consider joining the Fund Committee and work with branches and our Fund recipients during the next year. More information is on the [website](#). Applications are due May 31st.

**What I need to know:** Kathleen Doty is the 2025 State Named Gift Honoree.

**What I need to do:** Look to her story for inspiration.

**Should I include this in my branch newsletter?** Yes, in your Fund article.

### BRANCH DEVELOPMENT [TOP](#)

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## IS YOUR BRANCH A FIVE-STAR BRANCH?

### California Leads AAUW Five-Star Program

Seven of the 15 branches nationwide that earned five stars in the National Five-Star Program are in California! We also lead in the other star categories. AAUW gathers information for the program through a survey sent to branch presidents earlier last month. Please take the time to fill it out, with your board's support if needed, and return it to National by June 30th. We would love to have even more branches recognized next year!

You saw the 2024 Five-Star winners at the recent Annual Event. Now you can be one of them! For more information on the program, visit the [Five-Star Program](#). Obtain the qualifying questions [HERE](#) and the checklist to prepare your answers [HERE](#). Remember, just like the lottery, you cannot win a Five-Star Award if you don't enter!

The survey will be open from April 1st through June 30th. If you have any questions about the Five-Star Program, please email Tremayne Parquet, Deputy Director of Advancement, at [parquett@aauw.org](mailto:parquett@aauw.org).

### Branch Activity of the Year (BAY)

What great programs these branches had! Congratulations to Berkeley – 1st Place; Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek and Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette for 2nd Place; and Sunnyvale-Cupertino for 3rd Place.

### Membership

**DUES UPDATE:** The current state election includes a vote to increase the state dues from \$20 to \$30. Read Charmen's letter in the Nominations & Election article, which provides some background, reasons, and why she urges each member to vote "Yes."

### Peer Group Meeting

Our next Branch Development Peer Group Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 3rd, at 7 pm. **This is a date change due to a conflict.** The topic will be *Volunteers First – Part 2* featuring Peggy Shippen in person with plenty of opportunities to discuss and ask questions. Click [HERE](#) to register.

**What I need to know:** Everything, this is one fact-packed article!

**What I need to do:** Vote, plan to get five stars & see if your branch can earn a BAY award next year!

**Should I include this in my branch newsletter?** Yes, there are activities for every branch member.

## COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY [TOP](#)

**Susan Bangasser**, College/University Committee chair, [cu@aauw-ca.org](mailto:cu@aauw-ca.org)

### UPDATE FOR ALL BRANCHES SENDING STUDENTS TO NCCWSL

If your branch plans to send students to NCCWSL, we have some information for you.

- NASPA has arranged for a block of hotel rooms for students from the west coast who arrive on May 27th, the day before NCCWSL begins. The conference is May 28-30 with the opening session at 5 pm on May 28th. Click [HERE](#) for the cost and registration process. You can now reserve a room for your students on May 27th by clicking [HERE](#).

NASPA has confirmed with the hotel that students under the age of 21 will be able to check in and that you can provide a credit card for incidentals ahead of time, if they are using an AAUW or institutional card instead of their own. Please work with the hotel directly if you

would like to put a card on file for incidentals. On May 28th, students will need to check out of the hotel and check in at the Adele Stamp Student Union, between noon and 5 pm. The NASPA website has links to the campus map.

Is any branch sending an adult, either a C/U chair or an administrator from the campus? If so, please let us know at [cu@aauw-ca.org](mailto:cu@aauw-ca.org).

- Please ask the students that you send to NCCWSL if you can share their name and email address with California AAUW. We plan to have a Zoom session with the students who attend NCCWSL to get their feedback and suggestions. Please send the names and email addresses of the students attending NCCWSL to [cu@aauw-ca.org](mailto:cu@aauw-ca.org).
- While there is no formal tour of DC planned by NASPA this year, we will continue to request this. If students arrive in the evening on Tuesday, May 27th, and check into the hotel, they may take it easy the next day since the conference starts at 5 pm on Wednesday, May 28th. However, if they want a brief DC experience, here's one idea. Students either use ride-sharing services or transportation systems to travel to DC and take advantage of tour opportunities, such as the Hop-on Hop-off ([Hop-On Hop-Off Washington D.C. Bus Tours | Top Attractions](#)). A one-day ticket is \$59. Or try the Big Bus tours [Washington DC Hop on Hop off Bus Tours | Big Bus Tours](#), for \$75. Since time is limited, students would only be able to hop off at one or two sites. The logistics are complicated in that students will need to check out of the hotel and have the hotel store the luggage. There may be an option to drop luggage off at the NCCWSL site, located at the Adele Stamp Student Union. We will hear if that is possible in a couple of weeks. But the hotel is on campus, so either luggage storage location can work. However, remind students that there will be traffic on their return trip, and they should plan to get back by 3:30 pm to pick up luggage, walk to the middle of the campus, and check in at the conference site, Adele Stamp Student Union.

### **College/University Partner School Membership News**

If students from a college/university that is a member of AAUW, are joining or renewing their membership, an updated code should now be entered. The coupon codes for AAUW College/University member students are CUSudentFY26 for Student Associates (undergraduates); CUGradStudentFY26 for Graduate Students.

### **Five-Star Award Program**

If you are not sending anyone to NCCWSL this year, but you want to get credit for your branch in the Five-Star Award program, make a donation to support NCCWSL Scholarships by contacting Tremayne Parquette at AAUW National.

Donations to NCCWSL can be remitted to AAUW National just as any other donations, either via check with NCCWSL Scholarship (2504) in the memo line of the check or on a supporting document, such as the Contribution Report Form. If you'd like to make the donation online, Tremayne can facilitate that with an Express Payment Link. This allows you to donate on behalf of the branch to NCCWSL Scholarships since it's not one of the current funds available on the general donation page.

If a branch is interested in making an online payment, send an email to [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) and be sure to put 'Express Payment Link' in the subject line. Then, please notify AAUW of the gift amount and the fund your branch wishes to support (in this case, NCCWSL Scholarships). AAUW will promptly send you a link for the donation, which you will use for payment. According to Tremayne,



the links are generated on the same day. Please ensure that you include your contact information in case AAUW has any questions.

**What I need to know:** If your branch sends students to NCCWSL this post contains answers to previously raised questions.

**What I need to do:** Ensure Membership VPs have the new codes for students from a partner college/university that is a member of AAUW.

**Should I include this in my branch newsletter?** Yes, on how to donate to NCCWSL to get credit for your star; no, on this year's NCCWSL program as it will have passed before the branch June newsletters.

## COMMUNICATIONS [TOP](#)

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### STANDING TOGETHER FOR EQUITY, WE CAN ACHIEVE SO MUCH!

Our recent Annual Event was inspiring, moved fast, and had enough meat to feed a room full of teenagers! Due to Easter and Passover falling on the third weekend of April, we moved the event to the fourth weekend. Unfortunately, many branches did the same thing. So, as we go into summer and plan for our next year, please remember that the State Policies and Procedures (P&P), section 601.1 says that the 3rd weekend is reserved for the Annual Event and branches are not to schedule conflicting meetings. We are updating the P&P to add that if religious holidays conflict with the third weekend, the state will take the fourth weekend. The video of the Annual Event will soon be posted on the website [HERE](#), and branches might consider a watch party.

The day of the annual event is also when the state election ballot goes out. Check your spam/junk folder if you didn't receive it. Members without email were sent paper ballots a month before. This year's ballot includes three items: election of two directors, approval of a dues increase, and approval of the Public Policy Priorities.

Lastly, state committee members who want to continue or those who want to join a committee need to apply/reapply between May 1st and May 31st. The Communications committee is looking for new members, too! Please review the Communications section to find the skills and interests we are seeking: click [HERE](#) for committee information and the application. We are a fun and friendly bunch - we would love to have you bring your energy to our team!

All elections are important, and we are fortunate to have our voting rights, so please exercise your right to vote. Keeping everything going at the state level takes a lot of volunteers; we need all the committee members we can get!

**What I need to know:** You don't want to miss the annual event, we are looking for committee volunteers, and we need your vote.

**What I need to do:** Schedule next year's branch meetings so they don't conflict with the annual event and vote.

**Should I include this in my branch newsletter?** Scheduling is for branch leaders. Please let your members know of the opportunity to apply to be on a state committee.

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION [TOP](#)

**Lata Murti**, Director, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, [diversity@aauw-ca.org](mailto:diversity@aauw-ca.org)

## **STANDING STRONG TOGETHER FOR DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION!**

In addition to centering our Annual Event around themes of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, AAUW California is ending its year standing strong in its commitment to DEI. The following three actions demonstrate that commitment, and we hope you will participate or share them with your branch:

1. The [Spring 2025 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Branch Survey](#) (it's short!) is due by Friday, May 30th
2. An AAUW California Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion statement for the AAUW California website is coming soon!
3. Our May AAUW California Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Peer Group Meeting is on Wednesday, May 21st, 7-8 pm, during which President Charmen Goehring will give the interactive presentation on Shawn Ginwright's *Pivot #3: From Problem to Possibility*. This is the presentation she was not able to give in Breakout #3 during the Annual Event due to technical difficulties. All are welcome!

Look for email reminders from AAUW California DEI regarding all three actions above.

Stand strong with us, in support of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion! Take the survey! Register [HERE](#) for our May 21st meeting, and look on our website for the DEI statement—to be published soon!

**What I need to know:** Complete the Spring 2025 DEI Survey this month & the Annual Event presentation missed due to an Xfinity outage will be presented May 21st, 7-8 pm.

**What I need to do:** Attend the interactive Pivot #3 presentation. Share the California DEI statement.

**Should I include this in my branch newsletter?** Yes, all activities are for everyone.

## **FINANCE [TOP](#)**

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### **ONE YEAR ENDS, THE NEXT BEGINS**

It's the end of the fiscal year – a time for membership renewals and welcoming new members, wrapping up the old year, and planning for the new year.

Your branch may be deeply involved in these activities and more. The [April 3rd Finance Peer Group recording](#) is posted on the AAUW California website, and the PowerPoint and other session documents should be posted shortly. Be sure to use these resources if you have questions about the HUB, year-end reports to support government filings in the fall, finding missing documents, branch structure, and more. All peer group sessions for the past two years are posted to [Peer Groups – Finance](#).

Branch officers, especially those newly elected, may wonder about liability coverage. Our insurance policies include General Liability, D&O (Director and Officer) Liability, Fiduciary Liability, and more. If you are planning a fundraiser or other event and need a Certificate of Insurance for a vendor or sponsor, you can find the form to request one [HERE](#), then select "Managing Branch Insurance," followed by "Branch Insurance, option #2."

The Insurance coverage period follows the AAUW California fiscal year and is renewed and funded by AAUW California to ensure uninterrupted protection for all branches. Branches are invoiced in the fall based on their membership count as of February 1st. We keep you covered year-round.

The Finance Committee has invested considerable effort in supporting branch finance officers. We know it's critical to provide timely information so finance officers can meet all their very important job requirements. Be sure to let us know what you need to know that has not been addressed so far. As always, you can reach us at [cfo@aauw-ca.org](mailto:cfo@aauw-ca.org).

**What I need to know:** All finance information is posted on the AAUW California website.

**What I need to do:** Make sure all tax filings & other registrations are done in a timely manner.

**Should I include this in my branch newsletter?** No, this information is for branch officers.

## NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS [TOP](#)

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### VOTING

The Nominating Committee has completed its job. Now the voting is in progress. Every member can vote for board offices, public policy priorities, and the proposed dues increase. Follow the directions that you received with your ballot.

#### Board Officers:

This year, we are welcoming two co-presidents-elect and voting to elect two directors from a field of four candidates. We are still looking for a CFO.

Each of the candidates has experience as an AAUW leader and offers unique expertise to the position. Click [HERE](#) for the 2025 candidate postings, which are listed in the order of receipt of their completed nomination forms.

#### Public Policy Priorities:

We will also be voting on the 2025-2027 AAUW Public Policy Priorities. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the proposed PPP.

#### Dues Increase:

Charmen Goehring, president of AAUW California, provides some [background, reasons, and why she urges each member to vote "Yes."](#)

If you have not yet voted, you have until May 16th.

#### B2B Bonus: Quick Tips for Things to Try

Take the time to review candidates and ballot measures, then vote.

**What I need to know:** The election is live.

**What I need to do:** Vote online or return your paper ballot.

**Should I include this in my branch newsletter?** Yes, everyone has a vote & a voice.

## PUBLIC POLICY [TOP](#)



## BE A TRANS ALLY

### Trans Allyship Guide - Learn how to have conversations and be an ally

The AAUW of California Public Policy Trans Allyship guide has finally launched! Check it out by clicking [HERE](#).

This guide is for anyone who wants to continue to ally with transgender and nonbinary people. It is meant to be a complement to existing guides, such as those produced by well-known gender equity and transgender and nonbinary support organizations such as The Trevor Project, PFLAG, GLAAD, HRC, and Amnesty International. While some of the existing guides already contain important information about inclusive language and terminology, **our guide is unique in that it specifically focuses on how to have everyday conversations about transgender and nonbinary social and policy issues**, offering sample responses to common questions that YOU, our members have encountered while engaging in allyship and advocacy work. **Please keep those questions coming, as this is a living document! We will update content regularly.**

### AAUW California Mobilizes to Advance Priority Legislation

AAUW California advocates came out in full strength on April 8th and 9th to participate in Lobby Days 2025. A total of 197 people representing 66 branches, including our Public Policy Interns and other college students, turned out to advance our priority legislation. 84 people came to Sacramento on April 8th to meet in person with legislative offices; 104 people held virtual meetings via Zoom on April 9th, and nine people met in district offices. Because many offices prefer to keep their calendars open until the last minute, our committee worked furiously right up until the day of the event to schedule meetings. Meetings were requested with all 120 legislative offices, and 94 meetings were secured. **In other words, we met with 78% of all legislative offices - a record for AAUW California!**

Unsurprisingly, there were a few hiccups, but a vast majority of the meetings went off smoothly. While most meetings were with staff, ten meetings were held with legislators. Reports from the teams indicate that all of the meetings were courteous and cordial, including those with offices that did not agree with some of our positions. Many teams were received with enthusiasm and gratitude for AAUW's scholarships, activities, and programs such as Tech Trek. Some staffers expressed interest in joining AAUW, and one staffer generously shared information with our Public Policy Interns about a Fellowship program she participated in, which ultimately led to her current job. Overall, we successfully met with 94 offices to advance our key legislation and increased awareness about AAUW and all the things we do to advance gender equity.

We asked the legislative offices to support SB 771 and SB 418, and oppose AB 579. SB 771 (Stern) "Social Media Platforms Endangering Californians", sponsored by AAUW California, would hold social media platforms liable if their algorithms or AI aid or abet users to intimidate and threaten marginalized groups. SB 418 (Menjivar) "Ensure Equal Access to Care for All" would prohibit a health plan or a health insurance provider from denying coverage or denying benefits to a person based upon their race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex - including sex characteristics such as intersex traits, pregnancy, and gender identity. AB 579 (Castillo) "Yaeli's Law", which we opposed, would prohibit parental denial of support for youth self-identity from being considered as child abuse and the basis for custody or removal decisions.

Our positions on SB 418 and AB 579 are protective of the rights of transgender people, meeting the challenges of the current moment. A number of the offices expressed support for our positions with empathy and personal stories about legislators' family members who are transgender.

Shortly after our Lobby Days event, we learned that AB 579 is dead. The bill was held in the Assembly Rules Committee and was not referred to a policy committee, effectively killing the bill. We quickly replaced AB 579 with AB 1098 (Fong) "Title IX and the California Sex Equity in Education Act" as our third "A" priority bill. AB 1098 would expand protections for pregnant graduate students and institute protections for pregnant undergraduate students, prohibiting postsecondary educational institutions from discriminating against a student based on their current, potential, or past pregnancy or pregnancy-related conditions.

We invite you to track the progress of our top three bills, and all of the bills on our Legislative Agenda, by viewing the [2025 Bill Tracking Report](#). The report will continue to be updated as the bills move through the legislative process, so you can always check back to see the latest status.

### **Take Action Spreadsheet**

Last month, AAUW California launched the [Take Action spreadsheet](#) to offer a list of resources for resistance to the implementation of Project 2025, which runs counter to our values and Public Policy Priorities.

The Oregon Online Branch will be hosting a meeting featuring Malena Clark, one of AAUW California's amazing Public Policy Interns and the key architect of the Take Action spreadsheet. Malena will provide instructions on how to use this resource to take action and fight back.

The meeting will be held on May 13th, at 7 pm Pacific. Click [HERE](#) to join the Zoom meeting

**We will continue to ask you to take action by choosing one self-focused, one other-focused, and one political-focused item from the list below.** This month the topic area is..

### **TAKE ACTION: BE A TRANS ALLY**

#### **Self-Focused: Education**

- learn how to be a trans ally, click [HERE](#) for the AAUW of California Public Policy Trans Allyship guide
- read "Priority Legislation 2025: Why AAUW Will Be Standing Up for the Transgender Community" in the [April 2025 issue of PP News](#)
- [watch John Oliver](#) in this informative episode about Trans Athletes

#### **Other-Focused: Education & Connection**

- tell a few people (2-10) why the infringement on trans rights is inseparable from broader attempts to restrict women
- tell a few people (2-10) to check out the John Oliver episode about Trans Athletes by copying and sharing this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1SS1tjoxf0>

#### **Politically-Focused: Outreach to Legislators (State/Federal)**

- text SIGN PGNDGE to 50409 to contact legislators, urging them to oppose CA AB 600 which would allow parents or guardians to opt their child out from accessing information about transgender concepts in schools.

**AAUW California Public Policy is on Bluesky**

We plan to use this account to send out state-level legislative action alerts, promote Resistbot petitions, and provide real-time updates. **We encourage you to create your own account, if you haven't already done so, and follow us!** You can find us by clicking this [link](#) or by following us on Bluesky.

Follow [AAUW California's Petitions Page on Resistbot](#)

### School Board Project Monitors & Observers Training

If you missed the April 24th training on how to be an effective school board monitor and observer, co-sponsored by AAUW California School Board Project and the Public School Defenders Hub, you can watch the recording [HERE](#).

**What I need to know:** Another meaty article, we need to know it all.

**What I need to do:** As noted above, pick what you can do, none of us can do it all.

**Should I include this in my branch newsletter?** Yes, feel free to drop the whole post in your Public Policy article.

## Program News

### SPEECH TREK [TOP](#)

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#### SAYING GOODBYE TO SPEECH TREK

The final Speech Trek competition was viewed at the Annual Event. At this time, I would like to thank all those who have contributed so much over the last 18 years to make this a successful program.

#### Speech Trek Coordinators:

Donna Erickson – Creator  
Dee Quatraro  
Marlene Cain  
Lana Widman

#### Treasurers:

Elizabeth Jordan  
Judy Steele

#### Mentors:

Gloria Ing

#### Benefactors:

James & Kathleen Doty  
Grey Allen  
Patrick Foxhoven

**If you get the chance, please thank them for all their hard work.**

**What I need to know:** This was Speech Trek's 18th and final year as a state program.  
**Should I include this in my branch newsletter?** Yes, if your branch participated.

## TECH TREK [TOP](#)

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### TECH TREK IS KICKING IT INTO HIGH GEAR!

Spring has sprung and summer is on the horizon!

- 777 campers and nearly 300 volunteers are ready to TREK!
  - Every camp is near capacity, with virtual still able to handle any last-minute overflow at the end of July.
  - Some camps (San Diego and Carson) are still looking for a few core teachers.
- The [Tech Trek website](#) has a new look and now has a section for TT Alum newsletters, with the [2nd edition](#) published in April.
  - Branches can also now order Tech Trek-branded swag for volunteers and alums [HERE](#). More products will be available by early May once the camp ordering is done.

### Your Action:

The Tech Trek committee can always use your help. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

### B2B Bonus: Quick Tips for Things to Try

Order some [swag](#) and sell it to raise funds for camps and alum activities!

**What I need to know:** There are virtual camper spots still available!

**What I need to do:** Order swag for your campers.

**Should I include this in my branch newsletter?** Yes, especially the new website with the section for TT Alum newsletters.

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