

Board to Board

A Communication from the AAUW California Board to Branch Boards

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June 2025

Thank you for the work you have done for your branch this year. Although this is the final *Board to Board* (B2B) for the 2024-25 year, look for abbreviated ones for July and August to start the 2025-26 year. Consider including the AAUW California website address (<http://www.aauw-ca.org/>) and the password (aauwca) in your branch directory. This will encourage members to make better use of the website. Remember, everyone can find the *Board to Board* on the home page of the AAUW California website so when you say to yourself, “I remember reading it in the B2B, but I can’t find my copy,” you will know where to find it and the archive of past issues.

If you are going off the board, please share this with the incoming board member with an explanation of the monthly B2B.

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Charmen's Chat

Charmen Goehring, President, AAUW California, statepresident@aauw-ca.org

AS ONE AAUW YEAR ENDS, ANOTHER NEW AND EXCITING ONE BEGINS!

Thank you to all members who participated in our recent election. I especially want to thank you for your trust in voting for the dues increase. This will help AAUW California be more nimble and able to assist branches in the future. The dues increase, from \$20 to \$30, goes into effect July 1, 2025.

AAUW has debuted its new strategic plan, and it focuses on higher education as the vehicle for the equity we desire. You can read more about it [HERE](#), including a one-pager and access to a leader toolkit to help you share with your branch board and members. There is also a renewed push to have every branch participate in the Five-Star Program. If you are looking for a way to revitalize your branch, this may be it. You can find more information on the 2025-2026 program [HERE](#). Our state

board will be putting plans into place to help encourage branches around both the strategic plan and the Five-Star Program.

In our continuing effort to encourage diversity, equity, and inclusion practices in our branches, we will be starting a statewide book study in the fall around the book *The Four Pivots: Reimagining Justice, Reimagining Ourselves* by Dr. Shawn Ginwright. The book was introduced briefly to members during the annual meeting in April. Look for information later this summer regarding a Zoom meeting in October on Pivot One.

Don't forget to update your new branch board leaders in the Community Hub and on the state Branch Officer Report. Doing it early will ensure no one gets locked out and communications will continue to flow seamlessly.

As always, thank you for all that you do to keep our AAUW mission alive in your branches. For those of you going off your branch board, thank you for your service to your local members. It takes many to do this important work for women and girls in our communities.

B2B Bonus: Check out the DEI toolkit for easy plug-and-play programming for your upcoming board or branch meetings! You can find it [HERE](#).

The BOR (Branch Officer Report)

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ANNOUNCEMENT! RECORD YOUR NEWLY-ELECTED BRANCH BOARD MEMBERS

Attention all current (**FY 2024-2025**) branch presidents.

It is that time of year to record your 2025-2026 branch officers. Your accurate list of officers provides the communication channel from AAUW California to your branch leaders. Please note:

- You need to update **BOTH** the AAUW National HUB and the AAUW California BOR databases. The two databases do not currently share this information.
- Each current branch president received an email with a **link** and **login information** for entering their branch officer information. Each user's access (ID and password) is unique and not shared with others. If the current president cannot enter next year's branch officers, the president needs to contact webteam@aauw-ca.org to provide the name and email of the person who can complete the task.

Please enter your branch officers and complete all entries before July 1st.

AAUW National - Log into the AAUW National [HERE](#) and use the Community HUB. To update the HUB, the president, membership chair, or finance officer needs to:

1. Login
2. Click my affiliations
3. Click on line of dots on right and select manage roster
4. Select committee management
5. Update officers

AAUW California - Please enter information into the Branch Officer Report (BOR) using the link in the direct email sent to the current branch president.

The information entered about the new year officers is used to maintain:

1. Accurate mailing lists for state and branch-specific positions. This allows us to contact your officers with information related to their branch role.
2. The state directory that includes branch leaders.

Your actions mean that branch leaders will receive timely and pertinent information. Keep your membership in the know.

Remember to:

REVIEW
UPDATE
VERIFY

Committee News

BRANCH DEVELOPMENT [TOP](#)

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AAUW CALIFORNIA IS FULL OF STARS!

Be one by completing the Five-Star Award Program Annual Branch Survey.

As we approach the **June 30th** deadline for the FY25 Annual Branch Survey, we want to remind all branches to submit their annual survey in order to compete for 1 to 5 stars in the Five-Star Award Program.

To date, over 110 branches nationwide have completed the survey, demonstrating their commitment to AAUW's mission and strategic goals. Here are the links to the Survey, the Checklist, and the Questions for review:

- Annual Branch Survey: [Access the survey here](#)
- Survey Checklist: [Download the checklist](#)
- Survey Questions PDF: [Review the questions](#)

Please take the time to complete the survey and submit it before June 30th. Instructions for submitting are on the form. This is a great tool for gathering all that you have done throughout the year and recognizing the members who have contributed to your success.

Branches in California that have completed the survey:

CA0004-Antelope Valley
CA0032-Fremont Inc.
CA0036-Glendale Inc.
CA0041-Humboldt Inc.

CA0049-Lodi Inc.
CA0050-Long Beach Inc.
CA0088-Redding Inc.
CA0097-San Fernando Valley
CA0098-San Francisco Inc.
CA0103-San Mateo Inc.
CA0107-Santa Cruz County
CA0108-Santa Maria
CA0126-Oakdale-Riverbank-Escalon
CA0127-Sunnyvale-Cupertino
CA0132-Camarillo
CA0138-Gilroy
CA0144-Laguna Beach
CA0150-Amador
CA0154-Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek
CA0167-Healdsburg
CA0171-Benicia-Vallejo
CA0173-Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley
CA0191-North Tahoe
CA0201-Santa Barbara-Goleta

Presidents and Membership Chair

Roster Information:

Please note that five individuals serving at the state level are listed on your branch rosters: Charmen Goehring (President), Donna Holmes (Director), Rebecca Gomez (Director), Kathy Ford (CFO), and Julika Barrett (Office Administrator). **They are present for administrative purposes only. They are not members unless they have paid dues to your branch.** Branches do not want to count them as members since this may impact your branch membership number for insurance purposes. Additionally, we do not wish for branches to incur mailing costs for welcome letters or fundraising opportunities for these individuals.

50-year Members:

Honorary 50-year Members do not pay state or local dues. If they want to donate their dues amount or make other donations, they need to send a check. **Paid Life Members** may continue to use the HUB to pay state and local dues.

Please ensure this information is known by current and incoming membership chairs and finance officers.

What I need to know: June 30th is the deadline for submitting the FY25 Annual Branch Survey. There are five state-level people listed on your branch roster. 50-year members have unique issues regarding paying dues.

What I need to do: Put together a group to complete the survey and submit just one per branch.

Should I include this in my branch newsletter? No, this is only for branch leaders.

COMMUNICATIONS [TOP](#)

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HOW ABOUT SOME FACE-TO-FACE COMMUNICATION?

This is the final B2B of the 2024-2025 year (look for abbreviated ones for July and August). We will start up again in September. That doesn't mean nothing is happening; we wrap up the old year and prepare for the new one.

June wrap-ups include updating the branch officer lists for national and the BOR (Branch Officer Report) for California. Branches may want to write up what they accomplished, what went right and what needs improving, then share with your leadership team, including the incoming officers.

In July and August, old and new officers and committees meet and plan the upcoming year. This is also prime membership renewal season, keeping national, state, and local branches very busy.

So, what is the point? We have had a strong focus on DEI this year, and as we get out our renewals and annual survey, remember to contact members to form a work party. Not the members you socialize with but maybe new members who expressed interest in short-term projects. Getting to know new members is being inclusive and is nothing but positive.

How can you be involved this summer? Yes, Zoom is a wonderful tool, but only one tool. **Let's put 'meet' back in our meetings when we can!**

What I need to know: It is important to be more inclusive so members feel involved and welcomed.

What I need to do: Make sure all your members know how to complete the renewal process.

Should I include this in my branch newsletter? All members need to know how and when to renew their membership.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION [TOP](#)

Lata Murti, Director, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, diversity@aauw-ca.org

NEW SURVEY SAYS!

The Spring 2025 AAUW California DEI Branch Survey results are in! And our last DEI Peer Group Meeting of 2024-2025 will be devoted to discussing these results. All are welcome to this Zoom meeting on Wednesday, June 18th, from 7-8 pm.

Join us in getting a jump start on shaping the direction of AAUW California's DEI efforts for 2025-2026, based on our latest DEI survey results. Click [HERE](#) to register for our next DEI Peer Group Meeting.

What I need to know: DEI Survey results will be shared at the next peer group.

What I need to do: Register for the June 18th DEI Peer Group Meeting.

Should I include this in my branch newsletter? Yes, if it isn't too late.

FINANCE [TOP](#)

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ARE YOU READY FOR THE NEW FISCAL YEAR?

We're at the end of the current fiscal year. You have been working on planning and budgets for the new fiscal year and will be preparing year-end reports for this fiscal year. You may have performed these tasks many times, or this may be your first year doing so. Whether you just need to jog your memory, or learn everything, you can find all the materials from this year's peer group materials on the AAUW California website [HERE](#). There are additional materials under Branch Tools – Finance.

I'm at the end of my term as CFO. It has been a tremendous pleasure to work with the other board members and a delight to meet with all the branch members who attended our peer group sessions. Carol McMillan and Indrani Chatterjee will continue as members of the Finance Committee, and I will help the new CFO, once appointed, during the transition.

As always, if you have any questions, or want to recommend topics for future peer group sessions, contact me at cfo@aauw-ca.org.

What I need to know: All AAUW Finance issues can be found on the California website.

What I need to do: Continue to submit any finance questions to cfo@aauw-ca.org.

Should I include this in my branch newsletter? No, this is for branch leaders only.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS [TOP](#)

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HIGH EXPECTATIONS COME FROM YOUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It is such a pleasure to complete a task that will serve our statewide organization. Thank you to all of you who voted and approved the public policy priorities and dues increase. Our co-presidents-elect and two re-elected directors will continue the work that has begun. We also acknowledge the other two director candidates who were willing to take on leadership roles but were not elected this year.

We hold high expectations that, based on the election results, we will have strong leadership and be able to make significant progress on meeting the goals of our strategic plan.

B2B Bonus: Quick Tips for Things to Try

Our experienced team will be our Northern Star as we move forward together.

What I need to know: Amy Hom & Melissa Maceyko are continuing as directors; the Public Policy Priorities and the \$10 dues increase to \$30 effective July 1st were approved.

What I need to do: Notify the branch membership of the dues increase, including updating the branch website.

Should I include this in my branch newsletter? Yes.

PUBLIC POLICY [TOP](#)

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FOCUS ON PUBLIC EDUCATION

Legislative Agenda Update

Nineteen of the bills on our 2025 Legislative Agenda have passed out of committee and will soon be heard on the floor of the initiating house. Of the seven bills on the Agenda that we opposed, four are now dead. See the [2025 Bill Tracker](#) for the latest status of all the bills on our Leg Agenda.

Highlighting "A" priority bill AB 1098

We would like to take this opportunity to tell you about AB 1098 (Fong) "Pregnancy Protections for

All Students Act”, sponsored by AAUW California. The author’s office agreed to amend the bill to address some of our concerns, so this bill was recently moved up on our Legislative Agenda from “B” to “A” priority.

AB 1098 provides protections for pregnant undergraduate students akin to those offered to graduate students at public institutions in California. In addition, the bill strengthens protections for both groups and requires colleges and universities to have more robust and effective means of informing students about their rights under federal and state law.

AB 1098 has passed out of committee and will be heard on the Assembly floor soon. **Text SIGN PGNJCJ to 50409 to contact your Assemblymember and urge them to vote YES on AB 1098.**

Upcoming Anti-LGBTQ+ Supreme Court Decision: Impacts on K-12 Education in California

During LGBTQ+ pride month, we will get a decision in [Mahmoud v. Taylor](#), a case involving the LGBTQ+ community that is currently being considered by the Supreme Court of the United States. The outcome of this case may have an impact on the important [legislative](#) and on-the-ground work that AAUW California has been doing (via the [School Board Project](#) (SBP)) to protect historically accurate, diverse, and inclusive curricula in K-12 education and schools.

To learn more about this case and how opt-out policies stress public school systems, harm children, and may potentially open the floodgates for opt-outs on any topic, see this article: [Upcoming Anti-LGBTQ+ Supreme Court Decision: Impacts on K-12 Education in California](#). (Note that an updated version of the article will be available after the SCOTUS decision, expected at the end of June.)

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: OPPOSE PRIVATE SCHOOL VOUCHERS

Self-Focused: Education

- Learn about [private school vouchers, the billionaires pushing them, and how they harm students by diverting money away from public schools](#)
- Learn how the Educational Choice for Children Act of 2025 (ECCA), H.R. 833/S. 292, [would create a tax break for the wealthy to fund private school vouchers](#)

Other-Focused: Education & Connection

- Tell a few people (2-10) about [ECCA and some of the potential impacts if it passes](#)
- Share with a few people (2-10) the [letter opposing ECCA](#) that AAUW National has signed on to along with 93 other organizations

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

- Text SIGN PUBZVZ to 50409 to contact your U.S. Senators and Representative, urging them to oppose the Educational Choice for Children Act of 2025 which would divert funds from public schools and harm the most vulnerable students, while creating a tax break for the wealthy

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 have not yet 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](#)

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What I need to know: All of it! Once again Public Policy has given us a feast of information.

What I need to do: Encourage your branch leaders to determine the best way to keep your members in the Public Policy loop.

Should I include this in my branch newsletter? Yes, it is important to keep your members updated.

Program News

TECH TREK [TOP](#)

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AND THEY'RE OFF!!

As May gives way to June, the Tech Trek camp season kicks off 2025 at Fresno State and Whittier College in the third week of June, followed by Franklin at Sonoma State and our southernmost camp at the University of San Diego wrapping it up.

July camps start after the 4th with Hopper at Santa Clara University, followed by UC Davis, Carson at Santa Cruz, and Blackwell at Santa Barbara, and finally, virtual camp rounding out the month, for a total of nine camps serving 782 campers with more than 300 camp volunteers!

None of the above could be accomplished without the passion and dedication of more than 150 branch Tech Trek coordinators and committee members! Bravo!

Registrations are almost complete, with the remaining mostly having issues with COVID-19 immunization declinations. Help us get the rest over the line by checking out [this video](#) if your camper or staff member is having issues.

What I need to know: Nine camps are set to go this summer with 782 campers and more than 300 volunteers.

Should I include this in my branch newsletter? Yes, many members donate to Tech Trek, let them know about the many girls we are reaching.

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