



May 2016

This is an interesting time on the AAUW calendar - we look back on all we have accomplished during the past year and the new board is beginning to make plans for the upcoming year. It is time to celebrate our successes and evaluate and tweak as necessary.

As we begin to compile our branch directories we suggest you include the user name and password to the member's only section of the AAUW-CA website. The user name is: member and the Password is: aauwca

MEMBERSHIP - Important Clarification

Recently the Membership committee sent an email to branch officers requesting that branches' new member applications and renewals include a request for members' age range and ethnicity. It is **completely optional** that branches/members comply. To clarify: **We are not requesting** that individual member information be forwarded to State or National. It is our intention to make a future request that branches forward these stats if they have them. If branch officers prefer to acquire or estimate this information in some other way - no problem! For branches that survey their members yearly (which is a great idea) the request could be included as an optional question. In order to set goals to increase diversity in AAUW California we must have a way of measuring our progress. We realize that Diversity and Inclusion isn't only about age and ethnicity but we have to start somewhere.

Issues of equity - from fair pay to sexual assault to access to health care - affect all women, and women in marginalized groups often disproportionately experience the effects of these issues. To succeed in empowering women and girls, we must have diverse voices contributing different perspectives. AAUW California is committed to assisting branches to increase diversity in our ranks. Click [Here](#) for the Diversity and Inclusion Tool Kit on the AAUW National website.

Kathy Andreini and Ginny Hatfield, Membership Co-Chair, membership@aauw-ca.org

GOVERNANCE

On May 4, National AAUW sent branch leaders an email about "AAUW state and branch annual reporting tasks and deadlines" that included instructions (under the Presidents/Administrators section) for how to file branch bylaws via the Member Services Database (MSD) on the AAUW website. If your branch completed the mandatory amendments and had them certified by the state governance committee earlier this year, your bylaws are already on file with national AAUW. If your branch has not completed the [mandatory bylaws amendments](#) yet, please be sure to send your final bylaws to your state [governance committee representative](#) for approval - we will file them with national for you.

Sandy Kirkpatrick, Governance Committee Chair, skirkpatrick@aauw-ca.org

AAUW FUND

If your branch President, Treasurer and/or Fund VP hasn't received your branch first quarter donation report, it will be arriving soon via email. Be sure to check the figures as sometimes donations get credited to the wrong branch or a donation you're sure was made doesn't show on the report. Contact Sharon if you find errors or have questions.

Many of you have heard me set the goal of \$1 million in donations to the AAUW Fund in a given year. Based on preliminary branch donation reports, we are well on our way, and I'm confident we'll reach that goal this year!

Thank you for your support of AAUW and the AAUW Fund!

Sharon Westafer, Chair, AAUW Funds Committee, swestafer@aauw-ca.org

WHO IS YOUR C/U BRANCH CHAIR?

As you gather your new board members for the 2016-2017 year, remember to appoint a C/U chair and add that chair when submitting the Branch Officer Reports to AAUW and AAUW-CA. Please send me the name, phone, and email of your C/U branch chair for our committee records. We want to make sure we know who to stay in contact with and send information to as we help all branches recruit, retain, and work with your local campuses as C/U Partners.

Tina Byrne, C/U Committee Chair, tina.byrne@sbcglobal.net

THANK YOU, MERCI, GRACIAS, DANKE, MILLESKER!

Just can't find enough words to thank all who volunteered at convention. You were wonderful, and the convention would not have been a success without you! Presidents, please thank your members for me. They were amazing, efficient and creative.

Cathy Foxhoven, AAUW CA Local Arrangements Chair, cfoxhoven@aauw-ca.org

IS IT TIME TO PASS THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT?

This is topic for the 2016-2017 Speech Trek competition. Three high school finalists spoke passionately about "Gender Bias & Inequality" at the 2016 Convention. We're all looking forward to what they have to say about the ERA in 2017. New toolkits, student packets and Policies & Procedures will be available by June/July so start planning your contests now. The first and second place winners are already on YouTube so be prepared to be impressed!

Cathy Foxhoven, AAUW CA Speech Trek Coordinator, cfoxhoven@aauw-ca.org

FINANCE

The requirement that your branch MUST have a Certificate of Insurance for each event to be covered by our insurance was erroneous. According to our insurance broker, it is highly recommended that a Certificate of Insurance is obtained for each branch event, it is not a requirement. An updated Q&A for insurance may be found [HERE](#).

Patricia Ferrer, AAUW CA Chief Financial Officer, cfo@aauw-ca.org

Message sent to Group(s): BranchLeadership, State

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