



April 2016

The Convention is now very near and the excitement is building. After each day a summary of the previous day's activities will be available on the website in Forms & Documents—Convention SnapShots. This is a great way to get a feel for what goes on at Convention. Please note there will be no election this year and the reason is explained in the Election section below.

Election--The period for nominations has passed

The AAUW CA Board of Directors has openings for 6 directors and a secretary. The Nominations and Elections committee received paperwork from 6 candidates for director and 1 candidate for secretary. Because the positions are not contested, and there are no ballot propositions, we will follow the AAUW CA Policies and Procedures and **there will be no election.**

The Candidates for Director are:

Jane Niemeier
Sharon Westafer
Alex Bellenger
Ainsley Nies
Sandi Gabe
Cathy Foxhoven

The candidate for Secretary is:

Deanna Arthur

You may read the candidates statements on the AAUW CA website, and meet the candidates at the convention.

Jean Simutis, Nominations Chair, nominating@aauw-ca.org

Leadership Development

The Leadership Development Committee received positive responses from the Southern California State and Branch leaders who had a chance to preview the Leadership Development workshops that will be presented at the CA Convention in April at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel. At the Convention members will have the opportunity to participate in all five sessions by choosing the Leadership Track, to be presented on Saturday, April 16th!

We encourage everyone to make the commitment to attend Convention – it presents great opportunities to learn more about AAUW, meet and build relationships with members outside your branch footprint – and to gain leader skills and insights that will empower you to achieve both personal and professional goals.

Susan Negrete, snegrete@aauw-ca.org & **Sandi Gabe**, sandi.gabe@hotmail.com, Co-Chairs, Leadership Development Cmte.

Communications

Hope to see many of you at convention and in our workshop.

Don't forget to submit applications to be on the Communications committee next year. Click [HERE](#) for the application.

As we approach year end, members are trying to access the members-only section of the website.

Don't forget!!!! Website user name is: member

Password is: aauwca

PLEASE remember to have your member's information updated on the National MSD. We can't keep everyone in the loop if we can't find them.

Deanna Arthur, Communication Chair, communications@aauw-ca.org

AAUW Fund

The AAUW Fund committee thanks and congratulates the members of AAUW California for your generous donations. Because of your commitment to AAUW and its mission, \$707,523.65 was donated to the AAUW Fund from AAUW California members and branches.

Congratulations to Vicki Lee DeMasi and the Marin Inc. branch for completion of their endowment in 2015.

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

Program

Are you passionate about our mission and believe it is securely tied to our provision of mission based programs? If so we have a great opportunity for you! Visit the website and fill out your vita form to join the Program Committee! Alicia Hetman has been serving as our Title IX representative on the committee but with her new leadership position at national, she won't be able to continue with us next year. If you are willing to serve as the Title IX representative, your participation is particularly sought. Whether you are interested in programs in general or have a specialty interest, we will welcome you to the Program Committee and look forward to your participation

Lynne Batchelor, Program Chair, lynneaauw@aol.com

College/University Relations

Graduation time is approaching quickly; do you have a family member or friend about to graduate? AAUW members can give recent college graduates a free, one-year AAUW membership within two years of graduation, at no cost to you or them. Go to <http://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/> to register your grad. You could even gift the entire graduating class of your local college or university!

Tina Byrne, tina.byrne@sbcglobal.net, **Dale Satake**, dsatake@comcast.net, **Peggy**

Jaffe, peggyjaffe@cox.net, C/U Committee

From the Chief Financial Officer:

Insurance. AAUW California put together a list of Questions and Answers about our insurance coverage. You may find it here:

http://www.aauw-ca.org/Assets/resources/Branch_Liability_Insurance_Q-A.pdf

Did you know your branch event is NOT covered unless you request a Certificate of Insurance?

Branch Treasurer 101. Jane Niemeier and I will be presenting a workshop at the State Convention for Branch Treasurers. Hope to see several of you at our workshop! Questions on these or any other financial matter may be sent to me at cfo@aauw-ca.org.

Patricia Ferrer, AAUW CA Chief Financial Officer.

Membership- TIPS FOR THE COMING PROGRAM YEAR

Membership and Finance Officers

- As you process your renewing members beginning May 1st via the Branch Dues Report (BDR) on the Member Services Database (MSD), please be sure to double check that all contact information is correct. The data contained on the National MSD is the source for all AAUW CA mailings to members, so we want to be sure that it is up to date and accurate.

- The National Shape the Future Campaign is a permanent membership campaign and many branches use it as an effective recruiting tool. Be sure to redeem your branch's free memberships by June 30, 2016. Click [Here](#), Click on the green button and scroll down to check to see if your branch has obtained a free membership/s. A good way to encourage members to renew on time is to offer one of your free memberships as a prize in a drawing for all members who have renewed by June 1 (or any date you chose).

- Congratulations to the following branches for earning the maximum 5 free National memberships for their branch - Fremont, Lompoc-Vandenberg, Monterey Peninsula, Napa County, Redding, Redlands, Stockton, Half Moon Bay, Laguna Beach, Santa Clarita Valley, Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek, Poway-Pensaquitos, Big Bear Valley. And congratulations to all our branches for recruiting 1226 new members this year.

Presidents/Administrators - Watch for announcements from National and State regarding Branch Officers Reports. There are separate reports for State and National and both must be completed. Please be sure that you enter the same name in both reports for each office.

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

Message sent to Group(s): BranchLeadership, State

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