

IBC Policy 103 Updates

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	<p>103.2.5 IBC Bank Accounts</p>

	<p>Since an IBC is not an affiliate of national AAUW, it does not have tax exempt status through AAUW. Having its own bank account creates a requirement for the IBC to obtain its own tax exempt status and file annual tax reports with IRS, California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) and California Attorney General’s Office. Hence, we do not recommend that IBCs have their own bank accounts. Maintaining IBC funds in one of its member branches would be a better option. IBCs can also choose to divest themselves of all funds and share expenses for events among branches as the need arises.</p> <p>Note that if an IBC maintains funds in one of its branches, it should create some policies to ensure oversight of these funds.</p>
	<p>103.2.6 IBC Fundraising</p> <p>Since an IBC is not an affiliate of national AAUW, it is not permitted to raise funds as an AAUW entity (see national AAUW Fundraising Policy 501). Any fundraising should be done through one of its branches.</p>