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Briefly...

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There was a time when National encouraged branches to incorporate. In California 34 branches went through the process and became incorporated. In early May, AAUW CA was informed that a question had come up regarding the corporation type for incorporated branches in California. (It turns out California has two types of non-profit corporations, Public Benefit and Mutual Benefit.) As a result of the question, National did some research into which type of non-profit corporation was correct for AAUW affiliates in California. The appropriate non-profit corporation for AAUW affiliates in California is Public Benefit. I have notified the Presidents of those 34 incorporated branches, asking them to verify their corporation type and to let us know whether they will need to change, so we could assist with that modification.

Why, you may ask, am I sharing this to the broader “Briefly” audience? National has asked that we share their memo, as well as the one from the lawyer who answered the question, so all branches would understand what is needed should they ever decide to incorporate. So, as you look forward, should your branch strategic plan include incorporation, you may find and read the two memos [HERE](#) and [HERE](#). (They are on the AAUW CA website in Forms and Documents - Governance)

Equity is still an issue, but remember, we in AAUW make strides toward equity every day because we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

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