

**Minutes of Branch Action, 07-08**  
**AAUW-CA Online Branch**  
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This is a summary of issues brought to the entire branch membership for information or action between July 2007 and May 2008. For more detail, please refer to listserv archives available at [www.aauwcaonline.org](http://www.aauwcaonline.org).

On September 12, Treasurer Jean Simutis announced that the branch board had approved a budget, which was posted on the branch website.

**Branch Budget adopted**

On September 18, Program Vice President Mary Rack invited members to serve on the program committee. Those who volunteered include: Kathleen Cha, Faye Dykstra, Sandy Kirkpatrick, and Janet Watkins. The committee met using Facebook. As the year progressed the various programs were announced to members.

**Program Committee is formed**

On October 8, Technology Chair Amber Chiang reported website problems which required that all members re-enter information for the membership database.

**Member info for membership database**

On October 30, Prersident Anne Henke announced the creation of three blogs for branch use for communications regarding EF, LAF, and Public Policy.

**Branch blogs announced**

On November 1, EF Vice President Jeanne Lese announced a branch fundraising campaign to support EF and LAF, with details appearing in the EF blog at <http://caonlineef.blogspot.com>.

**Branch fundraisers for EF and LAF**

On November 12, Program Vice President Mary Rack announced the branch program plans for upcoming months:

**Programs for November, January and February announced**

November: HIV/AIDS and the American Woman

January: Pay Equity

February: a possible distance learning class on Pay Equity

On November 28, President-Elect Harriet Tower opened discussion on the future of the Online Branch as she gathers ideas for the 2008-09 term.

**Discussion on branch future**

On Feb. 14, President Anne Henke invited those who affiliate with our branch as PRIMARY members to consider serving as the branch delegate to convention. On Feb. 22, Henke announced that Mary Rack had volunteered to be the delegate.

**Branch delegate to state convention**

On Feb. 19, Henke announced that proposed branch bylaws amendments had been posted on the branch website. Members were invited to read the proposals and bring up concerns, discussion to close on Feb. 24. Because of a number of concerns, discussion continued until March 4, including introduction and withdrawal of a motion. **Voting on the bylaws began on March 5** and closed at 5 PM on March 8. On March 9, Henke announced that voting on the bylaws amendments had closed. On March 11, she announced that a **quorum had participated and the proposals were approved.**

**Bylaws amendments**

On March 6, Mary Rack announced to members that digests for all our branch listservs are now available and the process to access them. They are searchable and can be arranged by thread or date.

**Announcement re listserv digests**

On March 20, Henke announced that members were welcome to volunteer to serve on the Nominating Committee. On April 2, she announced that Shelly

**Nominating Committee**

Johnson and Harriet Tower would serve as the Nominating Committee. On April 10, Tower reported success with forming a proposed slate of officers, with vacancies for the positions of Secretary and Parliamentarian.

On April 1, Henke announced there would be a branch gathering at the AAUW-CA convention on Saturday night, 9:30 PM in the Sonoma Room.

On April 9, branch delegate Mary Rack posted a report on the convention on the branch discussion blog: <http://careaders.blogspot.com/>.

On April 10, Membership Vice President Gail Swain announced that our website was ready to process membership renewals. On May 17, she noted that 24 members had renewed, reminding all to complete the process.

On April 18, President Anne Henke announced that the branch had honored Teresa Cheung and Amber Chiang as 2008 EF Named Gift Honorees with details posted on the branch website's EF page.

On May 5, President Anne Henke presented the following slate: President:  
Harriet Tower  
Treasurer: Jean Simutis  
Secretary:  
Director: Gail Swain  
Director: Sandy Kirkpatrick  
Director: Jo Turner  
Director: Patty Hankins

And by appointments:  
Technology: Amber Chiang  
Parliamentarian/bylaws : Megan Smock

Henke announced that nominations from the floor would be open until May 19. On May 8, Henke announced that Mary Leavitt had agreed to be the candidate for Secretary. On May 19, Henke announced that nominations had closed and that voting would close on May 24. On May 27, Technology Chair Amber Chiang reported that **25 members had voted and all had approved** the proposed slate of officers for 08-09.

**Branch Mtg at convention**

**State convention report**

**Membership Renewal**

**Announcement re EF  
Named Gift Recipients**

**Election of 08-09 branch  
board**



**Sandy Hansen  
Secretary**

