

AAUW CALIFORNIA ONLINE BRANCH
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2006 BUSINESS

In early September, branch members were invited to respond to a poll regarding their interest in attending either a Northern or Southern California **social gathering for branch members**. This was NOT an official branch vote, merely an informal poll. There was enough response that a Northern California gathering was scheduled. The date was later changed; it will be held at Noon Nov. 18, at the home of Caroline Wood, in Moraga, CA.

On October 2 at 12:16 PM, President Sandy Kirkpatrick presented two **bylaws amendments** to the branch membership. The proposal came from the board to the membership and did not require a motion or second.

1. Article VII (Officers), Section 3.

Current wording: “The appointed officers shall be the technology/communications chair, Educational Foundation/ Legal Advocacy Fund chair, public policy chair, and bylaws chair.”

Change to: “The appointed officers shall be the technology/communications chair, Educational Foundation chair, Legal Advocacy Fund chair, public policy chair, international interests chair, and parliamentarian/bylaws chair.”

Rationale: Separating EF/LAF into two distinct chair positions, adding international interests as a voting member of the board, and changing the bylaws chair into a combined parliamentarian/bylaws role.

2. Article XI (Board of Directors), Section 1.

Current wording: “The board of directors shall include the elected and appointed officers.”

Change to: “The board of directors shall include the elected and appointed officers. They shall all be voting members of the board with the exception of the parliamentarian/bylaws chair.”

Rationale: Because board votes are conducted by email, it would be best if the parliamentarian were a non-voting member of the board, and assigned the duty of being the one to tally and report the email board votes (which is how the state board and state committees conduct business electronically). Details of the parliamentarian’s role will be spelled out in the branch policies and procedures.

At 12:17 PM, President Sandy Kirkpatrick presented a proposal to revise the branch standing rules. She referred members to visit the branch website where both the existing standing rules and the proposed revised standing rules were posted. She requested a formal motion and second to approve this proposal, since the board did not vote on the revised standing rules (the Secretary left on vacation as the discussion was proceeding—so this is going directly to the membership.) At 1:50 PM, Jean Simutis **moved that the proposed standing rules be accepted**. The motion was seconded by Jo Harberson at 3:06 PM.

There was some discussion and an amendment was proposed October 3 by Harriet Tower, seconded by Caroline Wood: **To amend the revised standing rules, keeping the Fund Raising section as currently worded**. President Kirkpatrick called for a branch vote on the amendment to the motion on October 12, announcing that voting would close at Noon on Oct. 17. On October 18, at 4:05 PM, President Kirkpatrick announced that the motion had passed: Y12; N7; abstain 1.

On Friday, Oct. 20, at 10:41 AM, President Kirkpatrick called for a vote on the amended main motion.

On Oct. 27, President Kirkpatrick announced the results of the three questions:

Question 1 [Amend bylaws Article VII (Officers), Section 3]:

Yes: 21

No: 0

Abstain: 1

Question 2 [Amend bylaws Article XI (Board of Directors), Section 1]:

Yes: 21

No: 0

Abstain: 1

Question 3 [Revise standing rules]:

Yes: 20

No: 1

Abstain: 1

Kirkpatrick announced that all three questions were passed by majority vote, and the changes would therefore be made to the bylaws and standing rules on the website very soon.

This concludes the branch business for October.

Sandy Hansen
Secretary AAUW CA Online Branch
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