

September 2006 AAUW Online Board Minutes

The Agenda for the September meeting was posted on the branch listserv by President Sandy Kirkpatrick Sept. 10.

1. Branch 2005-2006 financial review report

Sept. 11, Treasurer Harriet Tower presented the 2005-2006 financial review report, submitted by Jean Simutis. The report noted that the \$5 EF assessment was paid out of the EF account, rather than out of the branch general fund as required by the branch Policies & Procedures. Harriet has transferred \$5 from the branch account to the EF account to correct this error.

2. Plans for regional social gatherings in October

Sept. 10, President Sandy Kirkpatrick reported that Technology Chair Amber Chiang would be creating a voting page on the website so we can poll members about their support of fall social gatherings. In the next few weeks, Sandy announced the polling page on the branch listserv, to see if there was interest in a Bay Area and/or Southern California social event. On Sept. 25, Sandy reported on the response, which supported a Bay Area gathering on Oct. 28. This was later postponed to Nov. 18.

3. Amending bylaws

Sept. 13, 7:27 PM, President Sandy Kirkpatrick reported that Bylaws Chair Jo Harberson was ill, so on her behalf presented the following amendments, requesting a motion to approve presenting these bylaws changes to the branch membership.

Proposed Bylaws Amendments – Sept. 2006

Deletions in ~~strike through~~ and additions in *italics*.

1. Article VII (Officers), Section 3. “The appointed officers shall be the technology/communications chair, Educational Foundation/~~Legal Advocacy Fund~~ 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. “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.

Sept. 13, 8:34 PM, Treasurer Harriet Tower moved that the amendments be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Public Policy Chair Caroline Wood.

Sept. 18, 11:37 AM, Sandy Kirkpatrick called for a vote on the motion. Voting on the motion included 7 of 10 board members: Sandy Kirkpatrick, Harriet Tower, Caroline Wood, Barbara Grenier, Jeanne Lese, Jo Harberson, and Sandy Hansen. All voted AYE. There were no NO votes. A majority of the branch voted on the proposal on Sept. 18, so voting was closed. Following the vote, Sept. 18, President Sandy Kirkpatrick reported that the state bylaws chair has some concern about the bylaws revision we may be considering, so this proposed bylaws packet will be presented to the branch membership in October pending state bylaws committee go-ahead.

4. Revising outdated standing rules

Sept. 18, Bylaws Chair Jo Harberson presented some recommended changes to the branch standing rules. Because the current standing rules were written before the branch began using listservs for communication, substantial changes were needed. The proposed revised standing rules were posted on the branch website. They were briefly discussed before the board agreed by consensus to present them to the branch for discussion and vote along with the proposed bylaws amendments.

5. Amending policies & procedures

6. Report on status of our proposal to present a program at the 2007 AAUW Convention

On September 25, President Kirkpatrick requested that agenda items 5 and 6 be tabled until October. She noted that (for agenda item #5) possible amendments to the Policies and Procedures would be dependent first on getting the branch approval of the proposed changes to the bylaws and standing rules. Also (for agenda item #6), she noted that there has been a delay in the announcements about programs selected for the 2007 AAUW Convention, so we are still waiting to hear if our program proposal was selected.

Sandy Hansen, Secretary