

**Minutes of the Alameda Inter-Branch Council (IBC)
American Association of University Women (AAUW)**

January 16, 2018

Present

| Representative(s) | Branch |
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| Penny Washburn (chaired meeting) | Alameda |
| Sarah Miyasaki (Treasurer) and Phyllis Gale (brought refreshments) | Berkeley |
| Elaine Wong Eakin (took notes) | Fremont |
| Linda Slater and Sandy Boswell (IBC Liaison to AAUW CA) | Hayward-Castro Valley |
| Chris Alesso and Sandy Hansen | Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin |
| Diane Rawicz | Oakland-Piedmont |

Minutes approved

Minutes of the meeting on September 18, 2017 were approved.

Treasurer's report

Sarah reported that \$60 were received representing dues from the Fremont and LPD branches. Representatives from a couple of branches claimed they did not receive invoices. Sarah said she emailed invoices to branch presidents and will re-send them.

IBC Bylaws

Sandy Hansen emailed draft bylaws to branch leaders for review. It was agreed to consistently use "IBC," thus "Council" will be replaced by "IBC," and use AAUW national's official term "branch affiliates" throughout the document. The bylaws will reflect Alameda IBC's practice of rotating leadership for meetings. Sandy Hansen will correct typos and incorporate changes from the discussion and will email the next draft for review.

Women's March

All branches are organizing to participate in the Women's March on Saturday, January 20. The Oakland-Piedmont branch has paid for a table to give out information about AAUW. Phyllis suggested posting the event on NextDoor to encourage neighbors to attend.

College University Relations

It was agreed to invite Tina Byrne, AAUW CA's College University Chair, to our next meeting on March 20. A few branches would like direction on how to work more closely with colleges and universities in our areas. Elaine will contact Tina Byrne.

Equal Pay Day

This year, Equal Pay Day will be April 10, the day we raise awareness of the gender pay gap. All branches are planning activities with colleges and a couple of branches will also pass out information at BART

stations. Phyllis recommended for a speaker (for a future event) the law student who was instrumental in getting an ordinance requiring equal pay passed in the City of Berkeley. Ironically, data shows that at UC Berkeley, female employees earn 70% of what male employees earn.

Branch Reports

Alameda

- Living With Less – The branch is organizing a workshop with the Chamber of Commerce to help people declutter their homes. It may prepare for a yard sale that is a fundraiser for the branch.
- Author series – Events with local authors, three mystery writers and a poet, will be at Cardinal Point.
- Women & STEM 2 – The branch is organizing with the College of Alameda a fair consisting of tables hosted by STEM professionals. Participants/students will visit tables to get information. The fair will help the College make connections with businesses and employers to develop internships.
- Financial literacy
- Event in May

Berkeley

- Sisters-in-Crime – The branch will again hold a panel with local mystery writers.

Fremont

- Women in Magic, March 6 – Elaine asked if individual branches or the Alameda IBC would like to collaborate with Oakland Magic Circle (OMC) on an event to discuss gender equity in the magical arts profession. OMC has invited 4 women magicians to discuss their experiences in a profession where they are the minority. To collaborate, AAUW branches and/or the IBC would publicize the event to their members. There is no cost for collaborating; OMC will cover all costs. There may be a nominal admission fee. All branches were enthusiastic. Elaine will email details when they are finalized.
- Lecture series – A lecture series on various topics will continue on January 24 (Jenny Kassin will present on how to fund your business without selling your soul), February 28 (immigration) and April 25 (mental health).
- Mother/Daughter STEM Discovery Day – The next Discovery Day will be on February 24 for 3rd and 4th graders. In response to popular demand for an activity for 5th, 6th and 7th graders, there will be an additional workshop for students in higher grades.
- Women's History – A luncheon is planned on March 24.
- OBOCR – This year's book is *Behold the Dreamers*. One event took place in November 2017 and another is scheduled in the spring. At the November event, the committee reviewed the book and featured two guest speakers. One speaker, from Catholic Charities, talked about its program to help refugees settle. The other speaker, from SIREN, talked about deportation defense.

Hayward-Castro Valley

- Travels in Central Asia – One member will give attendees an opportunity to enjoy a trip to Central Asia vicariously as she reminisces on her time there.
- Fellows Luncheon – The branch and the Fremont branch will jointly sponsor a luncheon for one of Liz Bathgate's fellow who is studying post-stress anxiety in women.
- Human trafficking – event on March 17, 2pm
- Relationship violence – event on April 17, 6pm
- Local scholarship – The focus has switched to sending a student to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCSWL). To raise funds, the branch is working with the food bank.

Oakland-Piedmont

- The branch has a new Membership VP who asked for examples of welcome letters to new members.
- Equal Pay Day – The branch is planning activities with Laney College
- Start Smart workshop
- Elder financial abuse – an event is planned for the spring
- New member mixer is scheduled for February. Diane shared a resource for venues – some businesses allow their space to be used as a meeting facility in the evenings. The new member mixer will be held at an interesting space.
- Tech Trek – raising funds to send girls to this summer's camp
- Alliance for Girls – One member, who is an affiliate, recommended Rosa Rios as a speaker. Ms. Rios is a former Treasurer of the US and is known for leading efforts to place a woman's portrait on the \$20 bill.

Discussion

- Open local scholarship application to men? Elaine asked how to handle a new requirement to allow men as well as women to apply for local scholarships from AAUW. Sarah responded that the Berkeley branch has opened the process to men. Chris responded that the LPD branch administers all aspects of the local scholarship program thus can limit applications to women, but has difficulty getting people to apply. Penny responded that the Alameda branch has not been asked to allow men to apply. Linda responded that by focusing on NCCWSL, the Hayward-Castro Valley branch's program is not appealing to men.
- Increasing donation amount in honor of deceased members – Elaine asked if other branches give a donation in honor of deceased members and if any branch has increased the amount. Two branches said they give a donation but the remaining branches said they do not.