

Minutes of the Alameda County Inter-Branch Council (IBC)

American Association of University Women

May 17, 2017

Present:

Linda Slater and Liz Bathgate, Hayward-Castro Valley Branch
Penny Washburn, Alameda Branch
Sarah Miyazaki, Berkeley Branch
Sandy Hansen and Chris Alesso, Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branch
Becky Harlinque, Oakland-Piedmont Branch
Elaine Eakin-Wong, Fremont Branch
Sandy Boswell, IBC Liaison CA

The Hayward-Castro Valley Branch was host branch for the meeting and will take the minutes. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM.

Items for Discussion:

- Review the IBC year
- Suggest potential IBC programs
- Collaborating with other like-minded agencies
- IBC Liaison for PY 2017-18

There was unanimous support for Sandy Boswell to continue as our IBC Liaison for Alameda County for another year. Sandy accepted the assignment.

A question was raised: Is IBC relevant? The discussion revolved around whether, or not our respective members know what IBC represents. A suggestion was made for each branch to include an article about IBC in their newsletter.

A suggestion was made to invite Dale Sataki, membership chair for Marin County, to speak at one of our upcoming IBC meetings. They have made significant inroads to reaching younger members. Some ideas for jointly sponsored programs include: LEAD, Work Smart, Start Smart, and Equal Pay Day. There was lots of talk about how to recruit and engage younger members: using Take Action blasts, assigning short term tasks rather than asking for long term commitments, and creating programs around AAUW research, like "Deeper in Debt".

There was discussion about creating an IBC website and/or Facebook page. Site Resources would be able to help, but maintenance is an issue. We will continue our discussion about making this happen in future meetings.

There was discussion about what AAUW CA can do to support branches. Some ideas included more publication of Tech Trek and email blasts about upcoming events. All branches are encouraged to utilize the CA and National calendars to advertise their events.

Branch Briefs:

Alameda – Author presentations; STEM Conference at College of Alameda in collaboration with Girls, Inc.; a program on Immigration Nation (?) will be held on September 27th.

Berkeley – Mystery Writers presentation; they will elect new officers in June and are sending 3 girls to Tech Trek.

Hayward-Castro Valley – They are sending 7 girls to Tech Trek and covering the full cost for 3 families. They hosted a panel of Muslim families in collaboration with the Hayward Historical Society.

Oakland-Piedmont – they are celebrating their 65th anniversary. They are sending 12 girls to Tech Trek. They are hosting an author event and holding their general meeting with a talk on 50/50 Gender Equity.

Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin – They are holding a May theater event and will have a booth at the Dublin Farmers Market.

Fremont – They held a Women’s History Fashion Show in collaboration with Goodwill. They hosted a mother/daughter STEM event. They are continuing their One Book, One Community Read program and they are sending 7 girls to Tech Trek.

Sarah Miyasaki, Treasurer, reported the IBC has a bank account balance of \$474.22

Future meetings will be hosted as follows:

September – Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin

November – Berkeley

January – Alameda

March – Oakland-Piedmont

May – Hayward-Castro Valley

The next IBC meeting is Tuesday, September 19, 2017.