

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

May 15, 2018

Present

Representative(s)	Branch
Phyllis Gale	Berkeley
Sarah Miyazaki (Treasurer)	Berkeley
Elaine Wong Eakin (took notes)	Fremont
Liz Bathgate	Hayward-Castro Valley
Sandy Boswell (IBC Liaison to AAUW CA, chaired meeting, brought refreshments)	Hayward-Castro Valley
Sandy Hansen	Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin, CA Online
Diane Rawicz	Oakland-Piedmont

Minutes approved

Minutes of the meeting on March 20, 2018 were approved.

Treasurer’s report

Sarah reported that the account balance will be \$634.22 after dues from Hayward/Castro Valley is deposited. Payment of dues from the Oakland/Piedmont branch is outstanding. The Alameda IBC’s account is with USE Credit Union, and Sarah and Sandy Boswell will be signers.

IBC Bylaws

Sandy Hansen presented the next draft of the Alameda IBC’s policies and procedures, which were unanimously approved. Sandy Boswell will continue to serve as the IBC liaison to AAUW CA, and Sarah Miyazaki as Treasurer. Sarah and Sandy Boswell will be signers on the USE Credit Union account.

Branch Reports

Berkeley

- Kathleen Cha will speak at an event on Sat, May 19, which hopefully will have a good turn-out.
- Organized a DACA program in conjunction with another program (Northbrea Community Church) that schedules a lecture on the first Wed.
- Helping women who attend 2-year community college get more pay than if they hadn’t attended.

Fremont

- Using mail or electronic ballots for branch board election; installation event probably in July.
- Organizing a presentation by a panel on mental health on May 29.
- Tech Trek applications have been reviewed and 6 finalists selected.
- Reviewed applications for local scholarships.

- Regarding AAUW National Bylaws Amendment, the branch board approved an article that objectively discussed each proposal for the May newsletter and encouraged members to vote.

Hayward-Castro Valley

- Event featuring a movie on relationship violence attracted only a small attendance of 6.
- Next event is Souper Supper in June, an opportunity to introduce Tech Trek finalists and a fundraiser for Tech Trek.
- Two young women (one Tonga and one Latina) selected for NCCWSL. Instead of giving scholarships, the branch subsidized the trip to NCCWSL with \$1,200 for each winner.

Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin

- Installation will be in June.
- Event with Kathleen CHA had a small attendance of 24.
- Regarding the AAUW National Bylaws Amendment vote, the LPD branch board decided not to influence the vote.
- Two members attended the state Convention, one reported back that plenaries were wonderful but presenters at workshops were not organized.
- Sandy Hansen will be chair of LPD's AAUW Funds in 2018-19. Branch has scholarship foundation. Since only 2 applications have been received, the deadline has been postponed.

Oakland-Piedmont

- Branch's annual members meeting will be on June 2.
- Two other events have been scheduled: National Women's History Project Luncheon on August 18 and a kickoff event on September 8.
- Regarding the AAUW National Bylaws Amendment, the branch board was inclined to vote in favor of all 3 proposals.
- Eleven girls were selected for Tech Trek, funds of \$1,000 each was raised.
- A scholarship of \$2,000 was presented to Laney College; a contribution of \$1,500 will be provided if Peralta district (which includes 4 community colleges: Laney, Merritt, Berkeley City and Alameda) joins as a college member so AAUW can give workshops on StartSmart; will coordinate workshops with Berkeley and Alameda branches.
- Received email offer from Oakland A's to buy a block of tickets which can be used for fundraising.

New business

- Follow-up on email discussion about inviting Aileen Rios as a speaker – Linda Slater (President, Hayward/Castro Valley) suggested inviting Ms. Rios to speak about her case involving gender pay inequity, a case which AAUW LAF supported. Ms. Rios lives in Fresno and is running for office. Linda learned at the state convention that Alameda IBC may be eligible for a grant from LAF to help with the speaker's travel cost and per diem. Alameda IBC could organize it jointly with Contra Costa IBC.
 - One concern raised was whether inviting a candidate running for office would be against AAUW's non-partisan policy. Phyllis suggested calling AAUW national to ask if IBC may invite her to talk about her case, which is not part of her campaign. Another suggestion,

to be consistent with the non-partisan policy, was to invite her opponent(s) to speak as well.

- If all branches in the Alameda IBC agree to the event, Diane suggested holding it at Trudeau Hall, which is already rented for September 8. Diane will find out the Hall's capacity.
- Sign-ups to host Alameda IBC meetings for 2018-19 (3rd Tuesday of odd-numbered months)
 - September 18 – Berkeley
 - November 20 – Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin; virtual meeting b/c Thanksgiving will be on November 22
 - January 15 – Alameda
 - March 19 – Oakland
 - May 21 – Fremont and/or Hayward/Castro Valley
- Email chains – Alameda IBC members were encouraged to create an email group for Alameda IBC so that no branch is inadvertently missed on email communications. Additionally, Alameda IBC members were urged to start a new email when raising a new topic (and not continue an email chain on a different topic.)

Items for future discussion

- Phyllis suggested collaborating and coordinating as an IBC to teach salary negotiation (an aspect of financial literacy) to high school seniors. StartSmart is designed for college student.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Wong Eakin

President, AAUW Fremont