

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

**September 18, 2018**

**Present**

<b>Representative(s)</b>	<b>Branch</b>
Mary Oppedahl	Alameda
Susan Myers	Alameda
Lorelei Self	Berkeley
Lorelei Self-Tyson	Berkeley
Sarah Miyazaki (Treasurer, chaired meeting, brought refreshments)	Berkeley
Kathy McDonald	Fremont
Elaine Wong Eakin (took notes)	Fremont
Linda Slater	Hayward-Castro Valley
Liz Bathgate	Hayward-Castro Valley
Sandy Boswell (IBC Liaison to AAUW CA)	Hayward-Castro Valley
Sandy Hansen	Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin, CA Online
Diane Rawicz	Oakland-Piedmont

**Minutes approved**

Liz Bathgate made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on May 15, 2018 and Linda Slater seconded. Minutes of the meeting on May 15, 2018 were approved.

**Treasurer's report**

Sarah Miyazaki reported that the account balance is \$754.22 after depositing 4 checks. A 5<sup>th</sup> check was received. The Fremont branch requested an invoice.

**IBC Joint Event**

Need invoices for various expenses. Barbara Kridl created forms for reimbursement.

Linda Slater had applied for two grants from AAUW national: campus and travel, but has not received a response.

Budget for the joint event was based on receiving \$500 from the IBC account. Would IBC be willing to contribute \$600? That would leave only <\$200 in the account.

Sandy Hansen made motion to set \$150 as reserve in the IBC Credit Union account. Linda Slater second. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: Does CU account require a minimum?

Linda Slater made motion to contribute \$600 to the joint event. Liz Bathgate seconded. Motion carried.

## *Branch Reports*

### **Alameda**

Planning for the year is underway.

Over the summer, the branch organized an in-service training for principals in the Alameda School District on Title IX. A lawyer from a law firm focused on education presented *pro bono*. It was well-received and timely in light of the Oakland School District cutting sports without a thought. Palo Alto school district was sued by Dept. of Education during Obama Administration. Title IX enforcement has been lax. AAUW should keep this front and center. The branch plans to present the training to teachers.

The issue of how funding in education is spent was raised. A school district decides how to spend the money but it is complicated by layers of administration and huge salaries.

### **Berkeley**

Planning focused on how the branch is going to grow – 16 members total. New VP is Karen Weinstein, elected to the Peralta District Board, has broader view and wants branch to succeed.

The branch sent 3 girls to Tech Trek with money raised by selling jewelry made by one of the members.

### **Fremont**

Fall Brunch – About 100 attendees, of which about 40 members came.

Pathways to STEM is successful and would like to establish pathways to liberal arts and pathways to law. Mother/Daughter STEM Discovery Day is scheduled for November 3, with maximum capacity for 80 mothers/daughters.

The branch plans to have a lecture series again. The first one will be October 10, a presentation by Deputy City Manager about redistricting (new for Fremont), co-hosted with LWV.

Using free room at Artist's Walk for Board meetings and booked it for holiday event. Jo Szeto's son will provide music with his band.

### **Hayward-Castro Valley**

The branch hosted an ice cream social last Saturday. The program included reported from Tech Trek girls, who attended camp this summer, as well as Tech Trek girls from previous years. The branch sent 7 girls in this summer. The branch has already raised \$5,200 at Gianni's to send girls to Tech Trek in 2019.

The branch revived its dining out activity with the first outing to Dyafa this Thursday. The branch's holiday party will be at the new Hayward Library building.

Last year, the branch sent 2 girls to NCCWSL, in lieu of a college scholarship program.

Linda Slater and Liz Bathgate are members of task force at Chabot College on gender equity. They helped to update info on website about Title IX and met with the new Title IX coordinator.

The branch is collaborating with LWV on forums running up to the election. Several members are running as candidates.

### **Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin**

Sandy wears a few hats, including chair of LAF Fund and Communications. With members' varied interest, she finds it challenging to focus members' attention on the mission.

The branch is hosting a tour of a museum on immigration on October 11, organized by a member's daughter, an immigration lawyer.

A Tech Trek fundraiser will be at a bocce place. STEAM Divas is a group planning to reach out to 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls. There is a program, Planning For College, that helps 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders learn what classes to take, etc., to prepare for college. Expanding Your Horizons, started years ago, introduces girls to STEM and a separate program for parents. The branch's scholarship foundation focuses only on local scholarships.

### **Oakland-Piedmont**

The branch's kick-off event featured a speaker, an engineer and mother of a Tech Trek girl. She highlighted an app she designed called "mesh" that worked like a phone tree. The event had about 50 attendees.

The branch sent 11 girls to Tech Trek.

To generate interest in AAUW's mission, Diane Rawicz developed a flyer with a question "Do you have issues at work?" and distributed it to people in her building. A number of women expressed interest.

For the Women's March in January 2019, the branch plans to invite other branches to come together and represent AAUW. More info to come.

The branch is planning to call attention to the gender pay gap on Equal Pay Day in April 2019. On Equal Pay Day this past April, branch members handed out Pay Day candy bars at BART and sold cookies at Laney College: the cost to men was \$1 and to women \$0.75.

### **Next meetings**

The next meeting on November 20 will be virtual – Sandy Hansen is organizing it. The Alameda branch will host the meeting on January 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Wong Eakin

Member, AAUW Fremont branch and AAUW Hayward/Castro Valley branch