

AAUW COUNCIL MEETING

January 14, 2016

Those present: Judy Prono, Nina Thayer, Helena Whyte, Denise George, Mona Wecksung, Natalie Markin, Mary Ann Lindahl, Marilyn Doolen, Maryjane Giesler.

1. Secretary's Report: The minutes from November 12 Council Meeting were accepted as corrected.
2. Facilitator's Report:
 - a. There was an E-vote taken by the Council Members in December. The motion was made by Nina Thayer and seconded by Marilyn Doolen. The motion is as follows: I move AAUW-Los Alamos agrees to pay the following expenses for our fundraising project, "Einstein: A Stage Portrait," to be held Feb. 13 and 14 at LALT, for Tom Schuch to portray Albert Einstein: LALT (\$150, use of facilities and technical assistance), AHT (\$185, \$1M liability insurance for calendar year 2016) and Spoli Productions International (\$500, royalties and travel expenses for Mr. Schuch). The motion passed.
 - b. We need a slate of nominees to fill 2016-2018 Council positions. The openings are Natalie, Nina, and Jill. Mona has agreed to run for a third term. Margo Batha has not responded yet on running for reelection to the Council. Harriet Dodder would accept any suggestions of candidates.
 - c. A third JNBM Fund distribution was made in December to LA elementary school librarians. The balance remaining is \$5696.50. This money will be dispensed to the five schools at the end of 2016. Joanna Gillespie was concerned that the librarians might run out of bookplates, but the librarians should have enough of the plates.
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Mona filed corporation papers on time with the State PRC.
 - b. The Financial report will be filed with the minutes. The checking account balance at the end of December was \$1697.94.
4. Membership Report:
 - a. Membership update: We have 71 members.
 - b. We have two free memberships from National. It was suggested that we offer a free membership to Stephanie Garcia Richard. Judy will call her to make the offer. It was suggested that we offer a membership to the person at the High School in charge of updating the anti-bullying/sexual harassment policies. She gave a talk at the School Board Meeting. Mary Ann Lindahl will call and see what her name was.
 - c. A motion was made and seconded that AAUW Los Alamos pay for Gloria Cordova's State dues and waive her local dues. The motion passed.
 - d. AAUW is promoting a membership Phone-athon campaign in which we would get a team to call previous members whose memberships have lapsed. We will look at their suggestions in February.
4. Program Report:
 - a. Marilyn is leading a group to judge the Science Fair on January 23, at LAHS. Marilyn will be assisted by Mona and has enlisted the help of Zach, a college student. Marilyn was given suggestions of people to call to help with the judging. She has received \$150 to give as prizes that the judges deem appropriate.
 - b. Einstein: A Stage Portrait, Feb. 13, 7:30 PM and Feb. 14, 2 PM at Los Alamos Little Theater will be the fundraiser for Tech Trek NM. The Einstein committee met on January 14 and has ironed out most of the specifics concerning the event. Tickets have been printed and posters made to advertise the program around town. Tickets will also be available at each interest group meetings this month. Tickets can be obtained from Mona, CB Fox and at the door. Nancy Nunnelley will help with refreshments. A Valentines Day theme will be used with punch and cookies for the attendees. The cookies may be home-baked or store-bought and will be provided by AAUW members. Each

volunteer will be asked to bring 4 dozen cookies. The next meeting of the Einstein committee will be on January 29 at 9 AM. The last meeting will be on February 9 at Nina's at 9:30 AM. Information on the play will be published for the Branch in the newsletter which will be published around January 20 with pictures and the Einstein play logo. The check and contract with the Little Theater will be mailed on January 15. Schuch will be paid after the Sunday performance. The Santa Fe and Las Vegas Branches will be sent posters and information to distribute to the Branch members. There will be Tech Trek brochures for the attendees to see what the proceeds are going to. Information will be in the newsletter to inform members of the volunteers needed for the program. Nina is the lead for the program.

c. March program: We may go to the Nature Center on a Tuesday evening for a tour and a talk by one or two staff members. Nina is making the plans.

d. In April we are hoping to host an Equal Pay Day event at Un-Quarked. It will be a Convo and Conversation night for a short talk on Equal Pay and then conversation. Un-Quarked serves locally produced wines and sponsors programs regularly. We can get brochures and posters from National to advertise the event.

e. The Spring Tea will be at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on May 13. We will be having a 65th Branch anniversary celebration. Marilyn and Nina are leading.

5. Publicity: Marilyn will be concentrating on the publicity for the Einstein program.

6. AAUW Fund: Our net proceeds from the Einstein Program will go to New Mexico Tech Trek, which is part of the National's Charting the Course effort to raise unrestricted funds for AAUW.

7. STEM : "Discover E 2016" will be at LAHS on Feb 23. Helena and Natalie are promoting "Let's Read Math" program. (This is an AAUW program to make math fun for elementary students.) Mary Ann and Nina have volunteered to help wherever needed. The Set-up starts at 4 PM and the program goes from 4:30 PM to 7. A call for volunteers will be in the Newsletter and Helena will call members who have a science background.

8. College and University Rep: Maryjane stated that there may be applicants for the NCWSSL Scholarship. Kaylen Pocaterra and another student have shown interest. The application deadline is March 10. The application is lengthy.

9. Public Policy:

a. Judy suggested a letter to the editor be sent by the Council in support for the HB 33 Mill Levy. A motion was made and seconded that Judy send the draft letter to the Los Alamos Monitor and the Los Alamos Daily Post. The letter is attached to the minutes.

b. Get out the Vote (GOTV) webinar: An effort is being made to get millennial women (18-34) to register to vote. At this time many of that age group are not voting. National will send out GOTV toolkits in February; the focus of activities will be in May-September.

10. State Programs:

a. January 31: Winter Leadership Team meeting in Santa Fe at the Santa Fe Skies RV Park. The \$20 registration fee includes lunch. Registration deadline is January 15.

b. February 1: AAUW Lobby Day at the Roundhouse. We will carpool with the people interested.

c. June 19-25: Tech Trek Camp will be held at New Mexico Tech University, Socorro. Volunteers will be needed and they will be housed in a dorm as will the girls.

d. July 14-17: AAUW-NM convention, LTM and the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference will be held at the Sheraton Uptown in Albuquerque.

11. Old Business: The review of the Bylaws must be done in 2016. Natalie volunteered to help with the review. We will seek guidance from Shelley Rossbach (State Bylaws chair) on implementing the latest National mandatory changes. We will also amend our Bylaws to coincide with our Policies & Procedures on our dues deadline. That change will have to go out to members in our April newsletter.

12. New Business: None

Hilltopics Deadline: January 17.

AAUW DATES: Next national convention will be in Washington, DC on June 14-17, 2017.

Next Coordinating Council Meeting is Thursday, February 4 at 7 PM at the United Church.

Adjourn: 8:54 PM

Minutes for February 4, 2016 AAUW-Los Alamos Coordinating Council meeting

Members present: Mary Ann Lindahl, Judy Prono, Maryjane Giesler, Nina Thayer, Helena Whyte, Marilyn Doolen, Mona Wecksung, Harriet Dodder, Jill Forman, Natalie Markin.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm. Minutes from January 14 were accepted as corrected.

Facilitators' report: Judy and Marilyn

1. Winter LTM: We will include the State Convention on the 14th of July along with the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference from 15th through 17th of July. We will be voting online for the slate of state officers before the Conference on SurveyMonkey. You must register for the State Convention and the Rocky Mountain Conference separately. National speakers at the conference include Catherine Hill (VP for research), Susan Burke (lawyer with LAF) as well as Melissa Johnsen, AAUW Board member from Colorado. Maryjane Giesler is going to run for State Academic Chair. State dues are going up to \$18 from \$12 next year.
2. Marilyn noted that every school (not just school district) is to have a Title IX coordinator. She brought pamphlets from the LTM on the NM Fair Pay for Women Act and on donating to Tech Trek that we may distribute.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Mona received a Thank you from LA Cares for our Holiday Fruit distribution. The note will be sent to Denise for publishing in the newsletter.
2. Mona summarized branch finances through Jan. 31. The financial report will be included with the minutes.
3. We have sold about 50 tickets and have had \$100 in donations for the Einstein play.

Membership:

1. Free membership allocation: Mary Rita Chapman reported at the LTM that free memberships earned this year through Shape the Future could be awarded after March 15 and would then be good for 18 months. Natalie is going to confirm this understanding. We will wait to offer anyone a free membership until we understand the time limits.

Programs:

1. Science Fair judging: Marilyn will post her full report in the next newsletter. The team had \$150 from our branch for awards and an extra \$30 was donated. The judges gave awards to four class projects and to 10 individual student projects. They reviewed 158 student projects and 10 class projects.
2. Einstein: Judy passed out a draft program for the Einstein play that Tom Schuch has approved and that includes information about Tech Trek NM from the Internet. We will make corrections if needed. Both the Monitor on Wednesday and LA Daily Post on Thursday printed articles this week about the play. The

Monitor will print a paid ad on Feb. 7th, 10th and the 12th. The Daily Post will print an ad free next week. The KRSN interview was Tuesday, Feb. 2 with Helena. The interview with Tom will be Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 8:40 am. The radio will advertise Tues, Wed, Thurs and Friday next week. KRSN ads will cost \$145. Nancy Nunnelley says there are 26 dozen cookies promised for Sat and fewer for Sunday. There will be a committee meeting next Tuesday to iron out the last minute timing for the intermission, the refreshments and cleanup. We will have name tags with Los Alamos AAUW and names on them for the volunteers working at the event.

3. No volunteers have come forward for Discover E 2016 except for a few council members. Helena described the books she would use for her 'Let's read Math.' Set up is at 4:00. The program will start at 4:30 and go to 6:00. The program is geared toward elementary school students.
4. The next AAUW branch meeting will be at PEEC in their education room at 6:00 to 8 pm on March 31. Becky Shankland will be the guide and speaker. We will look into ordering sandwiches from Subway for the meeting and ask attendees to cover the cost. We will involve Nancy Nunnelley, Hospitality Chair, in helping provide refreshments. Mary Ann will collect RSVPs from the members.
5. In April we are considering An Equal Pay Day Wine and Convos at Unquarked. We will have materials for Equal Pay Day and the NM Fair Pay for Women Act available as handouts. Helena volunteered to talk briefly about both. Equal Pay Day is April 12. Mary Ann will check with Unquarked for its availability.
6. Confirmed the date of May 13 at BLC for the Spring Tea.

STEM:

Two hundred and five students have been nominated from 58 schools across the state for Tech Trek. Three separate emails were sent to each teacher. We had more response from the Indian schools this year. AAUW-NM needs to raise \$12,000 more to sponsor 60 girls instead of the 48 originally planned for. Girls must submit their applications by the end of February and they will be interviewed in March.

College and University:

1. NCWSSL applications will be due on March 10.
2. "Elect Her," a program to encourage women to participate in Student government will be in held Albuquerque at UNM. AAUW sponsors the program at one university/state each year.

Public Policy:

1. The Letter to the Editor submitted by Judy Prono as a member of the AAUW Council in support of HB33 Mill Levy election was printed in both LA Daily Post and Monitor.
2. Get out the Vote Campaign will be coming up nearer to the national elections.

Old Business:

1. Mary Ann noted that she was working with Smith's to buy \$225 of fruit for the LA Cares February food distribution; the money was leftover from the holiday fruit distribution.
2. Judy gave Natalie and Marilyn the new mandatory By-Law changes from national to read. The three of them will meet in March to discuss how to implement them. These changes do not need to be voted on by members but must be implemented by May 15. However, amending the by-laws re: our dues deadline and when members vote on increasing dues will need to be voted on at the Spring Tea. Members will need advance notice of these changes in our newsletter.
3. No update on New officers for next year. Harriet Dodder asked for suggestions on members to contact.

New Business: none

Hilltopics: Deadline will be Feb 22. Science Fair results, LA Cares Thank you and PEEC program on March 31.

Adjourn: 9:07 PM

AAUW Council Meeting on March 15, 2016

Present: Marilyn Doolen, Denise George, Mary Ann Lindahl, Natalie Markin, Judy Prono, Nina Thayer and Helena Whyte

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM

Minutes from the last Council Meeting were accepted as corrected.

Facilitators report:

1. Judy Prono: Bylaws: we have received the bylaw corrections from National. The changes are mandatory and need to be added to our bylaws. Also they sent us model text for branch specific bylaws. We plan to reorder our bylaws so that the order in the National bylaws corresponds to the order in our bylaws. This will seem to be a big change, but it will be helpful in the future when other changes are necessary. Updated bylaws are due in May, 2016. A copy will be sent Shelly Rossbach at State and also to National. Two proposed changes to our bylaws related to dues will need member approval at the May Spring Tea. The committee (Judy Prono, Natalie Markin, Marilyn Doolen) will have the changes ready for a vote at the next Council meeting on April 14.
2. Marilyn Doolen: We all received the Annual Giving Drive Notice. The gift is tax-deductible.
3. Tech trek interviews are being done. We have interviewed two girls and another will be completed soon. We have three people reading the essays: Mona Wecksung, Judy Prono and Marilyn Thayer. They have a rubric to help with evaluating the essays.

Treasures report: Filed with the minutes

1. Account balance of 2/29/2016 is \$6137.81.
2. AAUW fund amount is \$331.87.
3. A motion was made by Judy Prono to take the profit from the Einstein fundraiser and send \$4485 to AAUW Fund for this summer's camp at New Mexico Tech. Natalie seconded the motion. Motion passed. The money will be sent to Mary Rita Chapman.
4. A motion was made by Judy Prono to take \$300 to send to Charting the Course from the branch AAUW Fund Account. We will use the Spring tea a fund raiser for Charting the Course and will pass the hat for donations from members as well. Mary Ann seconded and the motion passed.

Membership:

5. We have 71 members. 58 are regular members and 13 are life members. State dues will be \$18 this year so members will be paying \$77 for 2016-17 dues.
6. We have two free "Shape the Future" memberships. Consensus was to offer one to Stephanie Garcia Richards and give a membership to one of the teachers of Tech Trek who is not already a member. We might also consider a Female Police officer.

Program Report:

1. The Einstein fundraiser was successful and the insurance for using LALT will last until December 31, 2016 giving us an opportunity to use the theater for another event.
2. AAUW-Los Alamos meeting will be at PEEC on March 31 from 6-8 PM. Members will RSVP to Mary Ann Lindahl. A meeting reminder will be sent out to the membership by Denise there have been very few RSVPs to date. Nancy Nunnally will bring cookies and punch to the meeting. Nina will order and pick up the sandwiches that night. The members will pay \$5.00 for the sandwiches. Mary Ann will help with set-up. Natalie Markin and Marilyn Doolen will help with the clean-up. Nina will talk to Becky and ask if the planetarium can be viewed by the members. Nina is lead.
3. Equal Pay Day Convo At Un-Quarked April 12, 5-7 PM. Information will be in the April newsletter by March 26. Margo is in charge of publicity. Natalie Markin will bring membership materials.
4. Spring tea is May 13. We would like to do a 65th Anniversary Party. What would make a fun and worthwhile activity? Denise suggested taking pictures of pages in old historian scrapbooks and making a slide show out of them. Judy suggested showing One AAUW, a 15-minute video shown at the national convention last June in San Diego. This would be a good lead to collecting for Charting the Course.

Invitations will be sent to former presidents inviting them to the Spring Tea. All of the honorary life members will be contacted and invited. Games that will be fun with little prizes. Please send any additional ideas to Nina. Nina and Marilyn are leads for the tea.

College and University

1. Start Smart 3 Yr. permit has expired at UNM-LA. The price was \$1000. It will be \$600 to continue the program. We may be able to use the permit used by the main campus if we want to continue this program.
2. NCCWSL did not get any applications from UNM-LA.
3. The official roll-out for AAUW's new research report: "Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership," will be on March 30.

New Business:

1. We still have 4 council positions open for 2016-2018. So far, Christine Cloyd, Terry Marzili and Sue Watts have declined nominations. Judy will ask Betsy Comly, Marilyn will ask Marilyn Thayer, and Natalie will ask Rozelle Wright to be nominees.
2. Denise reviewed the books and found no errors.

State Programs

1. Spring LTM on April 30 at 10 AM (this will be held online with GoToMeeting).
2. Tech Trek Camp at Socorro June 19-25
3. State Convention in Albuquerque, July 14; Rocky Mountain Regional Conference follows on July 15-17. Both at Sheraton Uptown hotel.

Hilltopics deadline is March 26.

Next Council Meeting is April 14 at 7:00PM at United Church.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Lindahl

AAUW Council Meeting on April 14, 2016

Present: Maryjane Geisler, Nancy Nunnolley, Mary Ann Lindahl, Mona Wecksung, Judy Prono, Nina Thayer, Harriet Dodder, Natalie Markin, Jill Forman, and Denise George [Note: Helena Whyte did not attend]

Meeting called to order at 7:13 PM

Minutes were accepted as corrected.

Facilitators report

1. Tech Trek: one Los Alamos Middle School student applicant was accepted. 60 were accepted statewide with 5 alternates. It was a goal to spread the accepted girls throughout the state. They tried to get one girl in each school. There were about 200 applicants.
2. Bylaws: The proposed Bylaw revisions are filed with the minutes. The Bylaws review committee merged Branch bylaws with AAUW's Model Bylaws template: blue type represents wording that is mandated by national, red type is Branch-specific bylaws, and black type is headings included in national's template. Much of the blue type in Articles I-IV represents mandatory changes incorporated in our bylaws in 2014. In Articles VIII-X, the blue type is new, since national wants all branches to have information concerning forming State and Regional organizations in their branch bylaws.

Nina moved that the Council recommend that the committee's merging of branch bylaws with national's Model Bylaws template be presented to the membership for approval. Mary Ann seconds. In the discussion of Art. IV, Section 5, a (1) we will add "(annual)" to dues to distinguish them from branch dues. The motion passed. The Bylaws committee also proposed three changes to branch bylaws: reduce the nominating committee from 3-5 members to 2 members (Art. V), drop the July 31 deadline for dues payment, and set dues at the Fall Luncheon rather than at the Annual meeting. After some discussion, consensus was that we should not change the nominating committee size but that Council should ensure that at least three members serve on that committee each year. The other two changes were approved. Amendment to Article IV, 5 (b) is that we will not use the date of July 31 as a deadline for dropping a member but follow the guidance in our branch Policies and Procedures. In Article IV Membership and Dues/ Sec 5 a (3) we will change "annual meeting" to the "first branch meeting in the fall," and in Art. VII, Sec 2, direct Council to propose dues changes as well as the budget at that fall meeting. Mona moved that the Council will present to the branch the proposed amendments to the Bylaws for a vote. Maryjane seconded. The motion passed. The suggestion is that we put the modified Bylaws on the web page. Judy proposed that we use just two colors to indicate the changes in our bylaws: blue type for national's mandated text and black type for branch-specific provisions. We will notify members of all bylaw changes in the April newsletter. Judy will also send the proposed bylaws and amendments to Shelley Rossbach, State Bylaws Committee chair, for approval, as required in Art. XV, Sec 3.

Treasurers report:

1. The treasurers report is filed with the minutes.
2. Mona asked if we need to vote to on giving money to the churches as a donation for using their space for meetings. It is already in the budget so we did not vote. It will be \$100 to each church, the United Church (Council meetings) and Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Fall Luncheon and Spring Tea).

Membership:

1. We added a new member Mareta Nieto making 72 members. Karin Roberts brought her to book group. Stephanie Garcia Richard has accepted the free membership to the branch. Judy proposed to give the other free membership to Katy Korkos. Nina moved that we offer the membership to Katy. It was seconded and passed. Natalie moved that if Katy declines, we offer the membership to Cindy Rooney, UNM-LA Director. It was seconded and passed.
2. We had about 8 branch members come to Equal Pay Day at Unquarked and 6 other women there joined in our discussion of the gender pay gap. We enjoyed wine and appetizers.

Program Report:

1. Judy passed out a draft of the Spring Tea agenda. We will be sending out invitations to the membership. There will be a video called "One AAUW" that will be shown to the participants. It is about 16 minutes long. We will have a slide show of pictures from our scrapbooks that are housed with the Historical Society archives in the County building. Marilyn Doolen and Marilyn Minshall will choose the pictures; Nina will provide a computer/projector to show them and the AAUW video. Maryjane will bring a punch bowl and tea set. Mona will do the punch. There will be a cake and leftover cookies. Nancy Nunelley will get the volunteers to bring finger food. Nina, Maryjane, and Judy will set up; Natalie, Harriet and Jill will clean up. Nina will order a cake. Set up will be at 3:15PM. We will honor 6 honorary life members and will offer them a ride. Nina will call on people to bring the life members.

College and University

1. Maryjane said that 4 girls applied for state NCCWSL scholarships and two from Las Vegas received the scholarships.
2. She said that Elizabeth Rademacher was interested in AAUW's "Give a Grad a gift" memberships. Natalie will follow up with Maryjane on what information national needs for the free membership program.

3. Maryjane also indicated that Cindy Rooney was looking into putting on another Start Smart workshop at UNM-LA but that it would cost about \$1,000. Cindy is going to look into funding sources. We do not have the finances to cover the cost but would consider helping UNM-LA; Maryjane will follow up.

Public Policy

1. Judy passed out a sheet with information on AAUW's most recent research report: "Barriers and Bias." The report was launched on March 30, with Cokie Roberts moderating a panel discussion of why women are so underrepresented in leadership positions. YouTube coverage of the panel discussion and a 5-min YouTube report summary are available on national's website. Judy has ordered 5 copies of the report.

Old business

1. Betsy Comly and Ros Newmyer said they would join the council. Kyle Wheeler will be contacted by Judy and Cas Mason will be contacted by Marilyn Doolen about serving. We need one more candidate to fill the council slate.
2. Denise reconciled the books and found no errors. [Delete: this was in March minutes.]

New Business:

1. Mona noted that former MANA del Norte scholarship recipient Maria Arellano has become a lawyer and asked if we could still collect money for the scholarship. It was moved and seconded that we continue our AAUW scholarship and award the scholarship this year in honor of Gloria Cordova. The motion passed. Mona will provide a scholarship announcement for the April newsletter.

State Programs:

1. June 19-25, Tech Trek camp at New Mexico Tech, Socorro
2. July 14, AAUW-NM LTM and convention, Sheraton Uptown, Albuquerque
3. July 15-17, Rocky Mountain Regional Conference, Sheraton Uptown, Albuquerque

Hilltopics: deadline is Friday, April 22.

Next Coordinating council meeting: The date for the Joint council meeting will be set up at the Tea.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM

AAUW MINUTES: SPRING TEA on May 13, 2016

The business meeting was called to order by facilitator Judy Prono at 5:20PM. There were 34 people in attendance, 30 branch members and 4 guests. Please see the attached attendance sheet. The first order of business was the election of Coordinating Council members for the 2016-2018 term. The nominees were Betsy Comly, Denise George, Cas Mason, Ros Newmyer, and Mona Wecksung (3rd term). The slate above was elected unanimously. Council members completing the second year of their term are Marilyn Doolen, Maryjane Giesler, Mary Ann Lindahl, and Judy Prono. Elected/Appointed Officers continuing in their current positions are, Harriet Dodder - Nominating Chair, Denise George - *Hilltopics* Editor, Nancy Nunnelley - Hospitality, Marilyn Minshall - Historian and Helena Whyte - STEM Chair.

The financial report was given by Mona Wecksung. We have \$1,437.18 in our checking account, \$331.88 in our AAUW-Fund account and \$1,803.89 in a CD. Mona announced that the dues for 2016-2017 would be \$77.00, of which \$49.00 goes to National, \$18.00 to State, and \$10.00 to the branch. This represents an increase over last year of \$6.00 more to the State. Mona noted that there would probably be an increase in branch dues next year, (2017-2018), as our reserves decrease each year as we support more activities such as Tech Trek. Our income comes from dues and donations. The money in our AAUW-Fund account comes largely from a donation by LANS that honors voluntary charitable work done by retired LANS employees who are branch members. We will donate \$300.00 from this fund to the National Charting the Course

Campaign. We will also pass a basket for voluntary contributions to that campaign. The funds so collected will be used by AAUW as unrestricted funds.

Next on the agenda was a short discussion about by-laws changes. Judy Prono explained that National had mandated certain by-laws changes for all branches to be in compliance with the National by-laws. They also suggested that at the same time branches could renumber their by-laws so as to match the National template and that would make it easier to incorporate future mandated changes into our branch by-laws. National sends out these mandatory changes in even numbered years. Judy further explained that the mandated changes did not require a vote. However, in the process of making the changes the by-laws committee, (Judy Prono, Marilyn Doolen and Natalie Markin), found a few changes that they thought should be made to our by-laws. We put our by-laws into the National by-laws template. (Refer to Motion 1 below.) The proposed changes were sent to AAUW-NM by-laws chair, Shelley Rossbach for approval, which we got. Marilyn Doolen made the following 3 motions. The first two were seconded by Nina Thayer, and third was seconded by Rozelle Wright. All passed unanimously.

Motion 1: I move that we accept the branch by-laws in their new format.

Motion 2: I move that the member dues shall be payable in accordance with branch policies and procedures.

Motion 3: I move we set dues at the first branch meeting in the fall so they will become effective March 15 of the following year.

Regarding Motion 2, the rationale for the change was as follows. Our by-laws currently say that we are to drop from membership, those member that due not renew their membership by July 31. In practice we have not done that, as many members do not pay dues until the fall.

Regarding Motion 3, it was explained that we now would have to wait 18 months to March 15th of the following year if we voted a proposed dues increase at the annual Spring Tea. This is due to regulations at National. By changing the date to the first branch meeting in the fall, the wait time is reduced to about 6 months. Also since we propose the budget in the fall of the year, we are in a good position at that time to know if a dues increase will be needed.

Helena Whyte announced that because the AAUW-NM Convention is being held late this year (July 14) in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference (July 15-17), that the state would experiment with the one member/one vote paradigm now used by National. Helena will use Survey Monkey to implement the online election of NM state officers. The ballot questions will require a yes or no answer. The last question is a request for your zip code, so that she can track in which areas this was a successful experiment. She also stated that she will send paper ballots upon request, for those that prefer them.

Judy announced that one of the guest speakers at the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference will be Catherine Hill, from National. She is the author of the new AAUW research publication *Barriers and Bias*, as well as the previous publication, *Solving the Equation*. Also speaking are Susan Burke, lead counsel for LAF-funded military assault cases; local activist Martha Burk who has been involved in the Fair Pay for Women Act; and Melissa Johnsen, AAUW Board member from Colorado. Nancy Scheer of the Santa Fe and Los Alamos branch and Amy Blackwell from Colorado will give a talk on the recent UN Commission on the Status of Women. Julia Brown from the Las Cruces branch, and past National Vice President will discuss the Diversity Program in a box that she implemented. The registration cost to attend both the State Convention and Regional Conference is \$210.00, and includes some meals. You may also register for just 1 or more days. The cost is on the AAUW- Albuquerque website. Event Bee will be used for registration. The meetings will be held at the Sheraton Uptown in Albuquerque. The hotel has a special room rate for AAUW members attending these meetings.

Helena informed us that this June there will be 60 campers attending Tech Trek at the NM Institute of Mining and Technology in Socorro, NM. One is from the Los Alamos Middle School. Five alternates were also chosen. Nancy Scheer announced that the Santa Fe branch is having a high tea on June 4 at the home of one of its members to raise money for next year's Tech Trek. There is a fee to attend and there will be a silent auction. A student from the NM School for the Arts will provide keyboard entertainment. Also attending will be girls from the 4-H club.

Helena informed us that there are now 12 active cases using the Fair Pay for Women Act. The Santa Fe Women's Law center has requested the help of AAUW to support this act. They want us to read the proposed regulations and write op-ed articles.

Nina Thayer announced two upcoming "Out and About" activities; a trip to the Santa Fe Opera in August, and a trip to Acoma in the fall. Contact her for further information. Jane Sherwood, the AAUW past hospitality chair for many years told us that for our 25th Anniversary, we purchased 50 silver spoons using Betty Crocker coupons. There are 44 spoons left.

To finish the meeting, Judy and Marilyn presented cards and gifts to all branch officers. For their 6 years of service, Nina was also given a tour guide to Alaska, as she and her husband are planning a road trip there this June, and Natalie was given a colorful AAUW coffee mug. Judy adjourned the meeting at 5:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Markin, Acting Secretary for Mary Ann Lindahl

AAUW Council Meeting June 10, 2016 Joint Meeting of 2015-16 and 2016-17 Councils

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM.

Members present were: Betsy Comly, Marilyn Doolen, Harriet Dodder, Denise George, Maryjane Giesler, Mary Ann Lindahl, Cas Mason, Marilyn Minshall, Judy Prono, Helena White, Natalie Markin, Jill Forman, and Mona Wecksung.

Minutes for the April 14 Council meeting and May 13 Spring Tea were accepted as corrected.

Co-Facilitator's Report: Judy Prono

1. The revised bylaws are in the notebook with the minutes and treasurers reports.
2. The bylaws were sent to National and their receipt was acknowledged.
3. Text mandated by national is in blue type; our branch-specific provisions are in black type. The bylaws have been reordered using national's model bylaws template. This will make changes easier in the future.
4. The bylaws will be posted on our branch website. To get into "members only" use the password, "hilltopics."
5. Included in the minutes is the agenda for AAUW-NM Convention and Rocky Mountain Regional Conference, 7/14-7/17 in Albuquerque. Members should register by June 30 to avoid paying a late fee. Five members from the LA branch have registered. Helena noted that the "Rundom" Auctions at the conference (fundraiser for Charting the Course) will require \$1 bills.

Co-Facilitators Report: Marilyn Doolen

1. Marilyn wrote an Annual Report chronicling the activities of the year. It will be filed with the minutes.
2. Although Margo Batha will not be on the board next year, she said she'd be willing to help out on an Equal Payday event next spring.

Treasurer's Report: Mona Wecksung

1. The Financial reports for April and May will be filed with the minutes.
2. The fundraising for Tech Trek raised \$5640 and \$4485 went to Tech Trek. At the Spring Tea, \$2295 was collected for Charting the Course and \$1555 for the MANA del Norte scholarship.

Membership Report: Natalie Markin

1. We have 74 members. We have 7 new members since February and two Shape the Future members.
2. Give a Grad a Gift can be given up to 2 years after Graduation.

New Business:

1. Natalie proposed that we continue to call for donations for the MANA del Norte Scholarship, but to rename it as the "Gloria Cordova AAUW Scholarship." A motion was made and seconded to rename the scholarship. The motion passed. Natalie proposed to add a scholarship line item to the budget, but provisions for the scholarship are in our Policies and Procedures.
2. Confirmed Council positions:
 - a. Co-facilitators: Betsy Comly and Marilyn Doolen
 - b. Treasurer: Mona Wecksung
 - c. Membership Chair: Mary Ann Lindahl
 - d. Secretary: Cas Mason
 - e. Historian: Marilyn Minshall
 - f. Newsletter editor and Webmaster: Denise George
 - g. College and University Rep: Maryjane Giesler
 - h.. Hospitality: Nancy Nunnelley
 - i. Publicity: Marilyn Doolen and Betsy Comly
3. On October 21 and 22 there will be a joint meeting of AAUW-NM with the New Mexico Network of Women in Science and Engineering in Albuquerque at the Nativo Lodge. This will be our state fall workshop and leadership team meeting.
4. The Council chose the date of April 22, 2017 for the AAUW-New Mexico State Convention which will be hosted by the Los Alamos branch. Maryjane will check on space at UNM-LA. Someone from National will come to do a Power Point or video. We will have an LTM on Friday and perhaps include a reception/program at PEEC's Nature Center that evening. It is expected that at least 50 people will be attending. We will have a meeting on Saturday and a Sunday morning meeting. We will contact the hotels to reserve a block rooms.
5. A motion was made and seconded that Marilyn Doolen be a co-signer on all AAUW accounts held at LANB. The motion passed. A motion was made and seconded that Natalie Markin will be removed as a co-signer on all AAUW accounts held at LANB. The motion passed. The change is needed because Natalie has reached her term limit for serving on Council.

Programs:

- a. We received the results of a branch survey conducted several years ago on preferred program times, topics, and formats. The survey was filed with the minutes.
- c. The Fall Luncheon will be on September 24th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Marilyn has reserved the downstairs meeting room. Judy will contact Ruby K's about catering it. Program suggestions included watching a video from this summer's Tech Trek, using national's "impact presentation" from the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference, and asking a local author (Elizabeth Church) to talk about her novel set in Los Alamos. Judy will follow up with Ginny White about the author.

Publicity: Denise will send out a note to the membership that will contain the date of the Fall Brunch, a list of officers and Thanks for the donations to Charting the Course.

Next Council Meeting will be Thursday September 8 at 7:00 PM at the United Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ann Lindahl

AAUW Council Meeting Minutes September 8, 2016

Present: Betsy Comly, Marilyn Doolen, Maryjane Giesler, Mary Ann Lindahl, Cas Mason, Nancy Nunnelley, Judy Prono, Mona Wecksung, Nina Thayer (as a state officer)

Meeting Called to order at 7:03 pm

Minutes from council meeting June 10, 2016

Accepted as submitted, proposed by Mona, seconded by Nancy

1. Facilitators Report, Judy

A. When we put our Bylaws into national's bylaws template this year, we changed our name from "the Los Alamos, NM, Branch of AAUW, Inc." to "the AAUW, Los Alamos, NM, Branch, Inc." We have learned that this change will have to be registered with the Secretary of State's office, and we will incur a \$20 fee to change our Articles of Corporation. Nancy Scheer will provide guidance on the paperwork we need to submit.

B. There will be an AAUW webinar on the do's and don'ts of fundraising Tues, Sept 20 at 1 pm MT. Judy will forward the webinar's email info to Mona, Betsy and Marilyn.

2. Treasurers Report, Mona

A. Not much action over the summer; wrote \$12 check. We have a CD of \$1803.89, which will be renewed in October. Our AAUW Funds balance is \$269.88 (revised budget and financial statement attached).

B. Proposed budget: Mona went over details of the proposal. We are overspending each year with an average loss of \$270. Branch dues will need to be raised at some point. Consensus was to increase estimated dues income from \$600 to \$670 based on increased membership. Judy recommended increasing the Mini Grant to \$150 and giving the LWV \$150 this year to support its Voters Guide and videotaping of candidate forums for replay on PAC 8. We will be listed as a contributing sponsor of these election activities.

On expenses, consensus was to reduce hospitality from \$60 to \$30. Mona moved, Marilyn seconded, to increase LWV donation to \$150; motion

passed. We will apply for a Branch Project Grant (mini grant) to offset this expense. There was some discussion about the \$425 for Educational Support. Judy proposed raising the sum to \$600 and earmarking it for a NCCWSL scholarship should we have a UNM-LA student apply. She noted that there are ways for members to make tax-deductible donations for other AAUW activities but not for a NCCWSL scholarship. Mona moved, Maryjane seconded that we include \$600 for NCCWSL; motion passed. We increased the budget for NM Corporations Report to \$30.

Marilyn expressed concern about drawing down our savings each year. There was some discussion about whether our Policies & Procedures stipulation to maintain a \$500 reserve was adequate. Mona proposed, Betsy seconded to increase that requirement to \$1000; the motion did not pass.

Mona will send Council members a revised budget proposal and present it at our Fall Luncheon.

3. Membership Report (Mary Ann)

41 paid members

4. Programs (Judy)

A. Sept 24 Fall Luncheon

Presented Ruby K's menu proposal for feeding 35 people at \$15/person; consensus was to decrease attendance estimate to 30 people. They will deliver. No changes made to draft agenda for lunch.

We need to do drinks: punch (Mona), ice water

Set up: meet at 10 am (Mona, Judy, Betsy, Nancy, Marilyn; Judy's husband Dan will help; Maryjane will see if Greg is available)

Flowers: Cas (about 6 small and one big)

Clean up: Mona, Judy, Marilyn, Betsy, Nancy, Marilyn

B. Voter registration

Nina- AAUW-NM's Public Policy Impact Grant from national will be used in part to:

a. Register 250 new voters before Oct 11 the deadline for NM voters. There is training for registering voters, Sept 14 in Council Chambers, 3:30-5 pm. Marilyn and Judy will attend County training. Nina has talked to UNM-LA about having a voter registration booth there on Sept 27 (National Voter Registration Day);

b. NM's Fair Pay for Women Act- major thrust of impact grant

C. Oct 6 and 13: LWV will sponsor Candidate Forums at UNM-LA main lecture hall, 7 pm

D. Oct/Nov, Title IX update for LA Public Schools: Helena will ask Ann Stewart, LAPS Title IX Coordinator, to talk about status of Title IX work in our schools

E. Holiday Luncheon - need someone in charge?? Plan later

5. Publicity (Marilyn and Betsy) nothing new

6. AAUW Fund: no lead

7. STEM: Tech Trek looking for steering committee volunteers

8. College and University Rep (Maryjane): UNM-LA is interested in running Start Smart workshop but doesn't have \$1000 needed to pay for it. Nina offered to work with Maryjane on partnering options.

9. Public Policy (Judy) Get out the vote training webinars:

Voter registration (available online at AAUW website)

Voter education, (Sept 28,7pm ET)

Voter turnout (Oct 18,7pm ET)

10. State Programs: Oct 22 9am- 4pm, Nativo Lodge, Albuquerque, joint AAUW-NMNWSE program (Fall Workshop and LTM)

11. New & Old Business: none

12. Hilltopics deadlines

Sept 19 for Oct issue (Denise will send out a luncheon reminder around Sept. 15)

Nov issue: before Oct 14 (Denise gone Oct. 14-Nov. 8)

13. Next coordinating Council Meeting
 2nd Thursday of month, i.e. October 13--7 pm

Adjourn (8:59 pm)
 Respectfully submitted

Caroline (Cas) Mason

**AAUW Los Alamos
 Proposed Budget 2016 - 2017**

	Last Year's Actuals	Last Year's Budget	Proposed Budget
Revenues:			
Branch Dues	\$660.00	\$600.00	\$670.00
Donations	\$58.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Interest	\$0.25	\$1.00	\$1.00
From Savings		\$804.00	\$1,132.00
AAUW Mini Grant	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
Fall Luncheon	\$457.00	\$400.00	\$450.00
Total Revenues	\$1,275.25	\$1,955.00	\$2,453.00
Expenditures:			
Officers:			
Historian		\$10.00	\$10.00
Yearbook		\$10.00	\$10.00
Newsletter	\$24.76	\$25.00	\$25.00
Facility Rental	\$386.25	\$400.00	\$400.00
Programs	\$147.32	\$230.00	\$230.00
EF Fund Raising		\$15.00	\$15.00
Membership		\$68.00	\$68.00
Hospitality	\$58.90	\$15.00	\$30.00
Treasurer	\$25.76	\$20.00	\$20.00
President Fund		\$15.00	\$15.00
Sponsorships:			
Science Fair	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$130.00
Conventions	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
League of Women Voter		\$0.00	\$150.00
NCCWSL		\$425.00	\$600.00
Administrative:			
Post office Box	\$68.00	\$62.00	\$70.00
NM Corporation Report	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$30.00
Miscellaneous:			
Fall Luncheon	\$436.00	\$400.00	\$450.00
Total Expenditures	\$1,406.99	\$1,955.00	\$2,453.00

7/1/2012	\$	2,985.07	
7/1/2013	\$	3,540.36	
7/1/2014	\$	2,028.35	average loss
7/1/2015	\$	1,942.99	\$270/yr
7/1/2016	\$	1,634.07	

Fall Luncheon

September 24, 2016

Present: Members and guests for a total of 36 attendees.

Meeting Called to order at 11:15

1. Welcome: Marilyn Doolen

Introduction guests: Susan Daniels, Margaret Gibson, Elizabeth Church, Jo Moore, Santiana Marrujo, Kay Dorko, and Margaret Jaramillo-Cox

New member: Mereto Nieto

2. 2016/2017 Budget Proposal: Mona Wecksung

It is the final time to pay dues.

Comparing the budget with last year's, we spend more than we bring in. Therefore we take from savings \$1132.00. On average down to \$270/year for the last 5 years. Therefore it's likely the dues need to be raised. Now there are 70 members. The \$130 for Science Fair prizes is sufficient. \$600 for NCCWSL (leadership conference)

Nina Thayer brought motion to floor to accept the budget, Judy Prono seconded and the budget was approved unanimously

3. Announcements

a. Membership Dues: Mona Wecksung. The financial report is attached.

b. Hospitality: Nancy Nunnelley had signup sheet for volunteers

c. Voter Registration: Nina Thayer, State Voter Registration Chair, has organized a Los Alamos voter registration table at UNM-LA on September 27.

d. Candidate Forums with LWV, 10/6 at 7pm (State officials), and 10/13 at 7pm (County councilors)

e. State Convention Planning: Betsy Comly. Convention will be April 21-23 in

Los Alamos. Signup sheet for Convention committee is at the doorway. We expect 50 attendees.

4. Interest Group Presentations

a. Out 'n About: Nina Thayer. Acoma Pueblo Oct 18, 19, 20.

Signup sheet is at the doorway.

b. Fiction Book Group: Karin Roberts. Attendees need to have read the book usually, there are used and new books available. There are two groups -one in the afternoon and one in the evening, Next book is “Atomic Weight of Love” by our speaker (Elizabeth Church). Members need to sign up and phone the hostess

c. Nonfiction Book Group: Denise George. Every other month on Mondays, next scheduled meeting is November 14 “Wright Brothers” Attendees need to sign up and phone the hostess.

d. Great Decisions: Natalie Markin. The books come out in January and are: Future of Europe Trade and Politics, Conflict in South China Sea, Saudi Arabia in Transition, US Foreign Policy and Petroleum, Latin America’s Political Pendulum, Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan, and Nuclear Security.

5. MANA del Norte: Mona Wecksung introduced the scholarship recipient, Santiago Marrujo, who thanked us for the scholarship. She is a student at Highlands University.

6. Highlights from Tech Trek June 2016: Helena Whyte. 3rd camp, hosted 60 girls 5 core classes in am, workshops in pm. Helena showed a video of the Camp. The Los Alamos branch contributed \$4500 from the Einstein performances to Tech Trek

7. Title IX: Helena Whyte. This group attended games.

Next game is on Nov 16 at the Espanola Campus of NNMU with the ladies’ basketball team from NNM College vs. Adams

State. Law says every school has to have title IX coordinator.

8. Public Policy Impact: Nina Thayer and Helena Whyte. New Mexico AAUW received a \$1,000.00 grant with one goal being to register 250 new voters in NM. The grant focus is to write regulations for NM Fair Pay for Women Act: But there are wrinkles to be ironed out.

Meeting was adjourned 12:15 for lunch and a talk by Elizabeth Church about her book, "Atomic Weight of Love."

Respectfully submitted,

Cas Mason, Secretary

**AAUW Los Alamos
Financial Report - September 2016**

	September	Year to Date	Budgeted
Account Balance 07/01/16		\$1,634.07	
Account Balance 09/01/16	\$1,768.21		

Revenues:

Branch Dues	\$20.00	\$110.00	\$670.00
Donations	\$5.00	\$55.00	\$50.00
Interest	\$0.02	\$0.04	\$1.00
From Savings			\$1,132.00
AAUW Mini Grant			\$150.00
Fall Luncheon	\$510.00	\$510.00	\$450.00
Total Revenues	\$535.02	\$675.04	\$2,453.00

Expenditures:

Officers:			
Historian			\$10.00
Yearbook			\$10.00
Newsletter			\$25.00
Facility Rental			\$400.00
Programs			\$230.00
EF Fund Raising			\$15.00
Membership			\$68.00
Hospitality		\$12.88	\$30.00
Treasurer			\$20.00
President Fund			\$15.00
Sponsorships:			
Science Fair			\$130.00
Conventions			\$200.00
League of Women Voter			\$150.00
Educational Support			\$600.00
Administrative:			
Post office Box			\$70.00
NM Corporation Report			\$30.00
Miscellaneous:			
Fall Luncheon	\$460.00	\$460.00	\$450.00
Total Expenditures	\$460.00	\$472.88	\$2,453.00
Pass thru Dues In	\$385.00	\$562.00	
Pass thru Dues Out	\$0.00	\$170.00	
Account Balance 09/30/16	\$2,228.23	\$2,228.23	

**AAUW Council Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2016**

Present: Betsy Comly, Marilyn Doolen, Maryjane Giesler, Cas Mason, Judy Prono, Mona Wecksung, Helena Whyte (a nonvoting member)

Meeting called to order: 7:06 p.m.

Minutes from previous council meeting to be voted upon:

September 8, 2016 Judi moved and Mona seconded, passed

September 24, 2016 some corrections accepted Betsy moved, Judy seconded

Facilitators' report:

* Marilyn- voter registration summary 10 branch members helped voter registration: three at UNM campus and one at Aspen Ridge. Registered 20 total.

Contributed \$150 to LWV. Marilyn submitted, on September 16, a request to State for a Branch Project Grant

* Betsy - State Convention in April planning committee: 5 members, Marilyn Doolen, Betsy Comly, Terry Marzelli, Ginny White, Natalie Markin and ad hoc members: Judy Prono and Helena Whyte.

Treasurer's report: Mona Wecksung

- The Financial report attached. We made a profit of \$65 on the fall luncheon.
- Mona will ask Rosemarie Frederickson (or Linda Maclellan if Rosemarie can't) to audit last year's accounts.

Membership report: Mona Wecksung

3 new members (Margaret Jaramillo Cox, Mereto Nieto, and Joan Moore)

47 paid, 12 life members, 15 unpaid

Programs: Judy Prono

- November 17 Title IX. Ann Stewart, the LAPS Title IX coordinator will talk on issues related to Title IX enforcement in LAPS. This will cover, among other topics bullying in LAPS and we will find out if every school has a title IX person. Betsy and Marilyn will do publicity.
- December Luncheon, Rancho de Chimayo. The date has changed to December 3 (originally Dec.10). MaryAnn Lindahl will take reservations and will talk about menu options, which will cost less than \$17. Speaker for holiday luncheon? Possibly about domestic violence or the winner of the upcoming State Representative election, either Sharon Stover or Garcia Richard will be considered.
- Fruit for LA Cares. Karin Roberts and Denise George and Mary Ann Lindahl will be in charge.
- January Legislative Preview at Fuller Lodge. The date is not yet known.
- January Science Fair judging January 28. Marilyn Doolen will be the team leader.
- April 4 Equal pay day event. Possibly "cocktails and combos" at Unquarked.
- April 21-23 AAUW State Convention in Los Alamos.
- June 18-21 National Convention in Washington D.C
- June. Meeting at Time Out Pizzeria for an AAUW Voting.
- We need a fundraiser for AAUW fund or tech trek?? Possibly "Untea"?
- Perhaps in March an International Affairs Meeting?

Publicity: Marilyn and Betsy will submit notices in the newspapers about November 17 public meeting, in addition to flyers around town.

AAUW Fund: no report

College & University Rep: Maryjane

Governor Susannah Martinez is cutting college funds. Universities will cut sports programs.

Start Smart training women to negotiate own salary. Maybe we can pay?

Public Policy: Judy "get out the vote"

State Programs: Leadership Team Meeting in Albuquerque on Sat. Seven branch members are going. Maryjane will give an oral report.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Hilltopics Deadline: November 12

We need to send an email reminder to the membership about the November 17 meeting and the December 3rd Holiday Luncheon

Next Coordinating Council Meeting: November 10.

Adjourn: 8:55

Respectfully Submitted,

Cas Mason, Secretary

AAUW Los Alamos

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AAUW COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
November 10, 2016

Present: Betsy Comly, Marilyn Doolen, Maryjane Giesler, Mary Ann Lindahl, Mona Wecksung

The meeting was called to order by Betsy Comly at 7:09 p.m.

The minutes from the October 20, 2016 Council meeting were approved as corrected.

Facilitators' report:

- * Marilyn announced that our Los Alamos branch was awarded the Branch Project request of \$150.00. Donna Rea, of Las Cruces, is now the current State Finance Chair.
- * Betsy summarized the following news from the State Committee Task Force regarding the State Convention to be held in Los Alamos in April, 2017:
 1. the suggested registration fee is \$50.00
 2. the venues for the meeting times are: Friday afternoon and Saturday morning Oppenheimer Place; the Holiday Inn Express for Saturday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 3. Saturday banquet will be at the Cottonwood on the Green (golf course); the dinner price will be \$38.00
 4. housing for out of town participants will be at the Holiday Inn Express; the rate per room, double occupancy is \$109.00 plus tax; a 11-room minimum registration is required
 5. catering service for the Saturday lunch will be determined at the December 14th committee task force meeting. Three options are being considered.

Financial update: The current account balance, 10/31/16, is \$1688.24 and the complete report is filed with the branch treasurer, Mona.

Membership report: Mary Ann reported that currently there are 60 paid members. 15 unpaid members are being reminded that dues are due.

Program: a printed schedule hand-out from Judy was presented *in absentia*. The November 17th meeting will be the presentation by Ann Stewart on the status of Title IX in our county schools. December 3rd is the holiday lunch party at Rancho de Chimayo.

Publicity: Betsy reported that fliers about the November 17th Public Forum on Title IX have been circulated by Betsy and Marilyn, and the Daily Post and the Monitor newspapers have received a story for printing.

College & University Rep: Maryjane informed Council that the deadline for NCCWSL applications is December 15. The timing is a concern because it is the week of final

exams for the UNM-LA students. There is a possible candidate at UNM-LA who is enthusiastic and interested in the NCCWSL event in 2017.

New Business: Krystal Roach, LAPS Foundation, notified our branch that a payment would be made to the 5 elementary schools in December. The following letter will be sent, advising her:

Hello Krystal, LAPS Foundation

I have been authorized by the Los Alamos branch of AAUW to request that you divide the remaining balance of \$5,696.50 by 5 for a final payout per elementary school.

We understand that each of the 5 schools will receive \$1,139.30, payable in December, 2016.

This will complete our donation project. We were very pleased to have memorialized Jean Nereson in this way. In these past years, we have received thanks from many school librarians.

Thank you for coordinating the payments on our behalf.

Best Regards,

Marilyn Doolen, Co-facilitator, AAUW, Los Alamos branch

*Council is proposing a change in 2017 for the monthly Council meetings. The 2nd Wednesday of the month is preferred by those attending. This would be a change from the traditional 2nd Thursday of the month.

Hilltopics Deadline: November 12

Next Coordinating Council Meeting: Thursday, December 8, 2016

The meeting was adjourned
at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Doolen, Secretary *pro tem*

AAUW Council Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2016

Present: Betsy Comly, Denise George, Nancy Nunelly, Cas Mason, Judy Prono, MaryAnn Lindahl, Mary Jane Giesler, Mona Wecksung

The meeting called to order by Betsy Comly at 7:08

Minutes from the November 10, 2016 meeting were approved as corrected by Denise, seconded by Judy.

Facilitators' Report – Betsy

1. December 14. There will be a planning meeting at the United Church at 6:30pm to divide up assignments for April AAUW Convention to be held in Los Alamos.

2. A vote was taken to send a \$425 check to Holiday Inn for the Convention. Mary Ann moved, Judy seconded. Motion passed.

3. A vote was taken to send \$185 for liability insurance of one million per year to Armfield, Harris and Thomas. Mona moved, Mary Ann seconded. Motion passed.

4. November 17. Anne Stewart, the LAPS Title IX coordinator, spoke at the White Rock Public Library on issues related to Title IX enforcement of Title IX. Helena Whyte is the lead for Shape of the Future membership drive.

5. December 3. Twenty-three members attended a holiday luncheon at Rancho de Chimayo and listened to Cindy Williams and Xiaowei Wu, last year's winner of the NCCWSL award, talk about NCCWSL.

6. December 8. The service project, lead by Denise, Mary Ann Lindahl and Karen Roberts, to prepare bags of fruit for distribution through LA Care, was completed.

Treasurers Report - Mona

Convention finances total expenses are \$563.75 so far.

The current account balance, 11/30/2016, is \$1763.25. The branch treasurer, Mona, files the complete report.

Membership Report - Mary Ann

As of June we have a total of 52 members and 13 life members.

Denise will send out a new membership list.

Program – Judy

Judy handed out a complete report as summarized below:

1. January 11. is the Legislative Preview, cosponsored with the LWV. Judy will moderate. Judy, Mary Ann, Denise and Cas will provide refreshments.

2. January 21. The LA Science Fair will be held at LAHS. Marilyn will lead judging.

3. February 2 or 11. Should we have a fundraiser for NM Tech Trek? (Which will have 48 attendees this year.)

There were many suggestions:

Soup and bread lunch but will this interfere with church soup suppers? Need speaker? MaryAnn has friend who might speak.

Cowboy breakfast?

Masonic breakfast? Waffle

Is the goal for the community or just AAUW? Needs to be tied to the mission Untea?

4. March. Women's History Month

International Affairs? Have a component at convention?

5. April 4. Equal Pay Day cocktails and Convos at Unquarcked?

6. April 21-23. NM Convention here

7. May 6 or 13. Spring Tea

8. June 9. Time out Pizzeria, AAUW voting party?

Publicity - Betsy

We need to remind newspapers to print our events.

College and University - Maryjane

The NCCWSL award application date was moved to December 15 from March. Christine Fishes will apply for this.

LA County mill levy is for personnel and services (e.g. for EMS training) and not for building

Public Policy - Judy.

Should we send a letter to newspapers in support mill levy? Council is undecided.

January 8 State Programs Lobby Core Meeting

February 5 Winter leadership Team Meeting in Santa Fe

February 6 Legislative date at Roundhouse

Hill Topics Deadline: December 14

Next Coordinating Council Meeting: Thursday, January 12, 2017

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted

Cas Mason