

COUNCIL MINUTES OF AAUW-LOS ALAMOS BRANCH

Call to order: The meeting was called order on Zoom at 2:06 p.m. on January 23, 2025.

Council members present: Denise George, Linda McLellan, Judy Prono, Laura Loving, Bev Cooper, Nina Thayer, Helena Whyte and Mary Ann Lindahl

Council members absent: Karin Roberts, and Maryjane Giesler

Minutes: The minutes of the November 14, 2024 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Facilitator's Report:

- For the record, AAUW notified me December 16 that we achieved 4 stars in the FY24 Five Star Program; we were recognized for Advancement, Programming, Governance & Sustainability, and Public Policy & Advocacy stars (we did not receive a star for Communications & External Relations)
- I submitted a branch report for the Winter 2024 Roadrunner issue but it was not included; Judy McGuire said she would send an issue addendum with it, but I never saw one
- Thank you Karin & Denise for covering refreshments at the Legislative Preview
- AAUW-NM Winter meeting: Leadership Team Meeting (LTM), Sunday, February 9, Hotel Santa Fe; Nina will attend. Advocacy Day (Monday, February 10, 10 am-noon, NM Land Office); Laura, Denise and Mary Ann will attend.
- State Convention will be in Mesilla April 25-26
- Lynn Heffron put out a call for Branch Project applications and up to \$200/branch will be available. February 7th is the deadline for submission.

Treasurer/Membership Report: Mary Ann reported we have \$4,411.54 in the bank. Judy had asked Mary Ann to follow up with National on 3 branch members whose membership is listed as expired (Cynthia Biddlecomb, Jennifer Bishop, Els Hoffer) and three others who are missing from our list (Rosmarie Frederickson, Jeri Hertzman, and Marilyn Thayer). Cynthia Biddlecomb has paid. Jenny Bishop and Els Hoffer have been emailed. Mary Ann was not able to reach anyone at National but will follow up on all six members. We are still having problems getting accurate membership lists from National.

College/University Report:

The committee (Maryjane Giesler, Marilyn Doolen, and Carol Neal) awarded two \$500 AAUW/UNM-LA scholarships for the 2nd semester; recipients were Sarah Luhan and Alexandra Mendez. The awards are conditional on their being enrolled this semester.

Public Policy: Nina has nothing new to report. Judy is willing to help on anything concerning modernizing the legislature.

60-day Legislative session: January 21-March 22

DEI Report: Laura contacted the woman at the Maxwell museum concerning Out'n About.

Programs:

- Valentine's luncheon at Rancho de Chimayo on Saturday, February 15th. Mary Ann is willing to contact Rancho de Chimayo and organize this outing. Denise will put a notice in the newsletter to see if there is any interest in this social luncheon. Ten to twelve might attend.
- UnTea fundraiser for Tech Trek. Carol Neal will organize this fundraiser sometime in February. She needs a current membership list and a couple of volunteers. Linda, Denise, Judy and Nina will volunteer.
- Friday, March 14, zoom meeting on Leadership Los Alamos program, Kirsten Bell, LLA Board Chair (Bev Cooper). Bev is looking at 2:00 p.m. for this meeting. The focus is on how the program has advanced women's career opportunities.
- Laura Loving: UNM Maxwell museum exhibit on 1930's Navajo livestock reduction program—April Out 'n About. The event will be in April and Laura will determine the date, possibly April 5.
- Nina Thayer: "Off-Grid: Women of the Mesa" art show at Mesa Library (Beverly Branch) could possibly be the program for the Spring Tea with a slide show. Nina will follow up with possible dates of May 9th or May 16th.
- Judy suggested having Laura Crucet talk about being a woman entrepreneur in Los Alamos, as a possible speaker for the Spring Tea.
- Bev suggested Lynn Haval of LA Cares as another possible speaker.
- Mary Ann: presentation by woman who runs LANL's student summer program for the future.
- Denise: Abbey Hayward, County Utility Dept, talk on County conservation work for the future.

Old Business:

- Science Fair judging: Saturday, January 25, 8-11 at Barranca Mesa Elementary School; Karen Henderson coordinating—budgeted \$150 for prizes. Denise, Judy, Nina and Mary Ann will be there for our branch. Judy has talked to Karen about getting grade-level information for the elementary projects.

New Business:

AAUW dues/bylaws/public policy changes posted for feedback.

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Dues increase: \$5/year starting April 2025; by 2029, dues = \$97/year (see membership dues change FAQs for schedule and to comment). AAUW Board will vote on increases in February.

Did folks receive email with links to changes/comments from Shannon Wolfe, Jan. 8? Judy will forward the links to these changes in case you want to comment. The deadline for comment is January 29th. Helena said the bylaws changes are mainly cleanup. Judy mentioned on policy changes that they are trying to point out that we can't follow all issues.

Newsletter content/deadline: January 27th is the deadline. Denise will put reminders in the newsletter.

Next Coordinating Council meeting: February 20, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McLellan, Secretary

Coordinating council meeting minutes, February 19, 2025

Council members present: Denise George, Karin Roberts, Bev Cooper, Laura Loving, Judy Prono, Nina Thayer, Mary Ann Lindahl

Call to order at 3:26.

January 23 Council minutes accepted as submitted.

Facilitator's report: Judy Prono

Judy Prono attended by Zoom the AAUW Winter member gathering webinar and reported:

AAUW has 5 new "clear calls to action": Join, Learn, Share, Act, Give—no explanation given

46% of branches completed the branch survey and 14 branches earned five stars.

Judy will prepare this year's survey and will submit it in April.

The 2025 gender pay gap supplement, "The *Not so simple Truth*" is now available at https://www.aauw.org/issues/equity/pay_gap. Nationally full-time female workers earn 83%, part time 75%. In New Mexico, full-time female workers earn 83.7%.

Judy Prono wrote and submitted our branch report for the Spring 2025 Roadrunner issue.

Treasure/membership report: Mary Ann Lindahl

Marilyn Thayer (life member) still does not appear on the national membership list. Jenny Bishop and Cynthia Biddlecomb are not listed on the national membership list either. Mary Ann Lindahl will look into these matters; Nina Thayer mentioned that Nicole Olsson-Dail, naolssondail@gmail.com, the state treasurer/membership chair, is happy to help branches deal with membership issues.

The current balance in our account is \$4411.54.

College/university report: there's no news about this year's scholarship winner.

Public policy report: Nina Thayer

HB8: consolidated public safety bill combines many bills and has bi-partisan support. One portion supported by Christine Chandler includes a solution to perpetrators released due to being incompetent to stand trial, instead they will be committed to treatment.

HB11 Paid family leave bill has been split into two parts: the parental leave part which gives a lump sum for 12 weeks and is paid for out of the early childhood education permanent fund; and the medical leave part, limited to 6 weeks and paid for by employees and employers.

Denise George will send the link to support 3 education bills proposed by “Think New Mexico” to our branch members: <https://t.congressweb.com/w/?CZXQOLHOOO>

DEI report: Laura Loving

Discussion ensued about how to engage others with different opinions and to avoid triggers.

Laura will send to Denise some ‘Welcoming’ thoughts for the newsletter.

Laura shared 5 points culled from National Webinars:

1. Self-examine what is the purpose of the discussion? to listen or to convince.
2. Is there anything I haven’t considered – any points of agreement?
3. Listen
4. It’s normal to be angry but stay civil.
5. Goal is not to ‘win’.

Judy asked Laura to work on a short DEI/welcoming presentation for the Spring Tea, to encourage members to join the conversation.

Programs:

- Un-Tea fundraiser for Tech Trek—coordinated by Carol Neal with help from Judy and Nina. Invitations will be sent out next Monday, Feb 24.
- Friday, March 14, Zoom meeting on Leadership Los Alamos program, Kirsten Bell, LLA Board Chair (Bev Cooper arranged this program)—Judy will introduce Kirsten; Kirsten will send Zoom link, Judy will send information for newsletter.
- Laura Loving: UNM Maxwell museum exhibit on 1930’s Navajo livestock reduction program—Out’n About, April 5, 2025, all day event, possible lunch at Pueblo Cultural Center; if no docent is available, Laura Loving will preview the exhibit and be our guide.
- Nina Thayer: “Off-Grid: Women of the Mesa” art show at Mesa Library (Beverly Branch)—possible speaker for spring tea?
- Mary Ann: presentation by woman who runs LANL’s student summer program (on hold)
- Denise: Abbey Hayward, County Utility Dept, talk on County conservation work (on hold)

Old Business: none

New Business:

Karin Roberts will check if the Gathering Space in the Lutheran Church is available the first 3 Fridays in May for our spring tea.

Nominations for 2025/26 Coordinating Council

- Returning for 2nd year of terms: Denise, Bev, Nina, Mary Ann
- Up for re-election: Linda, Judy
- Openings: 3 (Maryjane will be eligible)
- Karin is now acting as our hospitality chair but could join the council in that capacity.

Newsletter content/deadline? Monday, February 24, 2025

Next Coordinating Council meeting: March 13, 2025, 9:30, by Zoom

Adjourn: 4:54

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Call to order: The meeting was called to order on Zoom at 9:33 am on March 13, 2025.

Council members present: Denise George, Linda McLellan, Judy Prono, Nina Thayer, Bev Cooper, Mary Ann Lindahl and Karin Roberts

Council members absent: Laura Loving, Maryjane Giesler and Helena Whyte

Minutes: the minutes of the February 19, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted. Thank you to Denise for taking the minutes in Linda's absence.

Facilitator's Report:

- AAUW Dues update from National: dues increase \$2 per year for next two years (in response to member feedback). National dues will be \$74 starting April 1, 2025 and \$76 starting April 1, 2026. Total Dues will be \$112 in 2025 and \$114 in 2026.
- National Zoom webinar on empowering women in STEM: March 19, 2:30-4:00 pm ET. Judy will forward information to anyone interested.

Treasurer/Membership Report:

Judy said Kyle Wheeler is again a branch member. Mary Ann said we got checks from Els Hoffer, Rosmarie Fredrickson and Jeri Hertzman. She will check about Marilyn Thayer's status.

Mary Ann reported we have \$4,286.75 in the bank.

College/University Report: no report

Public Policy:

Update on legislation AAUW-NM from Nina. Paid Family Leave is hung up in the Senate Finance committee. There are a lot of bills hanging around but not finished. We could send messages to

Christine Chandler in support of the Paid Family Leave, and the medical compacts. The Health and Public Affairs hang-up has a slow down due to a health problem with a sponsor. Medical malpractice is not likely to pass.

DEI Report:

No report

Programs:

- Friday, March 14, 2:00 pm, Zoom meeting on Leadership Los Alamos (LLA) program, with Kirsten Bell LLA Board Chair. Denise will send out a reminder with the Zoom link.
- Laura Loving: UNM Maxwell Museum exhibit on 1930's Navajo Livestock Reduction Program, (on hold until a later date).
- April program: none

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- Nina Thayer: "Off-Grid: Women of the Mesa" art show at Mesa Library (Beverly Branch) speaker for Spring Tea. The tea will be May 9th. Bev Branch sent Nina a link to all the pictures from the show which we could upload and show. Denise will also put the link in the next newsletter. Nina will confirm that Bev Branch can be at the Spring Tea in person. We could submit a few questions for her ahead of time for her to discuss at the Tea. The Gathering Space, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, is the location of the Tea and the time will be from 4:00-5:30 pm on May 9th.
- Ask Christine Chandler to give a brief update on the legislature at the Spring Tea or the Fall luncheon.
- Mary Ann: presentation by woman who runs LANL's student summer program (on hold)
- Denise: Abbey Hayward, County Utility Dept, talk on County conservation work (on hold)
- Denise mentioned the New Mexico Heritage Arts Museum could be an Out'n About for Fall.

Old Business:

Nominations for 2025/26 Coordinating Council:

- Returning for 2nd year of terms: Denise, Bev, Nina, Mary Ann
- Linda and Judy are willing to stand for re-election.
- Openings: We have three openings (council is to have 6-9 members). Judy will contact Maryjane Giesler and Karen Henderson to see if either one is interested in serving. Denise will contact Debbie Hyman to see if she might be interested in being an at large member for the first year.

New Business:

None

Newsletter content/deadline? April/May newsletter March 24th.

Next Coordinating Council meeting: 2:00 pm April 3rd by zoom.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McLellan, Secretary

COUNCIL MINUTES OF AAUW – LOS ALAMOS BRANCH

Call to order: The meeting was called to order on Zoom at 2:02 p.m. on April 3, 2025.

Council members present: Bev Cooper, Denise George, Laura Loving, Linda McLellan, Judy Prono, and Karin Roberts.

Council members absent: Maryjane Giesler, Mary Ann Lindahl, Nina Thayer and Helena Whyte.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 13, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Facilitator's Report: Judy reported on the following items.

- FY25 Branch Survey is posted; we have until June 30 to complete—it is available on AAUW's Five Star program page.
- Completed Tech Trek Interviews March 31—Marilyn Doolen coordinated; 11 members scored essays. There is a new Google form for documenting answers given by interviewees and their parents, which is sent in to the selection committee. There will be more information for the selection committee to review this year as a result.

Treasurer/Membership Report:

- Mary Ann was absent but reported we have \$4,346.86 in the bank.
- Membership – we appear to be up to 49 on the National list.
- Dues notice – total dues for our branch are \$112.00. Denise encourages people to pay their dues on line.

College/University Report: no report

Public Policy Report: Nina was absent. Thank you to Denise for sending out the end of session reminders on pending bills.

DEI Report: Laura sent out the "Seven Underlying Principles of Diversity" for us to review. She discussed item 7 about how it is difficult for people to share power. Laura would like to say a few words at the Spring Tea about diversity. She will bring a short video or give a small talk. The seven principles are attached to the minutes.

Programs:

- Laura Loving: UNM Maxwell museum exhibit on 1930's Navajo livestock reduction program—Future Out 'n About. Laura will look into when we might see this exhibit this summer.

- **Spring Tea, May 9, 2025 from 4:00-5:30 pm.** We have the room from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Nina Thayer has arranged the main speaker, Beverly Branch, to talk to us about the “Off-Grid: Women of the Mesa” art show at Mesa Library (Beverly Branch and friends).

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Showing slide presentation – Denise and Karin will look at the equipment at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and figure out how to use it.

AAUW-LA scholarship winners—Judy will ask Carol if one or both winners might come.

JEDI presentation—Laura

Council Election

UNM-LA scholarship update—Judy will follow-up on funds on hand for a scholarship through Carol.

Fire book final report – Judy will ask Carol Neal about this but there probably will not be a report. Denise will put something in the newsletter.

Refreshments: Karin will put out water and hot water for tea. Laura – cheese and crackers tray, Judy will bring cookies, Linda will bring deviled eggs, Denise will do fruit, Karin will bring cookies, and Bev will bring sweet bread. Karin will call Mary Ann to see what she wants to bring. We will start the program with Beverly Branch before the business meeting.

- Mary Ann: presentation by woman who runs LANL’s student summer program (on hold)
- Denise: Abbey Hayward, County Utility Dept, talk on County conservation work (on hold)
- Ask Christine Chandler for update on 2025 Legislative Session/Special sessions—Fall Lunch?
- New Mexico Heritage Arts Museum for a Fall Out ‘n About (Denise)?

Old Business:

Nominations for 2025/26 Coordinating Council

- Returning for 2nd year of terms: Denise, Bev, Nina, Mary Ann and Laura
- Up for re-election: Linda, Judy
- Openings: 2—Maryjane declined to run, Karen Henderson has not responded and Judy will follow-up with her and Denise will follow-up with Debbie Hyman.

New Business:

Newsletter content/deadline: April 20, 2025

Next Coordinating Council meeting: the old and new council cross-over meeting is still to be determined. We will set a date at the Spring Tea.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Call to order: The meeting was called to order on zoom at 1:33 pm on August 21, 2025.

Members present: Marilyn Doolen, Denise George, Mary Ann Lindahl, Linda McLellan, Carol Neal, Judy Prono, Karin Roberts and Nina Thayer.

Members absent: Bev Cooper, and Helena Whyte.

Minutes: The minutes of the Spring Tea, May 9, 2025, were unanimously approved as submitted.

Facilitator's Report: The report was given by Judy Prono.

- I submitted the FY25 Branch Survey on June 10; 453 branches completed the survey this year, a 42% increase over last year's participation. Resulting FY25 Five Star awards will be announced in August
- I updated our branch officer list on AAUW website as a "placeholder" before the June 30 deadline; can be amended after this meeting

FY26 Coordinating Council positions:

Facilitator/Co-Facilitators: Judy Prono
Secretary: Linda McLellan
Treasurer: Mary Ann Lindahl
Membership: Mary Ann Lindahl
Newsletter/Web: Denise George
Justice/Equity/Diversity/Inclusion: Judy
Public Policy: Nina Thayer
Publicity: Bev Cooper
University Rep:
Hospitality: Karin Roberts
Programs: council as a group
Historian: Marilyn Doolen
UNM-LA Scholarship: Carol Neal
STEM: Judy will contact Helena Whyte about this position

Programs:

- UNM Maxwell museum exhibit on 1930's Navajo livestock reduction program—Future Out 'n about? Nina Thayer will ask Laura Loving for a contact person at the museum. November 8 is the ending date of the exhibit.
- **Fall Luncheon: Saturday, Sept. 27, 11:30-2:00 (Bethlehem Lutheran Church)**
 - Speakers: We can show a 6-min Tech Trek video. Tech Trek speakers: Judy talked to Helena and twin campers (Gallegos) from Pojoaque went to camp and will be contacted by Judy. Leyla Sanchez from Espanola could be contacted as well. Nina can contact Christine Chandler for a short talk and question and answer period. Maybe she could address teen violence and what is needed in legislation.
 - Treasurer's Report/Membership update: FY26 budget proposal will be provided by Mary Ann. She will send the proposed budget out to the council by email to look over before the luncheon. Nina suggested adding \$50.00 as a placeholder for the Fall Luncheon in

case we need it. Judy mentioned we have 49 members but only 38 pay dues; we have 11 Honorary Life Members.

- UNM-LA scholarship update—Marilyn Doolen said Mary Jane Giesler is still willing to help however she can. Carol suggested that the newsletter ask for any other volunteers who might serve on this committee. Carol will contact Angela Coop to join the committee. Mary Ann said we had received \$2,715.00 since the Spring Tea. There is still \$532.79 at UNM-LA as of the Spring Tea. A scholarship for only women can bring negative comments from Washington. We could use the term students in our call for applications. Judy suggested we look at non-discrimination wording and also suggested we have a contact at the UNM Foundation where we can keep on top of the funds available.
- Refreshments: Karin will find out about the cost of wraps from Subway, Wolf and Mermaid Enchanted Café and the Co-op. Karin suggested council members bring salads and cookies. Council members volunteered to bring:
 - Marilyn – fruit salad
 - Denise – green salad
 - Karin – cookies, salad, coffee, water and punch
 - Judy – salad
 - Mary Ann – cookies
 - Carol – cookies
 - Nina – flowersWe will charge \$15.00 per person and guests and speakers will be free. Karin will go early to set up the room. Set up helpers can come at 11:00 am to help Karin.
- RSVP is a good idea and the RSVP's should be sent to Karin. Then a reminder will be sent out that you can still come, if you haven't sent an RSVP. Review Nina's Fall Luncheon Lessons Learned to make sure we have everything. We will probably have between 20-25 attendees.

- Status of Out 'n About to MPL's Aug. 21 Women on the Santa Fe Trail program? (Denise/Nina will give a final count of attendees.)
- Future program ideas:
 - Mary Ann: presentation by woman who runs LANL's student summer program (on hold)
 - Denise: Abbey Hayward, County Utility Dept, talk on County conservation work (on hold)
 - New Mexico Heritage Arts Museum for a Fall Out 'n about. Denise will follow up.
 - Holiday Food Bags

Treasurer/Membership Report: Mary Ann will send the proposed budget of \$888 to the council. Nina asked to put in a placeholder for \$50 for Fall Luncheon. No other report was available.

College/University Report: no report

Public Policy Report: no report

JEDI Report: no report

New Business:

New wording on the UNM Scholarship needs to be addressed.

Newsletter content/deadline? August 26, 2025

Next Coordinating Council meeting: October 7, 2025 by zoom at 2:00 pm

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Linda McLellan, Secretary

Minutes for the September 27, 2025
AAUW—Los Alamos Fall Luncheon and
Business Meeting

This business meeting of the branch was held as the final item on the Fall Luncheon agenda. There were at least 17 members of the Branch present for both the luncheon program and the business meeting—more than enough for a quorum. There were 6 guests present for the Luncheon.

The program for the Luncheon part of the gathering began with a report by Tech Trek 2025 attendees Anjolie and Aubreyanna Gallegos, twin sisters. They spoke favorably of their experience at the camp. They were accompanied at the luncheon by their mother, father, and sister. After they spoke, a video of the 2025 camp was shown.

After the Tech Trek presentation, State Representative Christine Chandler spoke. She explained much about what our New Mexico legislators do between sessions, some of the problems in her district she is learning about and working on, and a bit about how a “special legislative session” operates. This last topic was of particular interest because such a session has been called for early October 2025.

The **Business Meeting** was then called to order by Branch Facilitator Judy Prono.

There were more members present (17) than needed for a quorum.

1. The first item of business was the branch budget for 2025-26. Treasurer Mary Ann Lindahl presented the proposed budget. She explained that the branch has 38 members who pay dues and 11 members who are honorary life members and do not pay branch dues. Nina Thayer moved that the proposed budget be accepted. The motion was seconded by Denise George. There was a small amount of discussion and then the vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Judy Prono announced that AAUW—Los Alamos earned the 5-Star Award for 2024-2025. She noted that we had also won the 5-Star Award the first year it was available. The 5-Stars were for Advancement (funds and membership); Public Policy & Advocacy; Governance & Sustainability; Programming to advance National AAUW goals; and Communication and External Relations.

Judy also noted that AAUW—Los Alamos is the only branch in New Mexico to earn the 5-Star Award and is one of the 55 out of 450 branches that submitted the survey that earned the award.

3. Carol Neal reported that there is just over \$3500 available for awarding scholarships for the 2025-26 academic year at UNM—LA. She said 5 women have applied for the branch scholarship, though one does not meet the requirement to be enrolled in 8 or more credit hours. There was a bit of discussion about how many scholarships should be awarded this year. It was then suggested to let the branch scholarship committee make that decision after considering the five applications. The scholarship committee members are Carol Neal, Marilyn Doolen, Angela Coop and Maryjane Giesler. They will meet Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025.
4. The Branch Special Interest groups were then described and reminders given that any member or their guest is welcome at the groups. Karin Roberts described the Fiction Group and Denise George described the Non-fiction Group, reminding those present that schedules for the groups are on the branch website. Denise then described the Great Decisions Group and requested that anyone wishing to be part of the group sign up before leaving the luncheon to buy the manual, which is cheaper if 10 or more copies are ordered at one time. She also said anyone is welcome at the Great Decision Groups discussions.
5. Nina Thayer described how the Out 'n About Group operates—any branch member can suggest an outing—and she then announced the next Out 'N About will be held either Oct. 8 or Oct. 9. It will be a trip to UNM's Maxwell Museum of Anthropology to see "Nothing Left for Me." The tour will be led by one of the exhibit's curators; the exhibition is about the Navajo Livestock Reduction Program of the 1930's that adversely affected the Navajo Nation. After the visit to the exhibition, the group will have lunch at the Indian Cultural Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order on zoom at 2:01 pm on October 23, 2025.

Members present: Bev Cooper, Marilyn Doolen, Denise George, Mary Ann Lindahl, Linda McLellan, Carol Neal, Judy Prono, Karin Roberts and Nina Thayer.

Members absent: Helena Whyte.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 21, 2025 Council meeting and the Sept 27, 2025 Fall Luncheon were unanimously approved with one correction to the Fall Luncheon minutes.

Facilitator's Report: The report was given by Judy Prono.

- Judy Submitted the branch report to Fall 2025 Roadrunner; Lynn Heffron has recently mailed the Roadrunner to all state members.
- There was not an update from the Fall LTM. Nina said the Lobby Day will be a zoom meeting.
- Judy presented 5 Star Criteria (see attachment) for 2026. National has expanded things. Judy went over the 2026 criteria with the council. Denise requested that anyone send relevant information to her and she will put it in the newsletters.

Treasurer/Membership Report: The report was given by Mary Ann Lindahl.

Treasurer's report: Our fiscal year ended as of 6/30/25. Our current bank balance is \$5,227.64. Mary Ann renewed the post office box.

Membership status: There are three people who have not paid their dues and they will be contacted with a reminder by phone. Rosmarie Frederickson was put on the membership list with National. Dues are presently \$112.00.

Mary Ann will work on Federal tax form 990-N and have National file it.

Public Policy Report: The report was given by Nina Thayer. Medical healthcare compacts and malpractice reform were not brought up in the recent special session but will be brought up in the January 2026 session. In the prior session five bills were passed and the governor immediately signed four of the bills. She signed the fifth bill after 10 days concerning the state getting vaccine recommendations from other than just the CDC.

JEDI Report: no report. Nina suggested a program on equal pay would be well attended.

UNM-LA scholarship update: After review of the scholarship applications at UNM-LA. Carol Neal said two scholarships were offered to candidates (Alegandra Pizano Mendez and Rheanna Esparaza). A prior recipient of a \$1,000 AAUW scholarship, Sara Lujan, is now going on to the main campus. Carol said the committee will work on what the essay should include to give the applicants more instruction.

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Programs:

- Mary Ann: presentation by woman who runs LANL's student summer program (on hold)
- Denise: Abbey Hayward, County Utility Dept, talk on County conservation work. Denise will follow up.
- Denise: New Mexico Heritage Arts Museum for a Fall Out 'n About. Denise will visit it and let us know.
- Denise: visit to Jemez Pueblo might appeal to a larger group. Mary Ann will look into a visit.
- Judy: New Mexico Network for Science and Engineering might be interesting for us; Nina said she would look into the possibility.
- Denise: League of Women Voters monthly meetings might be of interest, if they are open to the public. Judy will contact Karyl Ann Armbruster to see what meetings have been scheduled.
- Nina: Pueblo Indian Cultural Center in Albuquerque would make an excellent Out'n About.
- LA Cares Fruit project. Denise suggested we cut down the number of bags we make by 10% since some clients don't pick up the bags. We need more help to prepare the bags and make bows. We will try to break this into two days. Denise will coordinate with LA Cares. LA Cares will write the check for the fruit and AAUW will reimburse them to assure the 10% discount.
- Marilyn: Discussion of data on women working at LANL. Mary Ann will check with a woman she knows who might be interested in speaking.
- Christmas Luncheon at Rancho de Chimayo will be deferred to a possible Valentine's Lunch.

Old Business: Marilyn Doolen asked if it is worth the work to do the 5 Star Program. Judy said it only takes her an hour or so to put together the National survey, and National **really** encourages branches to participate (the program is now part of its 3rd strategic priority).

New Business: none

Newsletter content/deadline: October 26, 2025.

Next Coordinating Council meeting: November 13, 2025 by zoom at 2:00 pm.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda McLellan, Secretary

COUNCIL MINUTES OF AAUW-LOS ALAMOS BRANCH

Call to order: the meeting was called to order on zoom at 2:07 pm on November 13, 2025.

Members present: Marilyn Doolen, Denise George, Mary Ann Lindahl, Linda McLellan, Carol Neal, Judy Prono, and Karin Roberts.

Members absent: Bev Cooper, Nina Thayer and Helena Whyte.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 23, 2025 Council meeting were unanimously approved.

Facilitator's Report: The report was given by Judy Prono.

- Revised Bylaws, incorporating 2023 AAUW mandatory Model Affiliate Bylaws were reviewed by the council and two additions were made. In Article VII, we identified our branch board of directors as our Coordinating Council, and we updated the bylaws' closing revision note to specify that only Arts.I-VII (National's mandatory bylaws) were updated. The updated bylaws carry the November 13, 2025 revision date in their footer. Karin Roberts moved that we approve these new 2023 mandatory bylaws and Marilyn Doolen seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- AAUW Tech Trek fundraising committee message/Mary Shaw. Last year members provided 48% of the funding for Tech Trek. This year we need to supply even more as major sponsors, like Sandia Labs, are cutting their funding.
- LAPS new policy on cash donations for the Science Fair. The schools don't want cash donations made due to audits LAPS has to comply with. A memo from LAPS said we need to make a donation to the LAPS Foundation before December 19 for the next Science Fair awards. Judy spoke with Jenny McCumber, LAPS Foundation president, and explained the unknowns in our cash awards. McCumber suggested we could write our notes for the children and write a check for the total sum of our awards to LAPS Foundation. We could give the check and notes to the LAPS Foundation and they could then write checks to the students who win to go along with the notes we have written the following week. Mary Ann will provide a check to LAPS Foundation after we complete our judging.
- National's request for 5 Star branch success story (Tremayne Parquet's email). Suggestions included a tip to other branches about our Tech Trek un-tea and our scholarship and Legislative work/programs. Judy will draft 80 words and send it out to us.

Treasurer/Membership Report: The report was given by Judy Prono and Mary Ann Lindahl.

Treasurer's report: Our current bank balance is \$4,923.97. This month we renewed our PO Box for \$192 and received dues from National for 3 members who renewed.

Membership status: Rosmarie Frederickson is now officially on our membership list.

Federal tax form 990-N filing update: Mary Ann is still working on getting this report submitted.

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Public Policy Report: none

JEDI Report: none

UNM-LA scholarship update: Carol had nothing new to report.

Programs:

- LA Cares Fruit Project: Denise sent a message to Lynn Haval at LA Cares to find out how many people will sign up for fruit. She asked what their recent no show rate that they have experienced at pickup has been. In the past, we have had many extra bags when people didn't show up to pick up their fruit. Denise said we have \$670 in donations as of today. Her goal is around \$800.00. Denise gives the order to LA Cares in order to get its 10% discount and then Denise picks up the fruit at Smiths and it is taken to Karin's until we bag the fruit. We will pack bags on December 11 at 1 :00 pm. Then we will deliver

to LA Cares. We will tie bows on Monday, December 8, at Denise's house; she will provide the time. Denise will send out a separate email to members re: need for donations and volunteers.

- Legislative Preview, Thursday, Jan. 8, 6-9:30 pm; we owe half of rental fee and help with refreshments (Karin will coordinate).
- LAPS Science Fair: Saturday, Jan. 24, Barranca Mesa Elementary School (Karen Henderson will coordinate; we need judges).
- Tech Trek fundraiser Un-Tea, February 2026: Carol will organize; Mary Ann, Judy and Denise will help with preparing the mailing.
- Valentine's lunch at Rancho de Chimayo (Feb. 14 is a Saturday in 2026). We will decide after the holidays. Denise suggested we might find a different venue. We could ask someone from the NM Network for Women in Science and Engineering to talk to us; Judy will talk to Nina about this possibility.
- Mary Ann: (1) presentation by woman who runs LANL's student summer program/to include data on women working at LANL; (2) visit to Jemez Pueblo
- Denise: (1) New Mexico Heritage Arts Museum for a Fall Out 'n About; (2) Abbey Hayward, County Utility Dept, talk on County conservation work
- Nina: (1) Pueblo Indian Cultural Center Out 'n About; (2) presentation by NM Network for Women in Science & Engineering (current outreach work)

Old Business: None

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New Business:

- AAUW Affiliate Agreement (separate from Bylaw changes)—seems to be related to the same 2023 national bylaw changes but is a long (10 pg) agreement: Judy will follow up with National on details.

Newsletter content/deadline: November 18, 2025.

- Include short summary of AAUW's new collaboration with LWV's Unite and Rise 8.5 Campaign
- Call for Science Fair judges

Next Coordinating Council meeting: January 15, 2026 at 2:00 pm by zoom.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda McLellan, Secretary

