



American Association of University Women  
 Capital Branch  
 January 23, 2019  
 Board Meeting

Members Present		
Caroline Punches	Lynne Ballatore	Marty McGarry
JoAnn Carpenter	Judy Welch	Nancy Stiles
Jane Johnson	Mary Moffitt	Jennifer Verive
Barbara LeBlanc	Flo Bedrosian	Lin Nary
Susan Klekar	Iris Blaisdell	

The meeting was held at Partnership Carson City, 1925 N. Carson St., Carson City and was called to order at 2:00 PM, by President Caroline Punches.

President Punches had everyone introduce themselves and state their office, committee and/or project. She then relayed the sad news that Norm Kellogg had died. Carolyn Kellogg is presently surrounded with family and a card was circulated.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Barbara LeBlanc reviewed the Financial Report and answered questions. Hearing no objection, the Report stands accepted.

**Pecan Sales:** Barbara LeBlanc provided a report of Sales and Expenses. She asked for members to provide all unsold packages and money to Shirley Hammond.

**Feast of Chocolate:** Flo Bedrosian and Susan Klekar gave an update. CHS Culinary Students are solidly participating, but Raley’s has backed out and won’t be providing cake and servers. Flo is talking to Red’s about possibly providing the cake and is still looking for small serving donors. Promotion and press releases are going out now, on schedule. Jennifer Verive volunteered to call last year’s attendees about tickets. Jane Johnson collected ticket sales to date from members present and signed out tickets for sale. Nancy Stiles gave an update on raffle baskets. She needs all baskets by the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. She took a couple of new sign-ups but already has most of the volunteers she needs.

**Branch Meeting February – May 2019:** JoAnn Carpenter reported that February’s speaker will be Amanda Morgan who will report on 2019 proposed legislation related to Education Funding. Judy Welch reported that the March meeting speaker will be Stacy Shinn, lobbyist and women’s issues advocate, who will give a legislative status presentation as of that date. The April meeting is the annual business meeting. May is traditionally the Saturday lunch meeting to honor our scholarship recipients and installation of officers for 2019-2020. After discussing possible dates, the program committee will try to schedule Joanie’s Creekside Deli for May 18<sup>th</sup>. May 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> are also possible.

**Policies & Procedures:** Proposed updates from the task committee were provided and reviewed. Caroline directed everyone’s attention to Branch Dues, noting that AAUW State exempts honorary 50-year members from state dues and opened discussion on exemption from local dues. Flo Bedrosian moved to waive branch dues, Marty McGarry seconded the motion. After discussion, waiver was approved unanimously. Upon request to clarify from Nancy Stiles regarding the Annual Budget Development, the meeting for adoption was identified as the annual business meeting. The next section Caroline wanted to discuss was Local Scholarship Guidelines, on the subject of considering Technical Certification at a 2-year college as an option for recipients.

Board members were generally open to consideration of the idea. Caroline will pursue guidance from Niki Gladys of WNC to understand Technical Certification. With these considerations, Lynne Ballatore moved to approve the revised and restated Policies and Procedures as modified. Judy Welch seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

**Bylaws:** A copy of the Bylaws was provided. President Panches reminded Board members that any amendments are put to the membership as a whole for approval. Board members had no recommendations for revisions and no discussion.

**Budget Planning Committee:** President Panches has appointed herself and Barbara LeBlanc and asked if there were any volunteers. Lynne Ballatore volunteered to serve on the Committee. Caroline will approach a couple of other potential volunteers.

**Scholarship Timeline:** Mary Moffitt provided a timeline of distribution of scholarship applications and meetings with high school staff and announced that the deadline for turning in completed applications was April 13, after which committee members would meet to determine the recipients.

**NCCWSL:** President Panches announced that Nevada State AAUW is offering scholarships for women students to attend the women students' leadership national conference. She asked us to let students know they can go to the AAUW Nevada website for details and applications to apply for this scholarship. She noted that a few years ago, Capital Branch was able to send Jocelyn Diaz for this terrific opportunity.

**WNC - College University Partnership:** Jennifer Verive and Caroline Panches met with Dr. Solis, the new president of WNC, and found him to be very supportive of the partnership. Jennifer Verive is working on the details.

**Public Policy:** The capital Branch has an opportunity to participate in LCB's uLegislate which shows you how to be a legislator, between August 2019 and August 2020. Nancy presented a motion to participate, It was seconded by Judy, approved.

**Northern NV Women's Lobby's Grass Roots Lobby Days** are March 31 and April 1. The branch supports Lobby Days and has given \$100 in the past. Nancy motioned, with Judy seconded, to give them the \$100, all approved. This item is in the budget. Suggest a one page white paper to present to legislators. A Legislative Committee is being formed which will produce some white papers.

**AAUW National Policy** review deadline was January 11, but policy shouldn't change much.

**Title IX** proposed changes by Betsy DeVos had public comment open until January 28. The changes attempt to narrow the definition of sexual harassment and are more favorable for perpetrators. Nancy suggested going to [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org) and use the 2-minute activist for commenting. Tera Bisbee, former Title IX Coordinator in California, will join AAUW Capital Branch and may be a speaker on the subject of Title IX.

**February 17:** The National Teacher of the Year is organizing events against child detention on February 17. More information at: [www.TeachersAgainstChildDetention.org](http://www.TeachersAgainstChildDetention.org)

**February 18** is 'Wear Red for Ed' day at the legislature.

**Membership:** Iris reported two new members will be joining in March.

**Sierra Nevada Forums** are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. The February 12 meeting on "Medicare for All" at Brewery Arts Center, 5:30 doors open, 6:00 program.

**Next BOD meeting** will be Wednesday, June 12 at 2PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marty McGarry and Lynne Ballatore  
Co=Recording Secretary