

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
METROPOLITAN ST. LOUIS INTERBRANCH COUNCIL**

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August 24, 2021, via Zoom

Attendance – Names in Bold are Voting Members

IBC Chairs

Co-Chair	Barbara Johnson (KWG)
Co-Chair	Debbie McWard (KWG)
Secretary	Marsha Koch (KWG)
Finance Chair	Carol Davis McDonald (KWG)
Webmaster	Joyce Katz (BC)

State Positions

DEI Chair	Kay Meyer (KWG)
Public Policy Chair	Karen Francis (BC)
Strategic Plan Chair	Pat Shores (BC)

Ballwin-Chesterfield (BC)

Co-President	Jan Horner
Program VP	Marcia Block
Finance Officer	Pat Shores
Member-at-Large	Jean Elliott

Ferguson-Florissant (FF)

Co-President	Pam Meyers
Program VP	Shirley Breeze
Newsltr Editor	

Kirkwood-Webster Groves (KWG)

Co-President	Jeanne Webdell
Program VP	Chris Nobbe
Membership VP	Deb McWard
Member-at-Large	Nancy Hutchins

St. Charles (STC)

President	
Member-at-Large	Teri Brecht
Director	Rose Ann Weeks

St. Louis (STL)

Co-President	Ellen Irons
Membership VP	Carol Davis McDonald
Member-at-Large	Jan Scott

Barb Johnson welcomed everyone to this regular quarterly meeting at 7:05 pm. She welcomed additions or changes to the agenda; there being none, Jeanne Webdell moved that the agenda be accepted as is. The motion was adopted.

Approval of Minutes – Marsha Koch

After making a correction to the minutes of the last quarterly meeting, the minutes were accepted as corrected.

Financial -Carol Davis McDonald

Carol reported that the deposit for the Spring Fling venue has been paid. We have \$3,782.21 in the operating fund and \$1,793.65 in the NCCWSL fund. The report will be filed for audit.

Carol presented the proposed budget and asked for adjustments to it. Jan Scott offered to review our last order for printing bookmarks and get an estimate to print more. Kay Meyer asked the branches to send their International Relations Lecture Series contributions to her directly as she is collecting all donations. Discussion on the budget for bookmarks was tabled until the next meeting when the cost of printing bookmarks will be known. The budget can be approved then.

Branch Updates - Barbara Johnson

Barb asked each branch to give an update on their activities including fund raising projects.

- BC's Jan Horner reported that BC will have its first board meeting in two weeks. Fund raising has been continuing through their Dollars for Scholars (\$FS) program relying on donations from members. They plan to hold their annual holiday fund raiser luncheon and silent auction.
- FF's major fundraiser had been gift wrapping at Barnes 'n Noble during the holidays. Shirley Breeze is hoping gift wrapping resumes this year as FF is financially dependent on it.
- KWG plans to sell pecans. Jeanne Webdell encouraged branches to attend our 50th Anniversary luncheon celebration on October 16. Judge Robin Ransom from St. Louis and newly appointed to the Missouri Supreme Court is speaker. More information will be sent to branches for their newsletters. Cost is \$30.
- STC has their first board meeting on Friday. Their fundraising event is an "un-auction."
- STL Ellen reported that they have added a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion chair and a College/University chair and their movie club has been going great. They used the state's new action planning document and decided to focus on building membership through activities. They have also been working with the Eastern Girl Scouts to volunteer to be "expert mystery guests" helping girls complete badges. Anyone interested in volunteering for this project should contact Ellen.

NCCWSL Guidelines – Debbie McWard

The guidelines have been reviewed to ensure that IBC will not incur unexpected financial liability due to the cancellation of the in-person Conference. Deb McWard reported that the committee recommends that only refundable airline tickets be purchased. Ellen Irons moved that we accept this change to the NCCWSL guidelines as recommended by the committee. The motion was adopted.

19th Amendment Task Force – Ellen Irons

Ellen reported that the Women's Suffrage, Racism and Intersectionality Panel Event has 126 registrants from over 10 organizations across the state. Those helping with the event held a dress rehearsal last week, and final tweaks to the script for the event will be shared this week. Ellen noted that the link to the Zoom room is in the original confirmation emailed to registrants.

Report on Branch Participation In Membership Requirement Voting – Shirley Breeze

Shirley noted that 59.23% of FF's membership voted in the 2021 National vote, the highest of any branch. Debbie McWard will email the report of voting by branch that National published.

Barb Lackritz Guidelines – Pat Shores

Pat reported that going forward the Barb Lackritz award will be a recognition award rather than a competitive award. The criteria for receiving the award has not changed. The selection process has been simplified. There is no IBC application to complete. Each branch may or may not honor someone, and needs to commit to the person it is honoring at the November IBC meeting. All five honorees will be recognized at the annual Spring Fling, and each branch will pay for the honoree's meal.

Spring Fling Report – Ellen Irons

Ellen reviewed the decisions of the Spring Fling committee as outlined in the report previously distributed to IBC members. She also displayed the report in the Zoom window. Marcia Block praised the time-saving work of the committee and moved that we accept the report of the committee. The motion was adopted.

State Call with Branch Presidents – Karen Francis

Due to health issues related to COVID, AAUW MO President Sue Shineman had to cancel the August presidents' meeting at which a presentation on national's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) program.

The DEI presentation will be made at the September 16 presidents' meeting, and the College/University presentation planned for September will be made at the October 21 meeting.

AAUW MO Public Policy – Karen Francis

Karen will continue to get information out to branches about National issues. Public policy focus will be on local politics and connections within communities and organizations. The 2021-2023 public policy issues supported by AAUW are published on line.

MO has been given the green light by National to write Senator Blunt (who is retiring) about the very important voting rights bill going before the Senate.

Karen urged everyone to encourage members to sign up for Action Alert.

We need to start now planning for Get Out the Vote in 2022.

Jeannie Webdell asked if National has taken a position on the use of masks in schools; Karen will ask National and let us know. Chris Nobbe will send Karen names of organizations that have mask mandates.

International Relations Lecture Series – Kay Meyer

Kay reported that she and several other AAUW members met with members of the Tuesday Women's Association to determine topics for the lectures. The four topics are:

- China—a speaker has been secured
- Climate Change—Prof. Karl Binder is the speaker
- Worldwide Refugee Causes and Solutions—working on securing speaker
- Wafting and Waning of Democracy—working on securing speaker

Kay is collecting sponsorship money from the AAUW branches and asked the branches to send their contributions directly to her.

AAUW MO State Board Meeting – Debbie McWard

The next AAUW MO board meeting will be by Zoom on October 9.

AAUW MO National Votes for Women's Trail - Pat Shores

Pat has been working with the Greenwood Cemetery and League of Women Voters and has been able to add four new sites and three suffragists to the trail. Pat and Ellen Irons are planning training for members to be held in the fall.

Website – Joyce Katz

Joyce is our new IBC website manager and requested that suggestions and changes be directed to her.

The next two IBC meetings will be held on November 23 and February 22.

Respectfully submitted,

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