

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN  
METROPOLITAN ST. LOUIS INTERBRANCH COUNCIL

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November 24, 2021, via Zoom

Attendance – Names in Bold are Voting Members; \*Share 1 Vote

**IBC Chairs**

Co-Chair Barbara Johnson (KWG)  
Co-Chair Debbie McWard (KWG)  
Secretary Marsha Koch (KWG)  
Finance Chair Carol Davis McDonald (KWG)  
IRLS Kay Meyer (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\*~~  
Co-President ~~Sage Taber\*~~  
Co-Membership ~~Linda Roberson\*~~  
Co-Membership ~~Judy Stagoski\*~~  
Co-Program VP ~~Marcia Block\*~~  
Co-Program VP ~~Carol Anthony\*~~  
Finance Officer Pat Shores  
Member-at-Large ~~Jean Elliott~~

**Ferguson-Florissant (FF)**

Co-President ~~Pam Meyers~~  
Program VP Shirley Breeze  
Newsletter Editor Patty Murray

**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 Betty Takahashi  
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 called for additions or changes to the agenda; there being none, Jeanne Webdell moved that the agenda be accepted as is. The motion carried, and the agenda was adopted.

Approval of Minutes – Marsha Koch

Minutes from the August meeting had been distributed prior to this meeting. One correction was requested, and the minutes were accepted as corrected.

Financial – Carol Davis McDonald

Carol reported that there have been no changes to the finances. We continue to have \$3,782.21 in the operating fund and \$1,793.65 in the NCCWSL fund. The report will be filed for audit.

Branch Updates – Barbara Johnson

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

- BC nothing to report.
- FF nothing to report.
- KWG had their 50th Anniversary luncheon celebration on October 16 with over 60 people, and they gained 5 new members.

- STC had their “un-auction” recently.
- STL movie club continues with 9 people attending the most recent outing. The branch visited the Beyond the Ballot at the MO History Museum in Forest Park.

### **Spring Luncheon Fundraiser**

Deb McWard, Chair, reported that newsletter editors and presidents have what they need for publicizing the event. Deb reiterated that the committee has been meeting at least once a month since June planning the event, which has reduced the amount of time spent in the quarterly IBC meetings. Please promote this event to your members.

Pat Shores, Chair Barbara Lackritz Award, is encouraging each branch to “bring a table or two to support your honoree.” She reminded everyone that this is the first year since IBC changed this award from a competitive to a recognition format. This year’s awardees are:

BC:	Joyce Katz	STC:	Pam Kulp
FF:	Carolyn Herkstroetter	STL:	Sue Barley
KWG:	Jeanne Webdell		

Pat requested a head shot of each honoree for the program.

Teri Brecht has graciously agreed to take photographs.

Ellen Irons, Chair, Fundraising, reported that in addition to a 50/50 raffle there will be a raffle of gift cards. Each branch will select a flower and donate \$50 worth of gift cards to stores that sell products associated with that flower, thereby creating a theme for that raffle. St. Louis branch has offered to create posters depicting each of the themes along with containers for attendees to deposit the raffle tickets they have purchased. For example, using a theme of Elderberry and wine, gift cards totaling \$50 to a wine shop could be donated. Or, two gift cards totaling \$50 could be donated. Ellen showed a sample poster, and Chris Nobbe, on behalf of KWG, quickly claimed it as their theme.

### State Call with Branch Presidents – Karen Francis

As AAUW MO president-elect, Karen shared that President Sue Shineman is trying to encourage more participation between branch presidents and the four committees—Public Policy, C/U Partners, STEM, and DEI—and take some of the pressure off branches feeling that they have to do everything. They are looking at programming that can be done regionally, not by a single branch. This effort will continue next year under Karen’s leadership. Let Karen know if there are issues that this group should revisit. Karen thanked everyone for their leadership and commitment to AAUW.

### 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Task Force – Ellen Irons

Ellen announced a successful launch of their newest project, Votes for Women Trail. Ellen and Pat Shores have introduced branches to the project’s website and have had positive responses to participating in the project. Columbia branch has 5 members interested in working on the project; a member of Kansas City Northland who does reenactments may develop a character; Parkville is working with its academic departments to recruit students to work on the project. Ellen and Pat have created a PowerPoint to use in presentations to branches. Three branches have decided not to participate this year.

Ellen commented that the synergy of what AAUW is doing at the state level by zooming to branches is incredible. The Women’s Suffrage, Racism and Intersectionality Panel had over 150 registrants, and over 96 participants from over 12 outside organizations attended. This is probably the largest event in terms of diversity that we have done. Pat is maintaining the contact list.

Get out the Vote will be a focus of AAUW MO Public Policy.

Karen Francis reminded everyone that legislators can start submitting bills for next year's legislative session on Dec 1. We will be focusing more on Get Out the Vote and working with the MO Voter Protection. If you learn of voting suppression/sabotage, let Karen know. Our vote is our voice.

#### International Relations Lecture Series – Kay Meyer

Kay reported that plans for the spring lecture series are to meet in person only (no recording). Lectures will be held in the main auditorium, and masks will be required. Topics will be:

- China's problems and policies holding other countries hostage
- Climate change
- Welcoming refugees to St. Louis
- Waxing and Waning of Democracy around the World

BC has made its donation toward this program. St. Louis requested an invoice for its donation portion.

#### Bookmarks – Jan Scott

Following discussion about printing more bookmarks, Betty Takahashi moved that we purchase 1000 bookmarks for the branches (200 per branch) using the same logo (no additional fee for design work). The motion carried. Jan will get a quote to print more. Carol Davis McDonald noted that we can approve the budget for the bookmarks after we know the cost.

#### AAUW Archives – Deb McWard

Deb McWard had sent information on the types of documents to keep and send to archives. Please share this with your branch board. Deb explained that UMSL archives don't keep archived records in St. Louis; they are stored in Columbia. Contact David Metlock at UMSL if you want to retrieve archived materials.

#### NCCWSL – Deb McWard

National has not announced dates for this spring's NCCWSL. IBC has almost enough money to send two students at \$1,000 each. Our guidelines say we can only award scholarships to students at partner schools; only Webster, WU, and Maryville are in the St. Louis area. Ellen reported that Margaret Weck has spoken with the president at University of Health Sciences & Pharmacy who has said they will renew.

#### Calendar and Announcements

December 4	Open House at State Historical Society of Missouri, 9 am-3 pm
February 22	IBC Quarterly Meeting

Next year IBC leadership rotates to the St. Charles branch.

**Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**, Director-General of the World Trade Organization and one of Time magazine's 100 most influential people of 2021, was awarded [The AAUW Alumnae Recognition Award](#) and interviewed on November 19 by CEO Gloria L. Blackwell. This webinar was recorded and available on the AAUW website at <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/initiatives/140-anniversary/>.

Jan Scott moved that we adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marsha Koch*

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