

**AAUW METRO ST. LOUIS INTERBRANCH COUNCIL**  
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**August 23, 2022, via Zoom**

**ATTENDANCE**

2022-2023 OFFICERS		<i>Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch (KWG)</i>	
Co-Chair	***Betty Takahashi (SC)	Co-President*	<b>Jeanne Webdell</b> <del>Marsha Koch</del>
Co-Chair	Teri Brecht (SC)	VP Program	<b>Chris Nobbe</b>
Secretary	Patty Murray (FF)	Newsletter	<b>Carol Davis McDonald</b>
Finance Chair	Carol Davis-McDonald (KWG)	Member at Large	*** <b>Kay Meyer</b>
<b>Voting Members</b>		<i>St. Charles Branch (STC)</i>	
<i>Ballwin Chesterfield Branch (BC)</i>		President	<b>Betty Takahashi</b>
Co-Presidents*	<del>Sage Taber, Sandy Brody</del>	VP Program	*** <b>Rose Ann Weeks</b>
VP Programs*	<b>Marcia Block, Janet Sloey</b>	Member at Large	<b>Teri Brecht</b>
Member at Large	*** <b>Jan Horner</b>	<i>St. Louis Branch (STL)</i>	
Newsletter Editors*	<b>Mary Jermak</b>	President	*** <b>Ellen Irons</b>
	<del>Jean Light</del>	Membership	<b>Carol Davis McDonald</b>
	<del>Ann Riley</del>	Member at Large	<b>Jan Scott</b>
		AD HOC CHAIRS	
<i>Ferguson-Florissant Branch (FF)</i>		Web Managers	<del>Joyce Katz (BC), Lynne Roney (STL)</del>
President	*** <b>Pamela Meyers</b>	Facebook Page	<del>Nancy Hutchins (KWG)</del>
VP Program	<b>Shirley Breeze</b>	Barbara Lackritz	*** <b>Pat Shores (BC)</b>
Member At Large	<b>Patty Murray</b>	MIM	Mary Jermak (BC)
<b>Voting Members in bold</b>		NCCWSL	Deb McWard (KWG)
*Share 1 Vote		Adelante	Betty Takahashi (STC)
***IBC Annual Event Committee Members		Public Policy	Karen Francis (BC, FF)

Teri Brecht welcomed everyone to this regular quarterly meeting at 7:02 pm. The meeting began with introducing ourselves with our names, branches and job or major. There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the May meeting had been distributed prior to this meeting. Shirley Breeze moved, and Jan Scott seconded that the minutes be accepted. **CARRIED.**

Finance

Carol Davis McDonald provided the Receipts and Expenditures Finance Report on activity since May 24; as of August 23, we have a bank balance of \$8,055.83. The report will be filed for audit. The 2021-2022 Budget of proposed and actual receipts and expenditures was reviewed; Teri Brecht reported that the financial review committee found no discrepancies. The 2022-2023 Proposed Budget was reviewed, Marcia Block moved the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget be approved, and Shirley Breeze seconded. **CARRIED.**

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### Branch Reports

We were referred to *Missouri in Motion* which was issued today. Marcia Block thanked Mary Jermak for her work on the magazine. Carol Davis-McDonald and Marcia Block are assisting with proofreading.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Roster Changes

Teri Brecht has made two corrections to the roster (Joyce Katz' phone number and Lynne Roney as a second Webmaster).

#### NCCWSL 2022

Deb McWard has had difficulty receiving a detailed response from Natalie Scheer beyond Natalie's initial impression that the conference was "well done." Deb will continue to try to get in touch with her and noted that Natalie has been busy with a summer internship and the start of fall classes at Webster. Pat Shores shared that Ballwin Chesterfield sent two students to NCCWSL and that they wrote very positive responses about the experience, especially the networking aspect despite the conference being by Zoom. Ballwin plans to send the students in 2023. Pat is doubtful that NCCWSL will return to an in-person program. Deb shares that belief. National has mentioned that more women can participate in NCCWSL by Zoom because of the cost savings.

#### CU Connections

Karen Francis discussed a regional St. Louis approach to getting AAUW programs and events back on our campuses. The St. Louis CU committee consists of Karen, Deb McWard, Diane Sher, Mary Jermak and Patty Murray. The committee will meet by Zoom on August 31 at 2:30 by Zoom. More committee members from St. Louis branches are welcome. Karen has prepared a chart that she has shared by email of each branch's current involvement with campuses. Park University and AAUW have planned a Title IX Birthday Party with the athletic director who is female as a speaker; the school's female athletes are invited. Lots of other exciting things are going on around the state. National is starting collaborative meetings with State CU's for exchanges of ideas. Rose Ann Weeks asked if the local community colleges will be included in the regional plan; Karen explained that a contact with those schools still needs to be made. St. Charles Community College will be included in the outreach. Schools' membership fee to AAUW is \$175, the campus liaison receives a free AAUW membership, and students may join AAUW for free. Student fee for joining AAUW is \$18.81, the year AAUW was formed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### International Relations Lecture Series

Kay Meyer said the IRLS committee has met several times for the upcoming season and selected topics. They are (1) Effect of Climate Change on Human Health and Immigration, (2) Relationship between the United States and Taiwan, (3) Education for Women around

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the World, (4) Politics of International Energy Market, and an alternate, History and Effects of Cryptocurrency on the World Economy. Help is now needed to find speakers. AAUW Branches' budgets should include a payment to support the series. The full cost is \$1,500: \$250 per speaker plus extra expenses. This year the series may include a mix of virtual and in-person presentations, but a decision has not yet been made.

#### "VOTE" Yard Signs

Jeanne Webdell (KWG) reported that 100 signs are left to sell. (Sign information is on the IBC website.) Cape Girardeau Branch does not yet have their signs; if anyone is traveling there, please take the signs to them. Missouri AAUW paid for each branch to receive 10 signs for free. Kirkwood-Webster Groves will sell signs at Greentree Festival in Kirkwood Park on September 17-18 and at Ste. Genevieve's Pecanapalooza on Nov. 5.

#### Adelante

Betty Takahashi and Patty Murray provided the book titles for September 2022 through May 2023. Adelante meets by Zoom at 1:30 the fourth Thursday of each month except November, December, June, July and August. Kirkwood-Webster Groves printed the book list in its August 2022 newsletter.

#### Public Policy

Karen Francis brought to our attention the AAUW's action network email on the status of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA). On September 15, 2022, the National Council of Jewish Women STL will hold "Meet the Janes – The Heroes of Abortion Before Roe v. Wade Film Screening" at the Ethical Society of St. Louis at 6:30. (Register online at <https://ncjwstl.org/events/meet-the-janes/>). Missouri House Bill 1878 goes into effect on August 28, five days from today. Under the new law, only a state-issued photo id will be accepted at Missouri polls for voting. An expired driver's license which many older people who no longer drive have relied on and student id's will no longer be accepted at the polls. Many other voting changes go into effect with this bill, including the absentee ballot process along with a new procedure for registering people to vote that requires approval by the state to become a "solicitor." The Missouri Voter Protection Coalition and the ACLU filed a lawsuit against this bill yesterday. Karen would like branches to connect with members by asking them if they are registered, if they have a plan for voting, and do they need a ride to the polls. As of yesterday, 200,000 Missourians are not registered to vote.

#### Annual Event 2023 – Barbara Lackritz Awards

Pat Shores has sent three documents to Branch Presidents about the Barbara Lackritz Awards outlining the continuation of the new procedure. Those documents are attached and are the *IBC Barbara Lackritz AAUW Award Guidelines*, *Program Insert Sheet*, and *Facilitator Responsibilities*. Branch presidents will provide the name and Program Insert Sheet to the IBC Chair at the November IBC meeting.

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Annual Event 2023 – Event Procedures

The annual event committee members are Ellen Irons, Rose Ann Weeks, Pat Shores, Kay Meyer, Betty Takahashi, Jan Horner, and Pam Meyers. The committee reported that its first meeting is tentatively set for August 29, 2022, at 12:30. St. Charles branch has asked Ellen Irons to serve as Chair of the Committee and Ellen has accepted. Ellen Irons moved that the *Proposed New Procedures for the Annual Event of the AAUW Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council of 8/2/2022* be approved as written. Jan Scott seconded the motion. **CARRIED.**

Annual Event 2023 – Program

Annual event will be March 18, 2023 because AAUW Missouri has a board meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Jan Horner moved to approve Niki Burgdorf, a best-selling author who writes under the pen name Nicole Evelina, as event speaker [<https://nicoleevelina.com/>]. Kay Meyer seconded. Question asked as to whether the author can sell her books at the event with the answer being probably. **CARRIED.**

Annual Event 2023 – Venue

Jan Horner is researching a venue. Discussion about some locations not having sufficient disability parking and that many venues will not commit to pricing until three months prior due to rising food costs. The committee will choose the venue.

Annual Event 2023 – Fundraiser

Discussion about whether the event fundraiser should be for NCCWSL since as of this date NCCWSL was likely to be virtual again, which is not as appealing and is a harder sell. People want to know what the fundraiser money will be used for. In the past, the fundraiser was always for operating funds as there are no dues to IBC. Deb McWard commented that it is a myth that what we raise is for NCCWSL and that the myth continues. Karen Francis reminded that we cannot fundraise for another organization.

The annual event discussion closed with a motion by Ellen Irons to authorize an electronic vote to approve the spring event recommendations made by the committee. Jan Horner seconded. **CARRIED.**

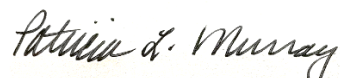
**UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES**

**September 15, 2022** 6:30 pm “Meet the Janes – The Heroes of Abortion Before Roe v. Wade Film Screening” Ethical Society of St. Louis

**November 22, 2022** Next IBC Zoom Meeting

Motion to adjourn by Jan Scott. Seconded by Carol Davis-McDonald. **CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Patty Murray