

**AAUW METRO ST. LOUIS INTERBRANCH COUNCIL**  
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**February 28, via Zoom**

**ATTENDANCE**

✓	Name	Branch Office	Branch	2023 IBC Office	Voting Members
	Jan Horner		Ballwin-Chesterfield	Annual Event Committee	<b>1</b>
	Janet Sloey	VP Programs	Ballwin-Chesterfield		<b>shared/2</b>
	Jean Light	Newsletter	Ballwin-Chesterfield		<b>shared/3</b>
✓	Joyce Katz		Ballwin-Chesterfield	Web Manager Annual Event Committee	--
✓	Marcia Block	VP Programs	Ballwin-Chesterfield		<b>shared/2</b>
✓	Mary Jermak	Newsletter	Ballwin-Chesterfield	<i>Missouri in Motion</i> Editor	<b>shared/3</b>
✓	Pat Shores	Newsletter	Ballwin-Chesterfield	Barbara Lackritz Award Annual Event Committee	<b>shared/3</b>
	Sage Taber	Co-President	Ballwin-Chesterfield		<b>shared/2</b>
✓	Sandy Brody	Co-President	Ballwin-Chesterfield		<b>shared/2</b>
✓	Karen Francis		Ballwin-Chesterfield and Ferguson-Florissant	Public Policy	--
✓	Joyce Bluett	Secretary	Ferguson-Florissant		<b>shared/2</b>
✓	Pam Meyers	President	Ferguson-Florissant	Annual Event Committee	<b>1</b>
✓	Patty Murray	Newsletter	Ferguson-Florissant	Secretary	<b>shared/2</b>
	Shirley Breeze	VP Programs	Ferguson-Florissant		<b>1</b>
--	Carol Davis McDonald	Newsletter	Kirkwood-Webster Groves	Finance Chair Annual Event Committee	--
	Chris Nobbe	VP Programs	Kirkwood-Webster Groves		<b>1</b>
✓	Deb McWard		Kirkwood-Webster Groves	NCCWSL Annual Event Committee	--
✓	Jeanne Webdell	Co-President	Kirkwood-Webster Groves		<b>shared/2</b>
✓	Kay Meyer		Kirkwood-Webster Groves	IRLS Series Annual Event Committee	<b>1</b>
	Lynne Roney		Kirkwood-Webster Groves	Web Manager	--
	Marsha Koch	Co-President	Kirkwood-Webster Groves		<b>shared/2</b>
	Nancy Hutchins		Kirkwood-Webster Groves	Facebook Page	--
✓	Betty Takahashi	President	St. Charles	Co-Chair ¡Adelante! Annual Event Committee	<b>1</b>
✓	Rose Ann Weeks	VP Program	St. Charles	Annual Event Committee	<b>1</b>
	Teri Brecht		St. Charles	Co-Chair	<b>1</b>
✓	Carol Davis McDonald	Membership	St. Louis	Finance Chair Annual Event Committee	<b>1</b>
✓	Ellen Irons	President	St. Louis	Annual Event Chair	<b>1</b>
✓	Jan Scott		St. Louis		<b>1</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>				

Betty Takahashi welcomed everyone to this regular quarterly meeting at 7:03 pm. Deb McWard was Zoom host. The meeting began with introducing ourselves with our names, branches, and our number of years as an AAUW member. There were no additional items for the agenda.

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Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the November 22<sup>rd</sup> meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting. Corrections were a missing “t” on budget on page 3 and an addition of keeping Barbara Lackritz awardees quiet until branches send their newsletters. Jan Scott moved, and Betty Takahashi seconded, that the minutes be approved. **CARRIED.**

Finance

Carol Davis McDonald reported a deposit of \$800 to the NCCWSL fund from three branches. Carol has been away from home but submitted the Finance Report of February 28 following the meeting; a copy is attached. The IBC account has a balance of \$8,745.83 and the NCCWSL fund \$3,383.65.

Branch Reports

**Ballwin Chesterfield Branch:** Sandy Brody reported their branch has been fundraising for scholarships and has enjoyed hearing speakers.

**Ferguson Florissant Branch:** Pam Meyers shared they are working on officer elections for next year, will sell plants year-round as a fundraiser, and have Get Out the Vote signs Pam will bring to Spring Fling if anyone would like to buy one for \$5.

**Kirkwood Webster Groves Branch:** A middle school librarian spoke about book banning and the branch has been working on officer nominations for next year.

**St. Charles Branch:** Rose Ann Weeks reported they had a Title IX speaker on sports and other Title IX issues, will be having STEM awards for seven area high schools.

**St. Louis Branch:** Ellen Irons reported about an unconscious bias and micro-aggression presentation she made to her branch and offered to present to other branches. Hand-outs available to share on the topic.

**OLD BUSINESS**

IBC Guideline Changes

Deb McWard reviewed the 2023 NCCWSL deadlines and scholarship application deadlines. IBC scholarship applications are for CU partner schools. Two revisions to the IBC NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COLLEGE WOMEN STUDENT LEADERS (NCCWSL) SCHOLARSHIP (1-28-2023) are attached; Jan Scott moved for the revisions to be approved and Jeanne Webdell seconded. **CARRIED.** Each branch is asked to provide a member to review the NCCWSL IBC scholarship applications; Deb has received a name from Ferguson-Florissant.

CU Partnership Renewals

Ellen Irons reported that two CU schools have renewed (Maryville and Webster) and two lapsed partners have re-joined (Washington University and Saint Louis University). An ad hoc committee was formed back in August 2022 to assign a branch member to our area colleges and universities and to serve as that school’s representative and contact person.

International Relations Lecture Series

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Kay Meyer said two lectures remain this year. Because of technical trouble in the auditorium, the remaining lectures will be in the Becker Room. Zoom option will be available. The first two lectures were well-attended with more than 70 at each.

### Annual Event 2023

Ellen Irons, Annual Event Chair, gave an update and had provided a report earlier which is attached. Carol Davis McDonald has received 38 registrations; Patty Murray will be sending in two more for guests so the total is now 40. Early payments for raffle tickets received total \$110. Ellen said the March 3 deadline for registration can actually go until March 10. Kay Meyer provided a list of the gift card attractions by branch which is also listed on the attached report. Ellen has enough people to sell raffle tickets that day; Marcia Block will loan blue aprons with pockets for the ticket sellers to wear. All attendees are strongly urged to have made their entrée decision before arriving so that ordering will go quickly because the event is on a very tight schedule. We are to be seated by 11:45 with ordering starting immediately. The author will be selling and signing her books. Rose Ann Weeks has been working on publicity and that there were no updates to share. Pam Meyers said that there will be a greeter at the restaurant's entrance, and she will be helping Carol at the registration table, and that Ferguson-Florissant will receive the evaluations at the registration table at the end of the event.

### Barbara Lackritz Awards 2023

Pat Shores will be emailing and phoning the awardees to provide them with details about the luncheon so that they all know what to expect to help everything go smoothly.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Photo Release Information

Karen Francis explained that when taking pictures of events with students, such as STEM activities, we are to have parents sign a photo release for any pictures that will be published in newsletters or online.

### Missouri State and Regional Conference

Karen Francis provided initial details about the regional conference. The Missouri State AAUW Conference will be by Zoom to avoid members having to travel and pay for overnight accommodations twice in one year. National AAUW is no longer doing national conferences. Missouri AAUW will host the Central States Conference in St. Louis Thursday through noon Saturday, October 19-21, 2023, at the Drury Plaza Hotel St. Louis at the Arch. States invited to participate are Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin. Programs will begin at 1:00 pm on Thursday and will end at noon on Saturday. Room rates are \$221 per night for two guests. Two additional guests per room may be added at \$10 each. Hotel guests may park in the garage for \$25 per day. Non-guests of the hotel may park at the stadium for \$25 per day. Pat Shores described the hotel's amenities: historic building on the National Register of Historic Places, across the street from the Old Courthouse, one block from the ballpark, pool, workout room, rooftop outdoor area with seating, free breakfast, free Kickback® of hot food, salad and drinks event 5:30 pm to 7 daily. Non-guests may pay to

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have breakfast and join the 5:30 Kickback®. The conference committee is planning a St. Louis Treats event on Friday evening with St. Louis favorites, such as Ted Drewes. Speakers are being lined up and the budget is being prepared. The committee would like to know how many St. Louis members will be attending and, of those, how many plan to stay at the hotel.

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#### iAdelante! Book Club

The next meeting is by Zoom on Thursday afternoon, March 23, 2023, at 1:30 pm. ***The Girl with Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story*** by Hyeonseo Lee [Lee Hyeon-seo] with John David. Reviewer will be Kay Meyer.

#### Announcements

Karen Francis reported that the speakers at the Legislative Retreat were extremely pleased with the participation and support from attendees. Much legislative work was presented at the event.

Pam Meyers watched the Senate Judiciary Committee ERA hearings this morning. The discussion was very heated. Senator Dick Durbin chaired. Those opposed to the ERA believe much more will go into the amendment than what was originally proposed decades ago, including Title IX, women's health issues and gender equality. Opponents also say the timeline for passage has ended and that the process should start all over again. Supporters note that many of the original concerns about the ERA are no longer relevant, such as the draft, as the US no longer has a draft and women are now in combat. Supporters also say the timeline concern is not relevant either because many states have already passed the amendment. Three women became upset and were moved from the hearing. The YouTube video link was provided by Patty Murray and is below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XmpJNFOBcFU>

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS and DATES**

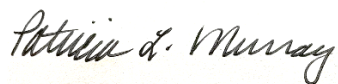
Spring Fling, March 18, 2023

Annual AAUW-MO Conference by Zoom, May 6

AAUW Central States Conference, "Meet Me in St. Louis!" October 19-21

**Next IBC Meeting by Zoom, May 23, 2023, 7:00 pm.**

Meeting was adjourned by Betty at 8:07 pm.



Patty Murray