

AAUW METRO ST. LOUIS INTERBRANCH COUNCIL

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May 23, via Zoom

ATTENDANCE

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

Teri Brecht called this regular quarterly meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Ellen Irons was Zoom host. The meeting began with introducing ourselves with our names, branches, and one of our favorite or best talents or hobbies.

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Teri reported on the May 6th State Conference and congratulated all 5 branches for winning the 10-Star Award 2022. Teri recognized Patty Murray who will be the State Board Secretary, Marsha Koch and Teri Brecht for the Women of Distinction Award, and Mary Jermak for Outstanding Member Award.

Additional items to the agenda were an update on Sue Shineman's husband who recently had surgery and is doing well. A Zoom host for next year's IBC meetings is needed. Patty Murray volunteered, explaining that it would be helpful to make use of some of Zoom's newer apps if she were setting up the Zoom meetings from her account and sending out the meeting links with the minutes. Ellen Irons will share helpful information about hosting Zoom meetings.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February 28th meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting. Jan Scott moved, and Shirley Breeze seconded, that the minutes be approved. **CARRIED.**

Finance

Carol Davis McDonald provided the Financial Report which will be filed for audit. Copy attached.

Branch Reports

Ballwin Chesterfield Branch: Sandy Brody spoke about STEM recognitions with three high schools in their community, their participation in St. Louis County's Virtual Science Fair and that the new venue they used for their Spring Luncheon was a success.

Ferguson Florissant Branch: Shirley Breeze introduced Patty Murray as the new branch President, program planning will begin at the June 2023 branch and board meeting, and the branch annual luncheon was successful.

Kirkwood Webster Groves Branch: Marsha Koch and her branch enjoyed their STEM event honoring three high school students who are pursuing STEM careers with \$500 scholarships each; the event included parents and even one of the principals. They will have their annual luncheon on June 3 and are hoping for 20 attendees.

St. Charles Branch: Teri Brecht's branch honored 14 senior girls from seven area high schools at their branch's 29th Annual Math and Science Awards Night. Ted House spoke at the April branch meeting; some of the guests who attended will be joining AAUW. Rose Ann Weeks and her committee awarded two \$500 scholarships to two girls after reviewing 38 applications from seventeen St. Charles County high schools. Parents and grandparents attended the honors event with the scholarship winners and branch members. Pam Kulp has developed a middle school awards program for math and science excellence for 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls at Fort Zumwalt Middle School and Orchard Farm Middle School. The St. Charles Branch will celebrate its 90th year in 2024!

St. Louis Branch: Ellen Irons reported that their branch's Women's History Month Girl Scout patch program enrolled 200 girls and had 4 virtual presentations. The Girl Scout Council will continue the program, alternating with a Black History Month patch program, with AAUW's return in 2025. The Girl Scout Council would like all of IBC to be involved. Carol Davis-McDonald was celebrated for becoming a 50-year member! In April, St. Louis branch member Kathleen Farrell presented on key national legislation and status of bipartisan efforts in

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Congress and has been in contact with Alice Kitchen about the Missouri State Public Policy Committee.

BUSINESS

IBC Roster. The IBC Roster of Branch Officers continues to be updated. Please send the names of your branch's President or Co-Presidents, Vice President(s) of Programming, Newsletter Editor(s) and Members at Large to Teri as soon as possible so a final roster can be distributed. Marsha Koch and Teri's husband created the new roster format. The Voting Members list is a work in progress with the latest information from two days ago.

International Relations Lecture Series (IRLS). A detailed and informative discussion about the International Relations Lecture Series followed, led by Kay Meyer. Mostly because of the pandemic, AAUW has not supported IRLS beyond contributing \$1,000 annually for the past two years. While the 2023-2024 lecture series starting January 2024 is well into the planning process, AAUW will take on the responsibility for running the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 series. Kay has asked for a new two-year coordinator from AAUW. The first planning meeting, where speaker suggestions are taken for 2024-2025, is the 2nd Tuesday in August, which is August 8, 2023. After this meeting, the remaining planning is done by email. Speakers' topics must be international, and there are four lectures from January through April. The Tuesday Women's Association (TWA) of the Ethical Society has been doing most of the work these last years of finding speakers, arranging logistics, and providing the speakers' lunches where audience members can bring their own lunches and sit with them for further discussions and questions. The TWA members exceed AAUW members in age. Jeanne Webdell believes that the speaker series is a very good item for our newsletters. Motion by Jeanne Webdell that each branch send at least one representative to serve on the IRLS committee; seconded by Shirley Breeze. **CARRIED.** Marsha Koch suggested that each branch send two people: One to be the lead and the second to learn the process for the upcoming year. Teri Brecht recommended calling specific branch members who are likely to say yes to ask them to be representatives which can be far more successful than sending out a general request. In answer to a question from Rose Ann Weeks, Kay explained that speakers are paid \$250 and there is no need to negotiate with them. Past speakers felt honored to be asked. Attendance has been 60 to 70 people per lecture, and \$100-\$200 has been collected each time by passing a donation basket through the audience.

IBC College University Renewal Task Force. Ellen had issued a report and update on the St. Louis area task force's work prior to the meeting. The task force is an off-shoot of the State CU Committee and is made up of volunteers. Ellen requested two votes of IBC affirmation. Jan Horner moved that IBC support the ad hoc committee that has been established, with the requested motion's specific wording of **"The St. Louis IBC supports the ongoing function of the CU Renewal Task Force."** Jeanne Webdell seconded. **CARRIED.** Jan Scott moved for the following vote: **"The St. Louis IBC supports the Task Force initiating/holding programs aimed at attracting students for area colleges/universities."** Rose Ann Weeks seconded. **CARRIED.** Karen Francis believes it is a good possibility that this task force model could be expanded nationally.

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Annual Event Summer (“Spring Fling”). Ellen Irons had issued the final report on May 17, 2023. The report is attached. A Chairperson is needed for next year; Ellen has prepared detailed instructions to pass along. The general agreement at the meeting was to continue as a luncheon with a program. Additional comments at the meeting were that a buffet is challenging for those in wheelchairs and walkers. A plated meal is usually more expensive. Two potential dates are March 16 and March 23, 2024. Holidays have already been taken into consideration for these two dates and are not a conflict. Each branch is to send their representatives’ names, keeping in mind the rotation schedule below, to Teri Brecht as soon as possible because the first planning meeting is in June. All branches can make program suggestions. If your branch committee member is not returning to the committee, please see that they leave sufficient instructions for their successors.

Year	Program	Arrangements	Reg/Eval	Publicity	Fundraising
2024	K-WG	STL	B-C	F-F	STC

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Barbara Lackritz Award. Pat Shores was unable to attend the meeting but submitted three documents containing guidelines, facilitator responsibilities and the awardee’s information form for the luncheon’s program insert sheet. Pat requests a trainee to take on the role of facilitator. Sandy Brody volunteered. The same procedures as this past year will be followed for the upcoming year.

NCCWSL. Deb McWard was unable to attend the meeting but had sent a NCCWSL guidelines revision because the free shuttle from the Baltimore airport (BWI) to the University of Maryland campus is no longer provided. A copy of Deb’s explanation for the revision is attached. Per Deb’s request, a motion for the following to be added to the NCCWSL guidelines was made by Jan Scott and seconded by Sandy Brody: **“Transportation expenses from the airports that NCCWSL awardees fly in and out of, as well as any other Conference related transportation, will be reimbursed to the students upon submission of receipts. Additional spending money, as a courtesy, and determined from year-to-year, may be given.”** **CARRIED.**

Missouri State and Regional Conference. Karen Francis is very pleased with the progress the committee has made in just three months. Contracts with the hotel will be signed on July 10, and then room reservation information will be sent out. Hotel rooms with conveniences for disabilities will be available and are in the contract. Financial assistance from the state’s budget is expected to be offered to those branches in need of it. All state branches will be receiving applications to participate in a Swap Shop at the conference to share their best program and activities ideas. The Swap Shop was a high priority on the planning committee’s list because of the opportunity for AAUW members and branches to learn from each other. A decision has not yet been made about whether sales tables will be permitted at the conference.

iAdelante! Book Club

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The May meeting has been canceled and the group will resume in September.

Announcements

1. The St. Louis Branch's movie discussion of **Descendant** will be the 4th Monday in June. Members watch a designated movie and then discuss it via Zoom. The movie is a 2022 documentary about descendants of enslaved Africans on an illegal ship that arrived in Alabama in 1860 who seek justice and healing when the craft's remains are discovered. Watch on Netflix. Contact the St. Louis Branch for the Zoom information and time.
2. Carol Davis McDonald has learned from a former Kirkwood-Webster Groves member who moved out of the area that the AAUW Omaha Branch has had its final meeting. They had recently celebrated their 100th year. Nebraska now has no AAUW branches.

UPCOMING EVENTS and DATES for your CALENDARS

iAdelante! Book Club September 28, 2023, at 1:30 pm by Zoom
AAUW Central States/Regional Conference October 19-21, 2023
Spring Fling March 16 or 23, 2024

Next IBC Meeting by Zoom, **August 22, 2023**, 7:00 pm.

Topic: AAUW METRO ST. LOUIS IBC ZOOM

Time: Aug 22, 2023, join beginning at 06:45 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86084537851?pwd=a0g4VXVHMENkU05laGVMNTNiUmN2Zz09>

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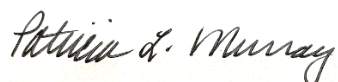
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Meeting was adjourned by Teri at 8:46 pm.



Patty Murray