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By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance

President's Corner

Dixie Swenson
Washington State AAUW President



This year we celebrate the centennial of women's right to vote in the state of Washington. Three events in the last ten days have brought home the importance of this victory in our fight for equal rights.

First, there was Lobby Day in Olympia where some 60 AAUW and BPW members learned from the experts about education reform, the Race to the Top, workforce education, and the nitty-gritty of the state budget. Our lobbyist Pam Crone provided insights into other issues of concern to our members, and, of course, Sue Schaufliher and her Olympia AAUW group provided their usual wonderful lunch and hospitality. Thanks to Judy Blair and Judy Turpin, our public policy co-chairs, for putting together a great program.

One week later, AAUW members came to Olympia from as far away as Spokane for the Women's Legislative Reception, co-sponsored by AAUW, which focused on issues that affect women in Washington State. The Governor's Mansion was filled to the brim with women honoring past victories and committing to future ones.

On January 30, I had the privilege of joining in the celebration of the Centennial of the Yakima Valley Branch of AAUW. Again, a celebration of our work for equity and of Suffrage with a Pink Tea – this time in a wonderful art gallery with AAUW women and others from the local community coming together to recognize this important milestone.

At our state convention in Walla Walla, we'll celebrate the Suffrage Centennial at least one more time with a Pink Tea. At convention, we'll be discussing many issues of interest to our membership, including a new initiative to conduct at least one WAGE pilot as part of our College/University Relations program and a recent decision by the leadership group to move forward with a state AAUW 501(c)3 designation that can benefit all of our branches. You'll want to hear about that.

Finally, the executive committee will be asking the board (which includes all branch presidents) and the membership to approve a \$2.00 annual dues increase and a small number of bylaws amendments that will be required when we go to a biannual convention schedule next year. A letter will be sent to the president and secretary of each branch that communicates the rationale for the dues increase and the full text of the proposed bylaws amendments. Branch leaders will be asked to convey this information to their members so that their delegates will come to convention fully informed before they are asked to vote. This information will also be posted on our website.

These are exciting times for our state organization. I hope to see you in Walla Walla. We need you there.

Dixie (president@aauw-wa.org)

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THIS ISSUE OF EVERGREEN LEADER IS DEDICATED TO COVER-AGE OF THE UPCOMING STATE CONVENTION IN WALLA WALLA ON APRIL 16- 18



◀ The Yakima Valley branch celebrated its Centennial anniversary in the Larson Gallery on January 30, 2010 at a Pink Tea and commemoration of the Suffragist movement in Washington State. Helping to celebrate were, L to R: Millie Stenehjem (branch president), Peggy Ludwig, Cheryl Hahn (gallery director), Corky Mattingly, Dixie Swenson (WA State President)

The 2010 AAUW-Washington State Convention

Washington Women: from Suffrage to Success

April 16-18th at Walla Walla Community College Campus, Walla Walla WA

WELCOME TO CONVENTION!



We would like to take this opportunity to formally invite you to the 2010 Washington State AAUW Convention to be held on the Community College Campus in Walla Walla, WA, April 16-18th. Planning this convention has been a challenging and exciting experience, and hopefully all of our work (and it has been a huge committee effort) will come to fruition with an unprecedented number of you making the trip down here to our Valley. We are offering you our best home grown hospitality, and a fun-filled and thought provoking week-end of activities. Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail us with any questions or concerns

you might have. We want this to be a memorable experience for everyone, and we are looking forward to meeting old friends and making lots of new ones. Contact information at conventioncommittee@aauw-wa.org

Darcy Henry and Alice MacDonald, 2010 Washington State AAUW Convention Co-Chairs

CONVENTION LOCATION

The convention will be held at Walla Walla Community College, 500 Tausick Way, a short distance from downtown. The only way into WW is by Highway 12. To go to your hotel first, you get off at S 2nd Ave. for the *Whitman Hotel and La Quinta*. For *Comfort Inn*, you take the W. Pine St. exit. To pick up Convention registration materials at the College, you get back on Highway 12 heading East, take the Airport Rd. exit, go towards Tausick Way, and take a left into the College where you will go into the Main Building and follow the signs to register. Campus maps may be found at the following link: www.wbcc.edu, then follow the "About WWCC" link to "WWCC maps".

CONVENTION LODGING

Three hotels in downtown Walla Walla have blocks of rooms set aside for convention. Make reservations by March 15th for these rates. A full morning breakfast is included in the rate.

Marcus Whitman Hotel - 6 West Rose Street, \$139/night - 509-525-2200

La Quinta Inns & Suites - 520 N.2nd Ave., \$96.90/night – 509-525-2522 , Reference Group #219 when making your reservation

Comfort Inn & Suites - 1419 W. Pine St., \$90.00/night – 509-522-3500

FRIDAY CONVENTION “KICK-OFF” EVENTS

Friday Night Pink Tea – WWCC Enology Center

Over the mountains and through the woods - you've come a long way to get to Walla Walla, and so we thought we'd keep the activities fairly low key tonight. We would like you to enjoy some local wines from our fertile valley, some lovely hors d'oeuvres prepared by Graze Catering, and we would encourage you to mix and mingle with some "mystery ladies" from the past. Four "Living History" women will be presenting short skits for your listening pleasure and we hope some of our local politicians will also drop in for a little AAUW socializing.

Friday Evening Gen X & Y Mixer – WWCC Enology Center

*******CALLING ALL GEN X & Y MEMBERS*******

The convention committee and WA State VP of Program, Margie van Waardenburg, would like to extend a special welcome to our Gen X & Y members and guests. Plan to join us after the Pink Tea for some "Late Night" socializing. Meet Kate Farrar, Director of the AAUW Leadership Programs, and a dynamic Gen X/Y member in the "other" Washington. Find out why AAUW is just as relevant today as it was a century ago and what our organization is doing **4 U**

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CONVENTION SPEAKERS

AAUW (National)



Kate C. Farrar

Kate C. Farrar, Director of the AAUW Leadership Programs, manages programs that help women and girls break through barriers to assume leadership roles and acquire the skills they need to succeed in their academic, professional, and personal lives. These include the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, Campus Action Projects, National Student Advisory Council, Campaign College, \$tart \$mart Salary Negotiation workshops, and the AAUW National Convention. Prior to assuming her current position, Ms. Farrar was the Associate Director of National Programs and Policy at Wider Opportunities for Women in Washington, D.C. where she led the Family Economic Self-Sufficiency Project (FESS), a nationwide project focused on policies and programs to move low-income families toward economic independence. She was nominated as a 2009 Women's Information Network (WIN) Young Women of Achievement.

Prior to arriving in Washington, D.C., Ms. Farrar lobbied the Connecticut state legislature on behalf of nonprofit organizations. She also served as a field organizer in Wisconsin for the 2004 Kerry/Edwards Presidential campaign. Ms. Farrar earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Connecticut and a master's in public administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University.



Convention Opening – Saturday Morning

Maria Victoria Peeler, MS, MEM

Maria Victoria's story will begin with her journey from a protected middle class Cuban society into an isolated farming community in Central Washington. She came here as part of Operation Pedro Pan during the early 1960's. The journey brought loss of contact with her parents for almost two years, she had to learn English in less than three months and the ways of American teenagers... "a process that toughens anyone to prepare for the struggle of achieving professional recognition as a woman in the male dominated field of science".

Maria Victoria is currently Washington State Department of Ecology's senior policy specialist for emerging contaminants under the Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program. Maria Victoria oversees the state's mercury reduction initiative, and is the lead staff in national and international chemicals management policy as well as the developer and implementer of engineered nanomaterials management policy. She has B.S. in Biology and Chemistry, two masters degrees, one in engineering, and is currently attending the University of Washington as a doctorate candidate in the school of engineering, nanomaterials emphasis. Maria has worked in environmental issues for more than 25 years, including regulatory compliance of extremely hazardous waste facilities, development of a process to use bioassays as standards in Washington State marine waters, and management of the submerged public lands program at the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. Maria is married to a water quality consultant policy director of the nonprofit organization People for Puget Sound, and has a daughter, who has broken the mold and is a lawyer at Rovang Fong and Associates, LLP, conducting, amongst other things, immigration law and public defense under contract to Kitsap County.

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Saturday Lunch – EF Fellow

Anne Carlson, Ph.D

Anne E. Carlson, was a 2005-2006 AAUW American Fellowship Award recipient, and is currently a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics at the University of Washington. She graduated from Carleton College with a B.S. in Biology in 1999. She received her M.S. in Physiology from Northwestern University in 2000, and her Ph.D in Physiology and Biophysics from the University of Washington in 2006. This young woman will be speaking

to us about her graduate work studying the biophysics of mammalian sperm motility.

In graduate school Anne has mentored young women interested in pursuing science. And now in addition to her work, she volunteers every Sunday morning at the Ronald McDonald House. And in her free time she and her husband garden in the summer and ski in the winter.



Saturday Banquet – Dining Room

Linda Lawrence Hunt, Ph.D.

Linda Hunt is a former professor of English at Whitworth University and the author of the award-winning book Bold Spirit: Helga Estby's Forgotten Walk across Victorian America.

She discovered Helga's story while Director of Writing at Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington. A graduate of the University of Washington, she researched Helga Estby's epic journey for her Ph.D. dissertation at Gonzaga University. A freelance writer, with articles in regional and national publications, she traveled

throughout America and in Norway to reconstruct Helga's silenced story and the tapestry of a transitional era between Victorian assumptions and the "new woman" emerging at the turn-of-the-century. Linda will speak on Bold-Spirited Living and the keeping and silencing of family stories. She and her husband also co-founded the Krista Foundation for Global Citizenship which encourages young adult volunteers serving in America's urban cities and in developing nations.



Saturday Evening Musical Entertainment

Walla Walla Community College Jazz Ensemble.

We are pleased to present the Walla Walla Community College Jazz Ensemble for our evening entertainment. The ensemble is led by Tom Simon, head of the WWCC Music Department. This is one of the jazz combos he directs, in addition to playing at many venues throughout Walla Walla. Student instrumentalists and vocalists performing original arrangements of jazz standards will be featured. The group combines a unique blend of ensemble work with solo improvisations to bring classic tunes by Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk, John Coltrane and other jazz greats to life.

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Sunday Morning Program

Panel Discussion: Mentoring Girls & Women, STEM in Washington State

STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math are fields of study where girls and women are underrepresented.

The panel will feature four women with exceptional experience in STEM:



Panel Moderator, Dr. Allison Calhoun is an Associate Professor of Chemistry and the current chair of the Chemistry Department at Whitman College.



Dr. Elizabeth MacDonald grew up in Walla Walla and attended the University of Washington on a NASA Space Grant Scholarship. This led to undergraduate research in space physics, working on experiments studying the aurora. A mentor encouraged her to major in Physics and she earned her Ph.D at the University of New Hampshire in 2004. Her thesis work involved studying the earth's ionosphere using rocket based instruments. Dr. MacDonald is currently a staff scientist at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico where she designs satellite instruments to monitor the Earth's dynamic space environment for government and NASA missions.



Dr. Carolyn Landel received her doctoral degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from the University of Chicago. In 2000, Dr. Landel became a Fellow in the National Academy for Science and Mathematics Educator Leadership and in 2002 she joined the Science, Mathematics and Technology Education program at Western Washington University as Project Director of the North Cascades and Olympic Science Partnership, a National Science Foundation-funded project to improve science education. In June of 2009, Dr. Landel was hired to lead the design of the Washington STEM Initiative, a reform effort catalyzed by the private sector and led by the "Partnership for Learning" The WA STEM Initiative aims to speed innovation in the state's K-12 education system, increase teacher effectiveness and student learning, and dramatically raise the number of Washington students graduating ready for college and work and success in STEM degree programs. The STEM Initiative intends to benefit every student in the state, with particular emphasis on the achievement of low-income and minority students.



Karen Peterson, M.Ed., is the Executive Director of the EdLab Group and has been active in education for over twenty years as a classroom teacher, university instructor, pre-service and in-service teacher educator, program administrator, and researcher. Currently, she is the Principal Investigator for the National Girls Collaborative Project, SciGirls – A New National TV Series, and Bio-ITEST: New Frontiers in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology, all of which are funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). These projects all address gender, racial and socioeconomic underrepresentation in STEM fields. Ms. Peterson has expertise in managing grants funded by the NSF, U.S. Dept. of Education, U.S. Dept. of Labor, and U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. She serves on local, regional and national boards and organizations which develop and administer programs designed to increase underrepresented students' interests in STEM. Ms. Peterson has published in The Journal of Women and Minorities in Science and Engineering and has co-authored evaluation and promising practices reports in information technology education for girls for the National Center for Women & Information Technology and Girl Scouts.



Sunday Grand Finale

Walla Walla Campanile and 100th Birthday Lunch

Tour of the William Grant Water & Environmental Center led by former Rep. Laura Grant, and Michael Bireley, the Director of the Center, and the Walla Walla Campanile, a 25 1/2 foot high sculpture that marks the passing of time, as well as the health of the WW watershed, created in 2008 by the artist Buster Keaton.

A gourmet pizza lunch and birthday cake will officially end the convention.

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Best Wishes from Carolyn Garfein, AAUW National President

Be sure to read the letter from Carolyn Garfein, sent on behalf of the AAUW Board of Directors, extending best wishes for an outstanding 2010 state convention, in your registration packet .

MARKETPLACE

AAUW-WA Fundraising Activities

There will be a designated EF marketplace area at the College. Branch members are invited to bring a "green elephant" item for a \$5.00 or \$10.00 table. It should be something of quality that you already own, but can't use (recycle those "unusual" gifts you've received over the years). In addition, branches are welcome to bring baskets to raffle or for silent auction. Current books are also welcome, but please try to limit to no more than 10 per branch. The Walla Walla branch will accept unsold books to go into their book sale. There will a staff person to oversee the Marketplace, but individual branches will be responsible for monitoring items placed there for sale and for collecting their money. One check from the branch should be provided to the AAUW State Education Foundation Chair at convention, no cash or collection of checks. Bring a check already signed by your treasurer, or someone from the branch will need to write a personal check for the total amount of the branch sales. The room will be secure and access times will be posted on the printed convention program. Let's have fun with this and continue our great support of EF. Questions about this should be directed to Linda at howell@charter.net In addition to the Branch marketplace, tables will be set up for some of the workshop presenters to highlight their businesses. Because there is limited time for shopping in Walla Walla, there will also be some local vendors renting spaces to sell their wares. And any AAUW member who wishes to rent a booth should contact Maureen at willmo@charter.net .

Branch Activities Showcase/Posters

Branches are encouraged to create a poster to showcase their program successes, high school scholars, and any other great branch activities that you would like to share. Please use a self-standing display such as a tri-fold poster board.

Hospitality Area

Snacks will be available in a designated area for lounging and relaxation during the convention.

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Thursday Evening, April 15th, 7:00-9:00 pm at Cordiner Hall on the Whitman Campus – Author, **Sherman Alexie** - free and open to the public.

Friday, April 16th, 1:00-4:00 A guided **Wine Tour** of three magnificent wineries in the foothills of the Blue Mountains - Garrison Creek, Pepperbridge, and Northstar. Participants will be transported to the wineries by Dreamride Tours, leaving from, and returning, to the Marcus Whitman Hotel. Cost of the tour is \$20, and two of the wineries have tasting fees (\$5 & \$8) which are refundable with wine purchases.

Kirkman House Museum and special exhibit - "Catharine Paine Blaine: Seneca Falls and The Women's Rights Movement in the State of Washington" located at 214 North Colville Street, within walking distance of the two downtown hotels. \$5 donation includes light refreshments. Self guided tour with docents available for questions. Drop in between 2:00 and 4:00 pm.

Tourism Walla Walla (www.wallawalla.org) will provide materials at the registration area for convention participants, and those traveling with them. There are dining opportunities, wine tasting locations, historic homes, museums, and lots more to see and do. During our convention week-end there is also the 14th Annual three day, four stage bike race happening throughout the Walla Walla Valley. Spending an extra day or two in Walla Walla would double your fun!

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April 16-18th at Walla Walla Community College Campus, Walla Walla WA

REGISTRATION FORM – Page 1 of 2 Early registration deadline is March 15th;
registration by mail deadline is April 1, 2010

Registration Data – Please PRINT:

Name:		AAUW Branch affiliation:
Address (Street/mailling address; city, state, zip):		Current AAUW Office(s): _____ Check type(s): Association <input type="checkbox"/> Branch <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/>
Phone number(s)	Res: _____ Cell: _____	Will you be a delegate? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Are you a past WA state president? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Email Address:		
Please describe any special meal or mobility needs: _____		

Convention Registration: Please place a check mark next to applicable item, then carry item cost over to "Your cost" column.

Item Description (See Important notes at the bottom of page 1)	Item Cost (Check applicable box)	Your Cost (Carry item cost forward)
¹ Note that Full registrations includes Friday Pink Tea, and all meals. Extra guest tickets are available for all meal events – see last section.		
Convention Registration Fee		
¹ Full Early (postmarked by March 15, 2010)	\$145.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Qty: _____	\$ _____
¹ Full Regular (postmarked by April 1st, 2010)	\$160.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Qty: _____	\$ _____
Late – After April 1 st , (limited # of on site registrations available)	\$170.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Qty: _____	\$ _____
Saturday Only (Available only if postmarked by April 01, 2010)	\$100.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Qty: _____	\$ _____
Sunday Only (Available only until April 07, 2010)	\$ 25.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Qty: _____	\$ _____
¹ Student Affiliate (postmarked by April 1 st , 2010)	\$ 85.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Qty: _____	\$ _____
Full registration includes : Friday Pink Tea – Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks** Saturday - Buffet lunch Saturday evening ** - Please select entrée for full registrant. <input type="checkbox"/> Roast Pork <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Sunday Lunch : Gourmet Pizza Party and Birthday cake **There will be a cash bar for Friday & Saturday evening		
Additional Guest Tickets:		
Friday Pink Tea / indicate number of tickets in Qty area:.....	\$20.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Qty: _____	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch / indicate number of tickets in Qty area:.....	\$20.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Qty: _____	\$ _____
Saturday Dinner / indicate number of tickets in Qty area:.....	\$38.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Qty: _____	\$ _____
Select entrée : _____ Roast Pork _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian		
Sunday Lunch / indicate number of tickets in Qty area:.....	\$20.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Qty: _____	\$ _____
Friday Afternoon Pre-conference Tour : A Taste of the Blues.....	\$20.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Qty: _____	\$ _____
Friday Afternoon Kirkman House Museum Special Exhibit.....	\$5.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Qty: _____	\$ _____
Total Registration: (Attendee plus additional guest tickets):	GRAND TOTAL	\$ _____

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- 1) Registration mailing information is on page 2.
- 2) Refunds for full or early registrations are available in the case of an unforeseeable emergency, less a \$25 handling fee if we are notified prior to 04/01/2010 by e-mail or phone call.

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Saturday break-out workshop registration:
 (Full descriptions of the workshops may be found on the state website,
www.aauw-wa.org , with the registration form)

Please indicate your first, second and third preferences for each workshop session by noting the number of your desired workshop from the list below.

	First preference	Second preference	Third Preference
Session A	_____	_____	_____
Session B	_____	_____	_____
Session C	_____	_____	_____

Workshops will be assigned in the order that registrations are received. The earlier you register, the more likely you'll be able to attend preferred workshops.

Session A 11 am – 12 pm	1 Clicking Around the AAUW-WA website 2 National Girls Collaborative Project/STEM Mini-Grants 3 Team Mentoring: Navigating a Pathway to Success 4 Generations in the Workplace 5 Voices of Hope for Maasai Women
Session B 1:45 – 2:45 pm	6 Important Updates for Current and Incoming Branch Leaders (<i>attendance required for branch presidents</i>) 7 Why You Should Be Using Social Media: Get Started in One Hour! 8 Sustainability: It Takes a Village 9 Taming the Dragons: Breaking the Cycle of Adverse Childhood Experiences 10 Intergenerational Connection: Enhancing Mother-Daughter Relationships
Session C 3:15 – 4:15 pm	11 AAUW College/University Partners: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers, and Fostering Student Leaders 12 Grandmothers' Roundtable: Serving a Helping of Communication 13 The Politics of Pollution: Working Towards Environmental Justice 14 Negotiation & Influencing: Getting What You Need, on the Job or at Home

REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED BY 04/01/2010: Please complete both pages of the registration form and enclose a check payable to "AAUW-WA Convention" and send to: AAUW Convention, c/o Carol Morgan; 1765 Gray Lynn Dr., Walla Walla, WA 99362

A confirmation of registration will be sent to your email address or send a stamped, self addressed envelope to receive a USPS confirmation. **Questions? Send an e-mail to conventioncommittee@aauw-wa.org** or contact Alice -509-522-5428 or Darcy - 509-525-2166

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CONVENTION MASTER SCHEDULE

Friday, April 16

noon	--	6:00	Registration Desk & Marketplace Drop-Off - Main CC Building
1:00	--	4:00	Tours, Pre-conference activities TBD
6:00	--	8:30	Pink Tea – Walla Walla Style – No host bar & hors' d'oeuvres Mingle with “Living History Ladies”, Politicians & Invited guests
8:30	--	9:30	State Board meeting – Dixie Swenson
8:30	--	10:00	Gen X & Y Mixer - meet Kate Farrar, AAUW Director of Leadership Programs

Saturday, April 17

8:30	--	noon	Registration desk open at main CC building
8:00	--	6:00	EF Marketplace (open limited hours TBA) Speaker's Corner & Vendors
9:00	--	9:45	Convention Opening & Welcome by Dixie Swenson & Guest Speaker Maria Peeler - Senior Policy Specialist, WA State Dept. of Ecology
9:45	--	10:45	Saturday Business meeting
11:00	--	12:00	Workshop session A
12:10	--	1:15	Lunch - peer-to-peer seating in Dining Room
12:45	--	1:15	EF Fellow, Dr. Anne Carlson
1:45	--	2:45	Workshop Session B
3:15	--	4:15	Workshop session C
5:30	--	6:00	No Host Bar Opens – Legacy Circle Recognition
6:00	--	7:15	Banquet in Dining Room
7:15	--	8:15	Author Linda Hunt: <u>Bold Spirit – Helga Estby's Forgotten Walk across Victorian America</u> Book Signing – LAF Fundraiser
8:15	--	9:15	Music – Tom Simon & WWCC Jazz Ensemble

Sunday, April 18

9:00	--	noon	Branch Marketplace open
9:00	--	10:15	STEM Panel - See Registration materials for full description
10:15	--	10:45	Sunday Business Meeting
10:45	--	11:30	Walla Walla Campanile & William Grant Water & Environmental Center – tour of facilities, led by Former Rep. Laura Grant and Michael Bireley Walla Walla Bound Video if inclement weather
11:30	--	12:30	Lunch & Birthday Party (Happy 100 th Suffrage B'day) WaHi Chamber Singers (or other), Installation of New Officers, Convention Adjournment
1:00	--	2:00	State Executive Board Meeting

Program Guests, Speakers Descriptions, and Registration Form, Workshop Choices, follow. Full workshops descriptions, including workshop presenter names, may be found on the AAUW website www.aauw-wa.org .

Nominations for 2010-2012 Leadership Positions

The Nominations Committee led by Susan Moen is pleased to announce the following candidates for open positions on the state leadership team. Voting will take place at the convention in Walla Walla. Nominations can also be made from the floor, providing that the nominee has given her permission. An extract from each candidate's application is included below. More complete information will be included in the registration packets distributed at convention and on the web at http://www.aauw-wa.org/members/home/resources/leadership_resources/nominations/

Candidates for Co-President



Dixie Swenson, Lake Washington Branch

Branch/State Positions: President, AAUW-WA 2008-Present; Public Policy Chair, AAUW-WA 2005-2008; AAUW-WA STEM Chair 2005-2008; national convention delegate 2007 and 2009; national Public Policy Committee 2009-Present; Branch EYH speaker and volunteer

Interest/Qualifications: These are challenging years for AAUW. As we move forward with the new organization we have designed, our leadership must maintain focus and a strong sense of purpose to move our mission forward. Over the past two years, AAUW-WA has taken strong steps to ensure that your state organization continues to provide good service and resources to branches as they work through the challenges they face. During the last two years, we have launched a new website, implemented an advocacy blog, and increased the leadership team to include a leadership resources chair to work with branches on issues of leadership recruitment and transition, and a college/university chair to help form partnerships with our institutions of higher learning. These initiatives are still in their early stages, and we have the challenge of a year (2011) where we won't have a state convention to bind us together. Ann Dennis and I have proven leadership skills, and we will provide the necessary continuity to the membership of AAUW-WA as we complete the transition to the new AAUW.



Ann Dennis, Seattle Branch, Online Branch

Branch/State Positions: Communications VP, AAUW-WA 2009-Present; Communications Chair AAUW-WA 2008-2009; Chair, AAUW Strategic Plan Committee 2007-2008; Seattle Branch President 2005-2009; Web Manager 2003-2005; Seattle Board 2005-Present

Interest/Qualifications: Like Dixie, I feel strongly that our state and national AAUW organizations are at the threshold of some very exciting work, and I look forward to having the opportunity to help move us forward if we are elected. I'm excited by the work that the Leadership Team has accomplished, and I think that some of the projects that lay ahead are even more exciting. I would like to be a part of the action. I feel like my strengths as a leader are my communication and facilitation skills. To me, it is critical for a leader to stay in touch, to listen, and to follow through. As a former branch president, I think I understand what members want from their state leaders. I feel Dixie and I will make a good team, and I know that we are both committed to the mission of AAUW and to doing our best to help make our state organization both relevant and responsive to our members.

Candidates for Membership Vice President(s)



Judy Rogers, Issaquah Branch, Online Branch

Branch/State Positions: Currently Issaquah branch president; Other branch positions: VP-Programs, Bylaws chair (both Issaquah and Online branches); Planning committee and presenter at EYH Middle School Conference; Served on AAUW-WA STEM committee 2005-06

Interest/Qualifications: For AAUW to continue to grow, we must reach out to a more diverse group in both age and ethnicity. We need a strong member recruitment and retention plan built upon collaboration with our branches and integration of this plan with other state priorities. Communication of state membership goals to branches should be clear and transparent. In addition, we should recognize and help support each branch's unique membership development efforts. Included in this is more recognition of branches for their growth, retention, diversity, and significant anniversaries. I am a very organized person with good technical and people skills who strongly believes in consensus building and collaborative efforts. As a leader, I have helped organizations and work groups by creating a positive atmosphere, focusing on their mission, identity and goals, regaining trust and generating excitement. In addition, I have the time and energy to fulfill the duties of Membership VP. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.



Florence Young, Spokane Branch – Co-Vice President (with Margot Hamstra-Havermann)

Branch/State Positions: AAUW member for more than 40 years; delegate to more than a dozen national AAUW conventions; former branch president and state membership officer in California; Spokane member since 1993; newsletter editor, directory editor, scholarship committee member; AAUW-WA state newsletter editor; state and national nominating committee member



Margot Hamstra-Havermann, Spokane Branch – Co-Vice President (with Florence Young)

Branch/State Positions: Branch member since 2002; Membership Vice President 2006-2007; Vice President, Finance and Assistant VP, Finance 2007-President

Interest/Qualifications (joint statement): There have been dozens of changes in AAUW in the past few years. They range from the name to programs to officers and bylaws. There are changes in forms and reports, dues and membership. Sometimes we aren't even sure what we have or don't have any more. As former membership vice presidents, we know it's difficult to recruit or retain members without a mission or program you can easily express and define. Good membership reporting helps define and reach goals. Good membership programming, training and materials makes everyone a better member. As state officers from East of the Cascades, we would work to be sure viewpoints from all over the state are heard. When someone says, "What's AAUW?", we want everyone to be answer easily and readily. As co-vice presidents for membership, our goal is to have every member be a great member!

Candidates for Finance Vice President



Pauline Barrett, Seattle Branch, Online Branch

Branch/State Positions: AAUW-WA Vice President of Finance 2008-Present; Seattle Branch Vice President of Finance 2004-2008; Vice President of Membership 2008-Present; Alaska State President and almost every branch office in Juneau and Anchorage, Alaska branches

Interest/Qualifications: During my tenure as State Finance Officer I took the record-keeping into current reporting practices by creating and setting up financial records on QuickBooks. I want to continue a second 2-year term in order to finish setting up QuickBooks so all its features are available to the State Board. I have been responsible for tracking the finances of organizations (albeit with help in the beginning) since I was first elected as treasurer of my Rainbow Assemble when I was 13. I have been treasurer for Cub Scouts, PTA, and served as chair of Stewardship committee at my church. During my career I was responsible for budgets of over \$1.3m that included personnel, production, procurement, and maintenance administration. I have been fascinated by accounting and "the numbers" and I am intrigued by the process and administering to the activities necessary to achieve the Mission and Public Policy goals of AAUW.



Tina Flores-McCleese, Port Townsend Branch

Branch/State Positions: I am a new member very interested in the mission of AAUW. I am just getting started with one of the groups which is doing local research about education opportunities for our youth. I have actively attended monthly meeting and learning where I best fit in.

Interest/Qualifications: I have been working as an accountant for the past 20 years in various capacities, mostly as a controller of smaller for profit companies. Most recently I have been a Finance Director for a mid-size nonprofit organization, Centrum, which was very satisfying. I also have started my own company Clarity Enterprises, Inc. which provides financial services to local businesses, for profit and not for profit. I am honored to be considered for a position with AAUW-WA. As a woman of color, my family knew that to combat the social challenges ahead, they needed to encourage the pursuit of higher education. I have a BA in Accounting and have been working in the field for the last 20 years providing management and accounting oversight for a wide variety of organizations. I feel that I bring a very practical perspective and am excited by the opportunity to be of service to AAUW.

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