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## AAUW-WA Summer Leadership Meeting



Saturday, August 25, 2018

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Red Lion Hotel and Conference Center

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Hotel Reservations: (509) 925-9800

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A group discount for rooms at \$119 per night is available only until August 1, 2018. When you call, tell them you are with AAUW-WA. Breakfast is included.

Registration for the conference is \$35.00 per person to cover the cost of the conference. Branch members are welcome to join us for AAUW-WA strategic planning on August 24, 2018 at the same location. Please see the flyer or the AAUW-WA website for more information.

*Schedule of Events*

**8:00 AM: Registration.**

**8:30 AM to 10:00AM: Public Policy Objectives and Mission Based Programming**

A panel presentation will trigger a brainstorming session with our attendees, focusing on successful mission-based programming or programs designed to meet our public policy objectives. We will include in the discussion resources available at AAUW National to help with planning, promotional and educational information. We will discuss the following questions:

- What should we focus on for policy objectives in 2018 and how can we translate those objectives into effective branch programs?
- How can our organization support Washington State Legislative objectives and get our voices heard around the state?
- How can we increase the reach and influence of our AAUW local, state and national branch members on local policies and objectives?

Panel Members:

Karen Anderson, AAUW-WA Public Policy Chair, Vice President for Programs, Gig Harbor  
Pam Crone, AAUW-WA Lobbyist  
Eileen Baratuci, AAUW-WA V/P and Program Director

**10:00 AM Break:**

**10:15 AM to 12:00 Noon: Mission Based Outreach and Collaboration for Branches Large and Small**

Panel Members:

Yvonne Berliner, AAUW-WA Board and AAUW Palouse-Garfield Program VP and Tech Trek Coordinator;  
Mary Williams, AAUW-WA Membership Chair and Gig Harbor Branch VP Membership  
Dale Spears, Port Townsend Branch President

- How can AAUW Branches coordinate public outreach and education with local organizations to broaden the reach of our mission?
- Success stories from local branches with a focus on collaboration and educational outreach
- Tapping into AAUW's National membership to revive branch membership
- How to keep volunteers engaged

**12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM: Lunch-provided**

**1:00 PM to 2:00 PM: Partnering with Local Colleges and Universities**

Speaker: DeLancey Lane, AAUW-WA College and University Outreach

- How to reach out to or start a college chapter or affiliate
- Including a college affiliate or chapter in branch functions
- Making your organization appeal to a diverse group of women including new career or mid-career women.

2:00 PM to 3:00 PM: Leadership Qualities that Work

Speaker: Rebecca Norlander: A New Vision for your Branch

- Envisioning your branch's future
- How to inspire, respect and care for your volunteers
- Developing leadership within your organization and transitioning leadership roles

Our speakers and their organizations advocate for equality; support equal access to educational, pursue professional opportunities for women and girls; promote women in leadership; and push to make our communities a better place to live and thrive.

## *Registration*



Our summer event is a little different this year. Friday, August 24, 8:00 am, is an **optional** strategic planning session, which is free. Saturday, August 25, 8:00 am, is the annual Leadership Conference. Both events are at the Red Lion Hotel in Ellensburg. Register using Constant Contact at the following link.

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=psxfmitab&oeidk=a07efim08by018af1ea>

## President's Message



Judy Prince  
President  
AAUW Washington  
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I hope everyone is enjoying Summer. My calendar tends to have fewer obligations than at other times of the year. Many of the notes in June, July, August concern birthday or anniversary dates for family members. Those are the events we all want to remember.

Are you planning to attend the summer meeting? I think we have a very interesting agenda with in-depth consideration of public policy, mission-based outreach and collaboration, college university relations, and leadership qualities. There is a change of venue. We will be meeting at the Red Lion Hotel.

The board has also begun planning for Lobby Day, January 27, 2019. We will be at St. John's Episcopal Church again.

I know that between 20 and 25% of Washington AAUW members voted in the AAUW bylaws election. I hope we turn out at higher percentages for national, state, and local elections. If you are eligible to vote, but not registered, get registered. Our primary election is August 7 and the general election is November 6.

The League of Women Voters (sometimes in conjunction with AAUW branches) sponsors voters forums in many areas. In other areas AAUW branches sponsor the forums. Most of you receive a voter's pamphlet from your county. (My county posts the information on-line.) The only reason getting informed is hard is we must read the materials.

Your state board is two members short. That sometimes mean we don't complete tasks as soon as you would like. Please consider joining the board to help with the board and the fun.

## State News

### *Public Policy*

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Never has the public policy mission of AAUW been more important. Nationally, hostility to women's rights and to safeguarding the structural supports for women's economic and educational opportunities have intensified. Recent federal court decisions have revealed a growing reluctance to protect fundamental freedoms for women. Because the courts in the American system of government have the right to invalidate laws, even state laws that secure women's rights are at risk.

Nevertheless, we will persist. In the coming year, AAUW-WA will be supporting laws and policies to strengthen public schools, reduce student loan debt, and ensure compliance with Title IX. We will also be working to increase our visibility and effectiveness as advocates for women's empowerment in the state of Washington. To be successful in these efforts, we will need your assistance.

Please mark your calendars for our AAUW-WA Summer Leaders' Meeting at the Red Lion Conference Center in Ellensburg on August 25. Remember to set aside time to attend our Lobby Day on January 28, 2019 in Olympia. It is very important that we have a large and visible presence at the legislature on that day. This is true irrespective of the party affiliation of your representatives. They need to know that they are accountable to women for their actions. We also need for you to share the programming, educational, and other outreach activities that your branch has developed to advance our policy agenda. If there are policy ideas you would like to see us support, please let us know. We are strongest when we work together.



*Strategic Planning*

*Provide a Roadmap for Promoting our Mission*

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You are invited to work with the AAUW Board to write a **strategic plan** to guide our activities for the next few years. We value the ideas of all members and know that we are better when we work together. We need your perspective.

Rebecca Norlander, former member of AAUW Board of Directors (pictured above), will facilitate our work. We will meet at 4:00 pm Thursday, August 23, and all day on Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Red Lion Convention Center in Ellensburg.

Another benefit for you and your branch---take the skills you learn about planning and writing the State's strategic plan to energize your branch in working toward a plan to promote our shared mission. Each branch can send one member or a group of participants. Indicate your commitment to attend as an option on your registration form.

This session will be followed by the Summer Leaders' Meeting on Saturday, August 25, which will end at 3pm. The Red Lion Hotel offers rooms for Thursday and Friday nights at a reduced rate of \$119 single or double, when booked by August 1. Call 509-925-9800 and ask for the AAUW convention rate.

*Annual AAUW-WA Business Meeting  
April 29, 2018*

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AAUW-WA delegates present at the Annual Business Meeting heard details of our State organization:

- Pat Barber and Susan Moen presented nominations for State 2-year positions: Judy Prince for president, Marziah Kiehn for treasurer, DeLancey Lane for director. Director Leslie Waters nominated Yvonne Berliner for director.
- DeLancey Lane presented a Power Point of AAUW programs that support college/university chapters and college women.
- President Judy Prince referred delegates to the printed budget report and indicated that the State organization is in good health financially.
- Membership Director Mary Williams stated that AAUW-WA membership stands at 1800 total of members in 34 branches, with an additional 1020 National Only members.
- Program Director/VP Eileen Baratuci announced Grants to the Walla Walla and Clallam Bay branches for new projects in support of AAUW mission.
- Director Karen Manelis discussed contributions of \$122,679 to AAUW-National, and Sue Richart announced \$82,106 to Special Projects Fund. In the future, all Tech Trek funds will go through SPF. Local scholarships are not included in these amounts.
- Prince urged all members to renew their memberships and also to vote online for AAUW-National by-laws changes.
- Williams presented the Credentials report, noting that 65 delegates from 22 branches received ballots.
- Prince suggested a voice vote for the four uncontested State board positions. A vote passed in support of a motion for a voice vote of those nominated.



- Bellingham has been selected as the location of the 2019 Annual Meeting, date to be announced. The Summer Leaders' Meeting will be held in Ellensburg on August 24<sup>th</sup> and is open to all members.
- Secretary Jeanie Glaspell presented Courtesy Resolutions with special thanks to Baratuci and Williams for their primary roles in organizing the 2018 Convention.

*AAUW-WA Officers*



(Photo: Mary Ross)

Picture by Mary Ross

AAUW-WA officers at the state convention in Spokane. Bottom Row: Yvonne Berliner, Director at Large; Kyle McEligot, Communications Director; Leslie Waters, former board member; Robin Pestarino, former board member; Judy Prince, President; and Mary Williams, Membership Director. Top Row: Karen Anderson, Public Policy Director; Delancey Lane, College and University Relations Director; Jeanie Glaspell, Secretary; and Eileen Baratuci, Programs Director.



*2019 Events*

Event	Date	Location
Lobby Day	January 27, 2019	St. John’s Episcopal Church, Olympia
Annual Meeting	TBD	Bellingham
Summer Leadership Meeting	August 24, 2019	Ellensburg

*AAUW-WA State Convention  
April 27 -29*

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As Co-President of the Port Townsend branch, I attended my first AAUW-Washington State Convention April 27-29. It was a weekend of firsts for me. First AAUW State Convention, first visit to Spokane and first stay at the Historic Davenport Hotel. I was wowed on all accounts.

The convention opened with an evening reception and buffet dinner where members dressed up as their favorite “Shero”. We celebrated each other for the work we do to improve the lives of women and girls in our communities, state and nation. Pamela Oakes, from the Gates Foundation was keynote speaker and shared the foundation’s vision of the world in which every person- especially girls and women-have an opportunity to live a healthy productive life.

Saturday’s agenda included messages on how to build a better branch, promoting equity on campus and how Tech Trek has influenced girls to pursue careers in STEM fields. Astronaut Bonnie Dunbar was the luncheon keynote speaker. We celebrated the completion of funding for the Dr. Bonnie Dunbar Research Project Grant that will become an annual award through AAUW National in Dr. Dunbar’s name.

Saturday afternoon, Eileen Baratuci and DeLancy Lane, AAUW-WA University and Campus Liaison presented a seminar on generational differences between baby boomers and millennials. Their presentation gave a lot of us older gals much to think about in our interactions and with the younger generation. We also heard from Washington State Representative, Tana Senn about her bill to ensure gender pay equity.

The convention wrapped up on Sunday with the Annual Meeting and election of officers followed by a fascinating presentation by Anne Egeler and Kelly Paradis from the Washington Attorney General's office. Egeler and Paradis played an integral role in the Attorney General's lawsuit to protect the rights of immigrants.

I was honored to represent my branch at this conference. It was an inspiring experience and I hope that the next convention in 2020 will be held a little closer to home so that more members from the Olympic Peninsula can attend.

*Scenes from the State Convention*

Photos by Mary Ross



Keynote Speaker Pamela Oates of The Gates Foundation.



AAUW-WA Program Director Eileen Baratuci introduces Kim Anderson, WSU (left), and Sue Guenter-Schlesinger, WWU (center)



From left. Karen Anderson, AAUW-WA Public Policy, Sue Guenter-Schlesinger, WWU and Susan Moen, Bellingham Branch.





Kelly Paradis and Anne Egeler from the Washington State Attorney General's Office.



Bonnie Dunbar, left, receiving plaque honoring AAUW Grant established in her name from AAUW-WA President Judy Prince, center, and Karen Manelis, AAUW-WA Tech Trek Director.

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