



**Mission.** To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

**Vision.** Equity for all.

**Values.** Nonpartisan. Fact-based.

AAUW of Washington State  
Annual Report  
2018-2019

Judith Prince  
President

This report contains information from members of the AAUW of Washington State Board. The members are:

President	Judy Prince
Finance Officer	Marziah Kiehn
Secretary	Jeanie Glaspell
Member	Mary Williams
Member	Eileen Baratuci
Member	Delancey Lane
Member	Karen Anderson
Member	Yvonne Berliner
Member	Kyle McEligot

### **President's Report**

The board of directors conducted three meetings to which all members were invited:

- A leadership meeting where members were provided requirements for elected positions.
- A lobby day where members received information about bills supported by AAUW of Washington State and opportunities to share this information with their legislators.
- A convention where members shared information and fellowship. We also conducted the annual business meeting of AAUW of Washington.

The board of directors held 4-hour board meetings in conjunction with these meetings. At these meetings the board conducted the business of AAUW of Washington State. The 5 members of the Executive Committee held 2-hour meetings each month to conduct the more urgent business of AAUW of Washington State. Members of the Executive Committee include the President, Secretary, Finance Officer (all elected by members); a Vice President selected by other board members; and one additional appointed board member.

AAUW Washington State continued to sponsor Tech Trek Camps for rising 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls from throughout Washington State. These camps were held during the summer break at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, and Eastern Washington University, Cheney.

The board members participated in the development of a new state strategic plan after the adoption of a new national strategic plan.

All board members contributed to a balanced state organization budget.

### **Financial Officer**

Marziah Kiehn maintained and reported financial information for the state organization. She developed an annual budget that was edited by other board members.

One of the most time-consuming efforts was to maintain prior and day of event registration for all three of the state sponsored events.

## **Secretary**

Jeanie Glaspell attended and prepared minutes for all face-to-face and on-line board meetings. She participated in the discussion and her assistance was invaluable. In addition, Jeanie began the initial preparations for the new strategic plan.

## **Communications**

Kyle McEligot took responsibility for communications. She was assisted by Melinda Hearsey, Newsletter Editor, Leslie Roubal, Webmaster, and Mary Letterman, Social Media.

The communications group published 3 newsletters which were sent electronically to all AAUW members. The webmaster maintained up-to-date information to the website about upcoming events, legislative activities during session, other public policy focal points, AAUW-WA board members and forms to be used by all. The social media focal posted relevant information to Facebook and Pinterest.

Kyle maintained electronic distribution lists. She shared information throughout the year via the distribution lists. Electronic information shared with all members included the newsletter and special information between newsletter publishing dates.

## **Membership**

Mary Williams took responsibility for membership during the year. In light of this, she prepared delegate information for the Annual Meeting in Bellingham. Mary handled some of the administrative responsibilities for the Leadership Meeting in Ellensburg in August 2018, and the Annual Meeting in April, 2019. She also took a leadership role in the continuing process of developing a State Strategic Plan. As part of this effort, presentations were made at the Annual Meeting, the Special Board Meeting in June in Everett, and at the Leadership Meeting in Wenatchee in 2019.

## **Programs**

Eileen Baratuci took responsibility for Programs. Additionally, she served as Vice President for 2018-2019. Eileen helped with preparations for the 2019 Lobby Day. She found speakers, organized the schedule, and shared for both the 2018 Leadership Meeting and the 2019 Annual Meeting.

## **Public Policy**

Karen Anderson took responsibility for Public Policy. As public policy chair, I helped organize a successful Lobby Day in January, 2019, which was well attended and featured excellent talks by Fajer Saeed Ebrahim of Legal Voice and our lobbyist Pam Crone. I provided handouts on our legislative priorities and kept track of their progress. I worked to develop a specific public policy strategic plan so we can move forward on year-round lobbying and increasing our public visibility at the state level. In addition, I gave a public policy talk to the SnoKing Branch of AAUW.

## **Bylaws**

Yvonne Berliner took responsibility for bylaws. This was my first year as a state board member, assigned to the position of reviewing by-laws submitted by branches. I reviewed the following branches, working with them to make sure the AAUW-WA strictures were followed: Bellingham, Port Townsend, Puyallup Valley, Seattle and Spokane. In the process, I am starting to become more familiar with the procedure

and have consulted with my predecessor, Karen Manelis, and with our president, Judy Prince, when needed. At state-wide meetings I have endeavored to personally meet delegates from the branches to make myself and my position known to them and facilitate communications.

### **College/University Relations**

Delancey Lane took responsibility to work with our College/University Partners. In addition, she presented information to branches as required. Delancey also participated in the 2018 convention as a presenter on the differences (and occasional conflicts) between Boomers and Millennials.