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*Our apologies!
This follow-up edition contains 2 articles that were
left out of our December newsletter.
Happy Holidays to You!*

State News



What is "Open Up AAUW"?

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In spring 2024, AAUW members around the country will be voting on a proposed National bylaws change that would fully open up AAUW membership by removing the requirement for a college degree.

AAUW will be sharing proposed verbiage and rationale for the change shortly after the first of the new year in January 2024, kicking off a review and comment phase on the proposed change. More information will be shared at that time, but for those who wish to get a leg up on the Open Membership campaign, there is a dedicated website focusing on 'Breaking Our Own Barrier'.

Go to <https://openupaauw.org/> to learn more about the evolution of AAUW membership requirements since the organization started and about prior campaigns to open membership. Then, watch for an e-mail from National about this campaign in January.

We encourage every member to review the proposed change and provide any feedback they have during the comment period. The official voting period will begin in April, as it always does.

Do You Know the Fundraising Rules?

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This is an important reminder that the State of Washington Liquor Control Board has specific laws about fundraising. The section that is often overlooked reminds us that it is illegal to raffle wine or liquor unless tickets are only sold to members. For example, this would include a gourmet food basket with a bottle of wine included. However, you can auction wine and liquor to anyone attending your event. You must get a \$10 raffle permit from the liquor control board before holding a raffle that includes wine/liquor.

A link is included below with more details if you are interested. However, the *members-only raffle* part and the *\$10 permit* are the sections that would impact most of us in our AAUW events.

[Raffle Permits | Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board](#)

