



## Special Edition March 26, 2025

### Annual Meeting and More

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## Hello Communications!



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**Save the Date**  
"Stronger Together"  
**Virtual Annual Meeting**  
Saturday, April 26, 10 am to 1pm

**Come join us** as we gather together for our AAUW-WA Annual Meeting.

We will be hearing from Emily Hitchens, our state president, on the **"state of the state."** Our state treasurer, Susie Johnson, will give our annual **finance** report.

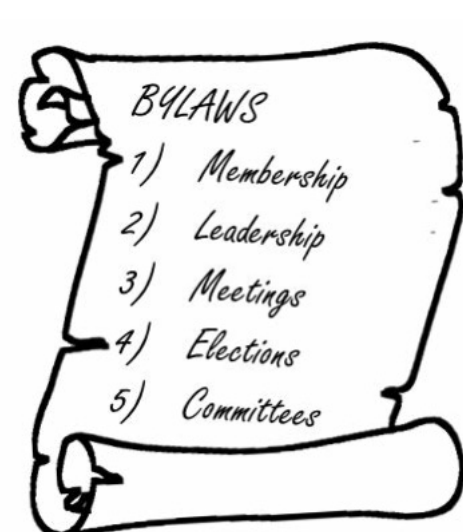
We also will be **electing** new officers, **approving** Bylaws changes, **reviewing** our state Public Policy Priorities and **listening** to an uplifting talk on Moving Forward Together in Difficult Times.

There will be breakout rooms so we can continue the conversations.

**Registration is free** using the link below!  
When: Apr 26, 2025 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/G-Hf2wWFRNeEqixX6rECw>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



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These documents, for approval at our Annual Meeting, can be found on the Member Center [webpage](#). (password = evergreen)

[Proposed Bylaws Changes](#)  
[Description of Proposed Bylaws Changes](#)

Emily Hitchens  
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**State Board Nominations** - these candidates will be voted on at our annual meeting on April 26. Nominations can be made from the floor; please check with your nominee first.

President/Administrator- Emily Hitchens 2025-2027 (2nd term on board as President)  
Secretary - OPEN

**Directors at Large:**

- Position 1 – OPEN (Consider Branch Development role)
- Position 5 – OPEN
- Position 6 - Jeanne Nygard 2025-2027 (2nd term on board & in Membership)
- Position 7 - Jodi Forsell 2025-2027 (2nd term on board & in Programs)
- Position 8 - Judi Edwards 2025-2027 (2nd term on board & 1st in Communications)
- Position 9 - Nadine Stecklein 2025-2027 (2nd term on board & in C/U)



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The **proposed Public Policy Priorities** for 2025-2027 are on the [Member Center webpage](#) or can be accessed here: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1c7ArleqqCLyQ5MAcwVbnEeILN0Y-XDos/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1c7ArleqqCLyQ5MAcwVbnEeILN0Y-XDos/view?usp=drive_link)

Please **review before** the annual meeting. The password for the member center webpages is evergreen.



**The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**  
**A free program sponsored by AAUW-WA**  
**Sunday, April 13, 1 to 2 p.m.**

More information and how to register [at this link](#).



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**NCCWSL Registration is now Open**

A section about NCCWSL is now on our AAUW-WA [College-University webpage](#). There is also a link to step-by-step instructions for registration on this webpage.



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**Defending Equity: Strengthening Our Collective Impact Series**

**AAUW Standing Strong**  
**March 26** | 6:00 p.m. ET [Register Here](#)  
Recent executive actions threaten diversity, equity, and inclusion nationwide. Join us to learn about these policy changes, how they impact women and marginalized communities, and how AAUW is taking action to defend equity. Stay informed and discover ways to support our mission in this critical moment.

**Building A Stronger AAUW**  
**April 1** | 7:00 p.m. ET [Register here](#)  
Strong fundraising fuels AAUW's impact. This session, led by AAUW National's Advancement Committee, will provide strategies for successful branch fundraising. Learn about AAUW's budget, the Greatest Needs Fund, and hear directly from branches with proven fundraising success. Walk away with tools and resources to help your branch grow its financial support.

**AAUW Advocacy Strategies for In-District Meetings**  
**April 8** | 7:00 p.m. ET [Register Here](#)  
Face-to-face advocacy can drive real change. This session will guide members on how to set up in-district meetings with members of Congress, maximize town hall participation, and effectively use key talking points during the upcoming April congressional recess. Learn how to make your voice heard.

**Funding Futures: Understanding Changes to Sex and Gender-Based Scholarship Programs**  
**April 15** | 7:00 p.m. ET [Register Here](#)  
Navigating legal changes to sex-based scholarships can be complex. This session will provide guidance for AAUW branches on how to administer scholarships in compliance with evolving regulations while staying true to our mission of advancing education for women and girls.

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