

AAUW-TC Board Meeting

**MINUTES**

Date 2/3/2025 Beginning 9:00 AM Ending Time 10:05 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

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*The mission of AAUW-TC is to advance equity for women and girls in the Grand Traverse Bay Area by offering scholarships for educational opportunities, workshops, and leadership training.*

**Attending:** Jean Zerges, *President*; Chris Walter, *Recording Secretary*; Laura Higgins, *Financial Officer*; Amy Gibson, *Communications*; Carol Evans, *VP Program*; Joan Sullivan, *VP Membership*; Darlene Garland, *Hospitality*

**Absent:**

**Guests:**

**Welcome and Announcements – Jean Zerges, President**

- AAUW TC will begin using best practice by sending to Board members one packet of information needed for each Board meeting – Agenda, Minutes of previous meeting, Financial Report of previous month – prior to each meeting.
- We are now following the Bylaws and will invite other appointed Board members to each meeting – Funds/Scholarship and College/University Liaison.

**Approval of Agenda:**

- Jean requested Corresponding Secretary be changed to Recording Secretary.
- Carol Evans requested adding College/University Liaison discussion under her Program VP report (NCCWSL was also added).
- Chris Walter requested adding Athena Event Planner Motion under Old Business.

Agenda was approved unanimously as amended.

**Acceptance of January 6, 2025 Minutes: Chris Walter - Recording Secretary**

Amy Gibson Moved to accept, Joan Second, Minutes accepted unanimously.

**NOTE:** Based on State AAUW guidance, Minutes will highlight Decided Motions in Yellow and Action Steps will be highlighted in Green.

**Acceptance of Dec 2024 Financial Report: Laura Higgins - Finance Officer**

Chris moved to accept, Joan Second, Report accepted unanimously.

## Officer Reports:

### Carol Evans- Program VP

- A. Action Step: Laura asked Carol to check in with Janis Room/Dennos Museum at NMC re: charges for our use of the room for our general meetings, asking that they prepare one bill for the entire year and send to Laura.

1. January Zoom meeting on Scams was successful, well attended (17) and very well received. Information posted in newest Branch Newsletter so more members could learn and benefit. Presenter Alison Thornton, NMC Technology, will join the Board as College/University Liaison.

*Reminder, from the Website: the branch will meet in 2 different locations in the 2024/2025 year:*

- *Speaker meetings on Monday nights in the Janis Room, Dennos Museum*
- *Special events on Saturday during the day in the Community Room at Bethlehem Lutheran*
- *In January and February our meetings are held virtually via Zoom.*

*Monday, January 20, 6-8 pm Zoom*

*Monday, February 17, 6-8 pm Zoom*

*Monday, March 17, 2025, 6-8 pm Janis Room*

*Monday, April 21, 2025, 6-8 pm Janis Room*

*Saturday, May 10, 2025, time TBD, Bethlehem Lutheran Community Room*

2. **Program Committee** of Jeannette Thompson, Nan Horstman and Carol met to plan:

- Monday, March 17, 2025, 6-8 pm, Janis Room, Dennos
  - ***Women Clergy in a Male Environment*** – Rev. Linda Stephan (UMC), also Moderator and Rev. Julie Delezenne (Presbyterian), and 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker TBA. Will present their stories, few questions about influence of women in this sphere. Short discussion of maintaining close time schedule for speakers.
- Monday April 21, 2025, 6-8 pm, Janis Room, Dennos
  - Laura Oblinger, current chair of the NMC Board of Trustees and Director of Business Development at Rehmann, continuing this year's theme of Women Matter. She will highlight her roles throughout her career and how gender has influenced those roles and why she believes women make a difference.

- May 10, 2025, Time TBD, Brunch or Lunch, Community Room, Bethlehem Lutheran featuring speaker Nancy Plummer, creative educator, how Moomers business evolved
  - Potential Summer Outing – The Botanical Garden at Historic Barns Park – Will do a table interest survey in April or May
3. **Discussion on offering Honorariums for speakers** – Board approved \$100 for Dr. Magruder for the February meeting.

**Action Step:** Program Committee will bring an Honorarium for speakers proposal to March Board meeting, that will influence 2025-26 Budget planning.

#### Joan Sullivan- Membership VP

Been in contact with 5 new members.

#### Darlene Garland- Hospitality

1. **Action Steps:** March meeting will need Refreshments provided by Interest Group(s) – Verna Mae Book Group and Board were suggested.  
Darlene will oversee refreshments and decorations for that meeting on St. Patrick's Day.  
Done, 2-5-25

#### Old Business

1. **Terms of Officers** – After recent careful reading of the Bylaws and consulting with Etta Rajkovich (helped update the Bylaws), Jean and Chris realized some of the officer elections are “off year.” Chris is willing to continue 1 more year as Recording Secretary so that election of Secretary for a two-year term will once again occur in even year 2026 as specified in Bylaws (*Revised February 14, 2017*). Chris will need to be nominated/elected for a 1-year term at Annual Meeting in May 2025. Carol is not willing to serve for 3 years. Nominating Committee will be informed.

**Action Step:** Chris will send this information to Shirley Murray to inform the Nominating Committee.  
Done, 2-5-25 by ctw

2. **College Liason** – Carol - Alison Thornton, Technology Desk, has agreed to serve as the Branch College/University Liason. Process: College gets an annual bill, and NMC joins Online at AAUW National website. Nothing comes into our treasury.

Laura previously provided this information:

I hope this is what we are looking for regarding College and University membership. It looks like if NMC joins AAUW (\$250/yr) they get 2 national memberships for faculty/staff members.

[AAUW CU Membership FAQ for Branches April 2024](#)

[Volunteer Leader Position Descriptions – AAUW : Empowering Women Since 1881](#)

## 2. NCCWSL coordination, encourage students, what is our role?

Laura stated Outreach Budget Line - NCCWSL, \$800; Joan recalls difficulty recruiting students to attend and complete the required paperwork; All details need to be worked out.

**Additional Information from [aauw.org](http://aauw.org):**

### **AAUW's legacy of building generations of women leaders**

For 39 years, AAUW had the honor of bringing thousands of college women together from across the country for leadership training, inspiration, and networking at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).

AAUW was home to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) for 39 years. Starting in 2025, NCCWSL will move to our trusted friends at NASPA, the professional home for student affairs administrators in higher education. Please visit their [NCCWSL page](#) for the most up-to-date information on NCCWSL 2025. A form is also available on that page to receive alerts on NCCWSL.

## 3. Motion for Athena Event Planner - Chris

Chris moved that the TC Branch of AAUW hire Amy Shamroe as the 2025 Athena Event Planner, with a specified Contract created by Jean Zerges, Branch President and Amy Shamroe. Joan, Second – Approved Unanimously.

Laura stated current budget allocates \$500.

## **New Business**

### 1. Athena Awards- Venue Choice

Kirkbride was visited by Jean and Amy Shamroe and was found to be very appropriate with amenable services. Many other Board members were familiar with the site,

Laura moved that Kirkbride Hall at The Commons be the site for the May 8, 2025 Athena Award Event. Joan second, approved unanimously.

Amy will submit a new budget. Laura stated current budget is \$4,000.

**Anything Else**

For Board information - Laura reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Scholarship recipient, Ashley Hooper, is unreachable. Her 2<sup>nd</sup> payment will go unclaimed.

**Adjourn to next meeting – March 3; Most likely Zoom**

Set Rest of in person Board Meetings, 9:00 am – Mondays Apr 7, May 5, June 9. All locations to be confirmed.