

Pandemic means we'll meet online

By Patricia Ross, AAUW FL President

What huge transitions we are going through!

When the AAUW FL Board of Directors selected *Waves of Change, Oceans of Opportunity* as the theme for this year's convention, we had no idea of the type of changes we would confront this spring. Instead, we were focused on the changes at AAUW National and on discovering and discussing the opportunities these changes would bring to the state and to branches.

That was before the global coronavirus pandemic.

Now, finding ways to connect and conduct business while self-isolating has become a priority. With that in mind, we have decided to conduct our bylaws-mandated annual meeting electronically.

The official opening date for the online meeting is April 18, the same day the meeting would have been held if we'd gathered together in Daytona Beach. This special edition of *floriVision* provides you with key components of the annual meeting that would have been included if the meeting had been conducted at our convention.

- **Reports from directors.** The annual reports elected officers and committee members typically presented at annual meetings are included in *pages 4 -8*. Reports will also be posted on our website.

- **Election of officers.**

According to our bylaws, four board positions are to be filled for two-year terms this year. The nominating committee proposed candidates for three – development, membership, and secretary. (*See pages 9 and 10 for candidate bios.*)



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AAUW FL President

But we still need nominations for Director for Communications, someone to coordinate, but not necessarily do, the communicating; to investigate new technology; and to help us find new and better ways to reach our members and the public. A description is on *page 10*. If you're interested or know of someone who would be, use the form on *page 11* to make a nomination "from the floor." The form can be used for nominations for any of the open positions. All nominations must be received by April 26.

- **New nominating committee.** We also need nominations for three members for the 2020-2021 nominating committee. Use the form on *page 11*, which also explains the selection process and eligibility.

Join us online! ■

COVID-19 concerns cancel Tech Trek camps

By Sue Slone, Tech Trek Florida Coordinator

The safety of our campers and our volunteers is always foremost in our minds, but especially right now. And because the coronavirus situation is ever-evolving, we will follow the recommendation of AAUW National to cancel Tech Trek camps for Summer 2020.

This may be disappointing news, but this is just too risky of a situation for all involved to go ahead this year. However, our hope in Florida is to be

able to invite this year's girls to attend camp in 2021, as well as to serve next year's eighth-graders.

The decision to cancel camps this year is based on many factors. Even when the stay-at-home orders are lifted, the risk of contracting the disease will be with us for a while. That means we should expect continued social distancing measures, even if shelter-in-place is lifted.

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Congratulations!

To the state and branch Named Gift Honorees. See page 12.

Support Tech Trek S’more! The campers are counting on you!

We couldn’t Turn Out for Tech Trek at our convention in Daytona Beach, enjoying S’mores around the campfire.



But we can still support Tech Trek and Turn Out S’more at home!

Mail your federal income tax-deductible contribution to:

Tech Trek, c/o AAUW Florida Supporting Foundation, Inc., PO Box 2938 Jupiter, FL 33468.

Make checks out to AAUW Florida Supporting Foundation, Inc. Write Tech Trek and your branch name on the memo line.



Regrettably, COVID-19 has forced this summer’s camps to be canceled. But your donations are needed for next year, when we hope to have enough space for girls accepted this year to attend as well as those for 2021. They’ll be happy no matter when the camps are held, as responses from a few girls who would have attended this year show:

“Thank you! We are so proud and excited for Alexa! The news of the camp brightened her week, a bright spot in recent gloomy days.”

“Thank you for the notification!!! We feel so blessed and we are certainly proud of Caelyn. ...Caelyn is beyond excited and thrilled.”

“Anju is thrilled about getting accepted to this amazing camp opportunity. Thank you very much for sharing the great news.”

Your generosity keeps the camps going! Donate now!

2019-20 AAUW-FL Officers and Appointees

Elected Officers

- President – *Patricia Ross*
- President-elect – *Patricia DeWitt*
- Director for Program – *Bea Holt*
- Director for Membership – *Karen Zalkin*
- Director for Finance – *Kathy VanderVliet*
- Director for Development – *Ellen Roche*
- Director for Communications – *Open*
- Director for Public Policy – *Kay Lee-Smith*
- Secretary – *Susan Baird*

Appointed Officers

- Bylaws, Policies, Resolutions – *Virginia Farace*
- Historian – *Linda Barker*
- Parliamentarian – *Mimi Welch*
- Administrative Assistant – *Mary Ann Sines*

Other Appointees

- C/U Partner Liaison – *Susan Cornehl*
- Web Manager – *Theresa Owen*
- floriVision Editor - *Carol MacDonald*

- Tech Trek Coordinator – *Sue Slone*
- Camp Directors – *Shawnreca Campbell and Susan Berlin*
- Voting and Elections Chair – *Karen Burkhalter*

- Diversity Chair– *Synthia Fletcher*
- Nominating Committee Chair – *Vicki Waters*

- Women’s Economic Security Committee Chair – *Patricia DeWitt*
- Women’s Vote Centennial Committee Chair – *Kimble Medley*

President's Message

Thanks for working together to empower women, girls

By Patricia Ross, AAUW FL President

I've served with a truly talented and hard-working board of directors throughout my term. I cannot thank them enough for all we've accomplished together.



We had planned an exciting convention for April – and while it won't happen this year, I'm happy to announce that we've been able to reschedule the

Daytona Beach Resort for the AAUW Florida Leadership Conference on April 17-18, 2021.

So plan on joining us next year at Daytona Beach.

What we've accomplished

This is also a good time to look back at what we have been able to accomplish together. A summary follows, but check the annual reports from board members on *pages 4 to 8* for details.

- **Research.** AAUW FL and a number of branches have worked with Mary Gatta, associate professor of sociology, City University of New York, to sponsor research on women's economic security in Florida. We've shared the research with legislators and other groups, and will do so for the most recent research, which will soon be available on our web site.

- **Membership.** For the first time in many years, we had a small increase in membership and have recognized branches with the greatest increases.

- **Development.** Conference calls were enthusiastically received, with many leaders sharing information with branch counterparts. The development committee also worked with branches to recognize donations to our AAUW FL Supporting Foundation and to AAUW's Greatest Needs Funds.

- **Public policy.** Thirty-two members participated in 2020 Lobby Days in January, and branch members had countless interactions with legislators through local meetings and the AAUW Action Network. We revitalized our relationship with the Florida Commission on the Status of Women and distributed information about our research at the commission's LEAD ((Leadership, Education, Advocacy, Development) conference.

- **Board outreach.** Board members visited many branches, providing programs, consultations, inducting officers, and participating in fundraisers. The outreach is a means for us to celebrate our joint commitment to our mission, so consider inviting a board member to your branch as you plan next year's programs.

- **Tech Trek.** We had two successful camps last year and were on track to build on that success this summer – until COVID-19. The camps for this summer are canceled, but we hope to have four camps in 2021 so this year's girls can attend, along with the next group. Your donations to the AAUW FL Supporting Foundation and your branch fundraisers can make that happen. So much is uncertain right now, but our mission of empowering women and girls continues.

- **Vote centennial.** Our Vote Centennial Committee has provided ongoing information about the suffrage movement and suggested activities to help branches recognize the importance of the women's vote. This included development of a reader's theater program by Flagler branch that has been performed areawide.

- **Branch archives.** Several branches took advantage of offers by three special collection libraries to accept branch records. The March *floriVision* and our web site tell how to get your branch involved.

Looking ahead

The pandemic crisis has impacted us in many ways. We shouldn't panic. Instead, we must do what we can to find clarity, grounding, and support. I encourage branches to reach out to their members and communities through phone calls, notes, emails, conference calls, and video conferences. Check our website regularly, where we'll be posting new information, including podcasts, throughout the next few months.

Also, take advantage of Work Smart, the online salary negotiation tool, at salary.aauw.org, and encourage friends and family to do so. It's an hour well spent.

I want to thank all of you for the work you do to empower women and girls. It has been an honor to be your president. I know that Pat DeWitt will be a wonderful leader for our organization and that you will show her the support I have enjoyed.

Stay safe and well,
Patricia Ross

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Program

Bea Holt, AAUW FL Director for Program

Goals/Priorities for Role:

- Provide innovative and informative programs to raise the level of awareness related to special projects, research, and programs that benefit the general membership.
- Promote branch use of the Mini-Grant Program and the financial opportunity it provides for local programing. Update the online mini-grant application process.
- Re-imagine the Leader-on Loan Program and update the online request process. Going forward, encourage branches to access the program and use the resources available from knowledgeable, experienced women at the state level.

Bullets for top priority items accomplished:

- Programs: Contributed to the planning of the April 2020 FL convention which was canceled due to the outbreak of COVID-19. Our team was in the final planning stages, having secured the venue, opened the registration process, and engaged as our keynote speaker, Janet Petro, deputy director of NASA Kennedy Space Center. The schedule was set with luncheons, a dinner with speaker Gloria Blackwell, AAUW National Senior Vice President for Fellowships and Programs, to be followed by a Tech Trek fundraiser.

Nine relevant workshops were almost ready to go. One was to discuss the results of the AAUW Florida research, "Economic Security Report on Black Women in Florida: A Story of Gender and Racial Inequality," conducted by Mary Gatta, associate professor of sociology, City University of New York. On Sunday, a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the women's vote and 55th anniversary of the voting rights act was planned with songs and sashes.

We're trying to replicate the program for the April 2021 Leadership Conference, so plan on attending.

- Mini- Grants: Seven branches submitted Mini-Grant applications and upon review and approval, \$2,760 was distributed. The balance available in the budget for Mini-Grants is \$1,240. But opportunities for branches to submit a new program before fiscal year end is doubtful in the current environment.
- Leader-on-Loan: This program is under review. No costs are associated with branch requests for assistance. Funds budgeted pay travel expenses of the leaders volunteering to provide the service.

Development

Ellen Roche, AAUW FL Director of Development

Goals/Priorities for Role:

- To encourage members and branches of AAUW Florida to financially contribute to national and Florida AAUW priorities.

Bullets for top priority items accomplished:

- Hosted conference calls with AAUW Florida branches to share information on fundraising theory and practice.
- Established acknowledgment programs for financial contributions to National AAUW Funds and to Tech Trek.
- Promoted a standard fundraising idea for Tech Trek.
- Developed a page on the AAUW Florida website to allow branches to share successful fundraising ideas.

Bullets for top priority items upcoming:

- Develop an article for *floriVision* about contributing to the AAUW FL Supporting Foundation using distributions from IRAs.
- Develop plan for branches to connect with their local community foundations to request support for Tech Trek.

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Membership

Karen Zalkin, AAUW FL Director for Membership

Goals/Priorities for Role:

- AAUW FL membership will maintain or increase membership numbers so AAUW FL can achieve the benchmark 90% renewal rate needed to qualify for the Five Star National Recognition Program.
- Maintain communications with branch vice presidents for membership (MVPs) to provide information and strategies. Offer opportunities for MVPs to speak with each other through conference calls.
- Encourage all branches to use the MPP (Membership Payment Program) - Five Star benchmark.
- Support people who wish to restart the Tallahassee branch.
- Support the Tamiami branch, which has low membership, to either increase membership or disband.

Bullets for Top Priority Items Accomplished:

- AAUW FL annual membership increased by three members from **2,033** on Feb. 1, 2019, to **2,036** on Feb 1, 2020, a rate of 100.15%, thus exceeding the 90% renewal benchmark for the Five Star National Recognition Program. This is an increase after a 2018-2019 decrease. Seventeen branches increased their membership which is an increase from the 10 branches increasing membership in 2019. Fifteen branches lost more than 5% of their 2019-2020 members. This number was 17 branches in the previous year. Three branches maintained their membership (considering a decrease of less than 5% as maintaining). The Feb. 1, 2020, count data on membership in each Florida branch and total AAUW-FL membership was received from national.
 - Branches with top increases in membership: Manatee County, 41.67%; Tampa, 34.04%; Flagler County, 32.26%; Ft. Lauderdale, 27.27%; Palm Beach County, 21.88%.
 - Branches with top membership numbers: Venice, 243; Orlando/Winter Park, 162; Lake Sumter, 149; Vero Beach, 121; Sarasota, 107; Greater Naples, 103.
 - Branches receiving certificates for increasing membership: Bradenton, Flagler County, Ft. Lauderdale, Gainesville, Greater Naples, Manatee County, Melbourne, Northern Palm Beach County, Ocala, Palm Beach County, Punta Gorda-Port Charlotte, Sarasota, Stetson University, Sun City Center, Tampa, Venice, Weston.
 - On March 23, 2020 AAUW FL membership increased by 15 from the Feb. 1, 2020, count.
- Communicated with branch vice presidents for membership (MVPs) through conference calls in August through March to allow them to gather ideas from each other and to clarify AAUW processes, Shape the Future discounts, and the new discount as of March 16, 2020, for brand new members who receive membership for both the rest of 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. Followed up conference calls with emails detailing information on the call with related links. Answered phone and email questions from branches.
- Educated MVPs on the paperless renewal procedures (MPP).

Bullets for Top priority items upcoming:

- All Florida branches using the MPP.
- Membership renewals at least at 90% of Feb. 1 count for 2020-2021.
- Engaging new members to raise Florida membership to 2,175.
- Follow up with Tallahassee contacts who want to start a branch.
- Conference calls with MVPs in April and May.
- Encourage MVPs to request MPP emails be sent from the director of finance in order for members to renew their 2020-2021 membership.
- Suggest ways to maintain contact with members to retain members during coronavirus isolation.
- Recognize branches who have increased membership with a certificate sent by mail.
- Transfer information to the incoming AAUW FL Director for Membership.

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Finances: July 1, 2019 – March 24, 2020

Kathy VanderVliet, Director of Finance

Income:

Membership dues	23,898	Collected dues from just under 2,000 members, including just under 300 new members.
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Expenditures:

Account	Amount	Comment
Board expenses	484.64	Each board member has an allowance for expenses. More bills expected before end of fiscal year.
Board meeting expenses	3,773.17	Since electronic board meetings are expected for April/May, this is probably close to total for the year.
Directories and floriVision	726.88	Another issue of <i>floriVision</i> expected this year.
Mini Grants	2,760.00	Still \$1,240 in this budget line item.
Lobby Days	4700.32	–
Net convention refunds	283.38	Almost 50 registrations refunded for April convention. Net is due to fee we paid when credit card was used to register.
Convention expenses	430.15	–
Tech Trek	5,000.00	–
Miscellaneous expenses	417.2	–

Total expenditures so far for this fiscal year were \$18,575.74. Total expenditures for the year are expected to be under \$20,000.

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Public policy

Kay Lee-Smith, AAUW FL Director for Public Policy

Goals/Priorities for Role:

Advocate for AAUW's public policy priorities and represent AAUW's public policy priorities to policy makers, elected and appointed officials, AAUW members, the public, and the media. Contribute to the state newsletter to keep members updated on efforts. Align strategic direction of AAUW affiliates in Florida with each other and AAUW national. Identify and connect branches with resources, opportunities, and training that will empower branches to meet their goals. Coordinate efforts with the national AAUW Public Policy and Government Relations Department grassroots advocacy staff.

Bullets for top priority items accomplished:

- Conducted calls with branch public policy officers and lobby day participants.
- Promoted community organizations' participation in Work Smart/Start Smart Program.
- Distributed public policy tool kit links to branch public policy chairs and lobby day participants.
- Promoted Two-Minute Activists program with community organizations.
- Completed AAUW National Public Policy online monthly training and conference calls.
- Participated in AAUW National conference calls.
- Planned/coordinated/led Lobby Days 2020 for 32 participants with Public Policy Committee.
- Planned and coordinated Virtual Lobby Day 2020.
- Attended meetings with 15 Florida House/Senate members and/or staff - Lobby Days 2020.
- Reviewed and provided comments for Women's Economic Security Black Women's research report.

Bullets for top priority items upcoming:

- Identify and connect branches with resources, opportunities, and training.
- Develop and oversee the state public policy and voter education campaign for election 2020.
- Provide new branch public policy officers with position descriptions.
- Plan and coordinate Lobby Days 2021 (tentative dates: March 17-18, 2021).
- Recruit and identify a women's economic security chair for program year 2020-2021.
- Distribute and communicate the women's economic security black women's research report.
- Implement quarterly conference calls with branch public policy officers.
- Revise information on the AAUW-FL Public Policy website, including AAUW FL Bill Tracker, public policy commentary, and public policy blog.

Women's Economic Security Committee

Patricia DeWitt, Chair

Goals/Priorities for Role:

- Supervise commissioning and completion of research report on economic security for black women in Florida.
- Advocate for passage of the Helen Gordon Davis Equal Pay Protection Act in Florida.
- Promote Work Smart online.

Bullets for top priority items accomplished:

- Report on black women's economic security has been completed.
- Helen Gordon Davis Equal Pay Protection Act as SB 90 was heard for the first time in the Florida Senate Business and Professions Committee. No vote was taken.

Bullets for top priority items upcoming:

- Plan for the dissemination of the three reports by Mary Gatta to decision-makers and agencies throughout Florida.
- Continue to promote Work Smart online.

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Women's Vote Centennial Committee

Kimble Medley, Chair

Goals/Priorities for Role:

The 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment is more than just one day of celebration. It's an opportunity to educate members and the public about the incredible warrior women who won the vote on August 26, 1920. Beyond the centennial, it's a chance to remind members and the public there is much work to be done. It was Equal Pay that drew Susan B. Anthony to "The Cause" in 1868. Today, women are still waging that battle. In 1923, Alice Paul penned the text of the Equal Rights Amendment. Nearly a century has passed and, still, women seek equality.

Bullets for top priority items accomplished:

- Used AAUW Florida Facebook and website to spotlight Women's Vote Centennial.
- Shared articles listing ideas for 2020 celebrations.
- Featured ideas from Florida branches for inspiration.
- Participated in conference calls with Florida Commission on the Status of Women.
- Submitted articles to *floriVision*.
- Developed program with Painting with a Twist.
- Promoted opportunities, such as Equal Pay Day, Women's History Month, for AAUW branches participation – walking in suffrage parades, attending public meetings/events in suffrage costumes.
- Posted Facebook notes, and copied those notes to the website, for step-by-step project instructions.
- Shared articles and ideas from National Women's History Alliance, 2020 Women's Vote Centennial Initiative, and 2020 Florida Women's Suffrage Centennial.
- Sought information about Florida suffragists from Florida branches and featured those women on AAUW Facebook throughout March.
- Added Mary McLeod Bethune to "Women WON the Vote" skit for convention. It can still be used as an educational tool.

Bullets for top priority items upcoming:

- Consider featuring the skit at a future AAUW Florida event.
- Continue to share articles, documentaries re: The Vote.
- Highlight historical finds from Florida branches.

Tech Trek *(Continued from page 1)*

It will not be a toggle switch where we just return to normal immediately. Experts expect it will be a slow return to normal operations for us all.

With the close proximity of campers to each other and the volunteers and the overnight stay required for camps, social distancing will be impossible to effectively implement.

We are remaining optimistic that the country will get a handle on this disease, that things will move back towards normal by



Summer 2021, and that we can hold the camps then.

We will advise the girls who were to have attended camp this summer and their schools of our plan. We will also provide information for branches to send to schools in the fall so they can begin the process of identifying girls who would benefit from camp in 2021.

Our plans depend on you, however. Our goal of having four weeks of camp next year means your continued fundraising efforts will be vital.

Though you may have canceled fundraisers due to COVID-19 restrictions, continue to plan future events. Donations through our AAUW FL Supporting Foundation are always welcome. *(See page 2 for where they should be sent.)*

It is only through your support that we can continue to provide this unbelievable opportunity to the young women of Florida. ■

Election

Learn about board candidates, vote process

The nominating committee put forward candidates for three of the four board positions that our bylaws mandate be filled at this year's annual meeting. The statements provided by the candidates for directors for development and membership and for secretary were published in the March newsletter and are repeated below and on *page 10*. We still need a communications director, however. A description of the position is also on *page 10*, and self-nominations are encouraged.

Nominations for all positions can be made by using the form on *page 11*, which must be received by April 26. Those running unopposed may be elected by acclamation. The results of the election will be emailed to all members and posted on our website.

Editor's note: Statements from candidates were lightly edited for spacing and adherence to style guides for such elements as abbreviations and capitalization. ■

Ellen Roche – Candidate Director for Development



Ellen Roche
Investment Committee (2019-present).

I joined AAUW in 2011 and quickly became involved in the Sarasota branch. I helped to plan and solicit speakers for our monthly branch meetings. From 2016 to 2018, I served the Sarasota branch as president. My other AAUW activities include chair of the AAUW Florida Nominating Committee (2018-19) and the AAUW National

and have developed a plan to encourage each branch to support the AAUW Florida Tech Trek program. I rolled out an acknowledgement program for contributions to AAUW. More recently, I have hosted conference calls on fundraising techniques and am planning activities for the 2020 convention.

I grew up in New York State and graduated from Cornell University and got my master's in public administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. My Ph.D. in economics is from the University of Maryland. I worked in housing finance research and policy before retiring in 2005.

In 2019, I agreed to step in as Director of Development. In this role, I created a successful fundraising event at the AAUW Florida state conference

My goal is to encourage members and branches to connect with our communities through philanthropy. ■

Rose Llanas – Candidate Director for Membership



Rose Llanas
Prior to joining Nova Southeastern University, Rose advocated for underserved communities for health care access, studied abroad in Rio de Janeiro, and interned with the

Rose is a South Florida native, fluent in Portuguese and Spanish. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Florida in Spanish and Portuguese and a master's degree from Boston University in international affairs.

World Health Organization in Geneva.

Rose loves NSU's commitment to foster intentional and impact-focused research initiatives and community service outreach projects. She is currently the program director for AAUW's NSU branch which strives to empower women through research, education and advocacy.

At NSU's College of Pharmacy, Rose especially enjoys being able to connect students to their career goals as pharmacists, knowing the direct impact one will have in helping people live better, healthier lives. ■

Election

Fay Murphy – Candidate Secretary



Fay Murphy

When Fay Murphy moved to Bradenton, FL, from Michigan in 1985 she attended a membership event for the AAUW Bradenton branch. She had been invited to AAUW luncheons, but had never been asked to join AAUW. She has a bachelor's degree in music and a master's degree in educational leadership and administration.

When she went to the Bradenton branch, she discovered that one doesn't need to be invited to join and became a member. Reminder: Remember to ask your friends to join AAUW. They just might be waiting to be asked!

Fay has served as president of the Bradenton and Manatee County branches, twice each. She has also been president of the Bradenton unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians and secretary of the executive board of the Florida Retired Educators Association and now serves as parliamentarian and chair of bylaws. Fay has served as president of the Manatee County Retired Educators and Delta Kappa Gamma International Society for Leading Women Educators. She is also past president of UNIFEM –the United Nations Development Fund for Women – now UN Women.

She also has served on many community boards and is president of Bay Chorale, a 95-voice performing choir, and was honored by the Florida Commission on the Status of Women for dedication to community. ■

Candidate needed for communications director

By Virginia Farace, Bylaws, Policies, Resolutions Committee Chair

A rewarding opportunity is available on our state board to lead our communications team into the future. The AAUW FL Director for Communications position is envisioned as more supervisory and advisory and will incorporate new technologies and practices.

One of the areas that needs exploring is how we monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the communication methods we now use versus what's needed. Another is how we can move quickly to embrace new channels of communica-

tion when effective opportunities arise.

Currently our board has team members responsible for the following internal communications: *floriVision*, Constant Contact emails, conference calls, website, Facebook, and a public policy blog. Podcasts are under development.

Our external communications could be more proactive in utilizing National resources to spread AAUW's message to our branches

and to the general public. One way might be to develop a statewide media list and use it to more effectively communicate with the public and with organizations across the state.

The Director for Communications need not be skilled in all the technical functions, but will coordinate our AAUW message across all platforms. The role of this person should be to look at the big picture and to represent the communication function on the state board of directors. Self-nominations are encouraged. ■

Nominating Committee for 2020-2021 to be chosen

The new Nominating Committee will identify candidates for directors of Finance, Public Policy, and Program and for President-elect to be on the ballot for the 2021 election.

Due to this year's unique nomi-

nating process, the first three eligible nominees received for the Nominating Committee will be regular members; other eligible members will be alternates.

The nominating form on *page 11* lists the branches that are ineligible

because they had members on the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee or have been appointed to the 2020-2021 committee by the board.

All committee work is done by email. ■

Election – Nomination Forms

Nominee for Elected Officer

I, _____, nominate _____ from the _____ Branch for the office of _____.

She has given her approval to be nominated and will supply a candidate vita. Her email address is: _____

Signed (electronically) _____ Date _____

Nominee for Nominating Committee

I, _____, nominate _____ from the _____ Branch to be a regular or alternate member* of the 2020-2021 State Nominating Committee. She has been a member of AAUW Florida for at least three years, and her branch is not on the ineligible lists below**. She has given her approval to be nominated. Her email address*** is: _____

Signed (electronically) _____ Date _____

*Due to the unique nominating process this year, the first three eligible nominees received by date and/or time of email will be regular members of the committee, and any other eligible nominees will be alternates. If three eligible members are not nominated, the board will elect the additional necessary members to the committee.

**INELIGIBLE BRANCHES:
 1. Following branches had members on the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee:
 Daytona Beach, Jacksonville, Lake/Sumter, Manatee County, Palm Beach County

2. Board elected 2 members from these branches to the 2020-2021 Nominating Committee:
 Tampa and Venice

***All committee work is done by email.

NOTE: Self nominations are acceptable and encouraged.
 If there is only one nomination per office, the candidate(s) will be elected by acclamation.

Email the completed form(s) to:

Patricia Ross, President, at paross@aol.com
 and copy Susan Baird, Secretary, at aauwflbaird@gmail.com

(If not able to email, please mail to: Patricia Ross, 1900 N Atlantic Ave, #602, Daytona Beach, FL 32118)

All nominations must be received by: April 26, 2020

Branch News

AAUW FL Named Gift Honorees announced

Carolyn Brox of the Punta Gorda/Port Charlotte branch is the second annual AAUW Florida Named Gift Honoree.

Her branch was eligible to nominate a member for the honor because contributions from branch members and the branch itself to national AAUW Funds exceeded \$750.

Some 20 branches were eligible to nominate at least one person this year for recognition by AAUW Florida. The total contributed to national AAUW Funds from members and branches in Florida was \$62,749.

Brox has served AAUW since 1986 and has contributed at every level. As branch president, she revitalized the branch and doubled the membership. She also chaired the first Tech Trek committee in her branch and continues to inspire contributions to the AAUW Florida Supporting Foundation.

She has participated in several AAUW Florida committees, most recently as a member of the nominating committee.

The following members were recognized by their

branches as AAUW Florida Branch Named Gift recipients:

- Ellen O'Shaughnessy, Daytona Beach
- Evelyn Rooks-Weir, Gainesville
- Nancy C. Beights, Greater Naples
- Judith MacGregor, Greater Naples
- Glenda Struthers, Greater Naples
- Lanetta Warrenburg, Greater Naples
- Rita Burrows, Lake Sumter
- Diane Jacobson, Lake Sumter
- Joan Krick, Lake Sumter
- Carol MacDonald, Northern Palm Beach County
- Jocelyn Duprez, Orlando/Winter Park
- Linda Fessel, Orlando/Winter Park
- Barbara Joan Zeitz, Orlando/Winter Park
- Carolyn Brox, Punta Gorda/Port Charlotte
- Ora Jean Henry, Sarasota
- Audrey Laue, Sarasota
- Mary Muller, Sarasota
- Joan Nasser, Sarasota
- Susan Farstrup
- Carol Newnam, Venice
- Kathleen Pickering, Venice
- Marcia Seman, Venice



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