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# University Woman Texas!

## Greetings!

By Lynn Smith

With great enthusiasm, I want to invite and encourage all of our AAUW Texas members to attend the 42<sup>nd</sup> Biennial State Convention to be held May 19-21, 2006.

*Living the Mission* is our convention theme, and how appropriate that we are having it in San Antonio, the charming city that captures the true spirit of Texas.

AAUW "mission-based" workshops will give members knowledge and tools to take back to their branches. Women leaders will share their expertise and experiences in Public Education, Advocacy, Leadership, Marketing, Public Policy, and Mentoring in these exciting workshops.

### Speakers and Events

On Friday evening at the opening session, we are honored to have Lynn Hickey, Athletic Director at UTSA. Lynn is serving as only the fourth Athletic Director in UTSA history, which is one of the newest NCAA Division 1 universities in the country.

On Saturday morning, C. Lynn McNair, AAUW Director of Development will speak in the morning.

At the Educational Foundation Luncheon, we are pleased to have Mary Ellen Smyth, past Educational Foundation president, joining us.

Saturday afternoon, we will have Pat Castillo, Executive Director and co-founder of the P.E.A.C.E. (Putting an End to Abuse through Community Efforts) Initiative in San Antonio. She has worked as a grassroots community organizer and advocate around neighborhood issues, domestic violence, women in prison, and the children and victim services.

On Sunday morning at AAUW's 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Breakfast, we are privileged to have Chief Justice Alma López of the Fourth Court of Appeals. She is the first Hispanic female to hold such a high position. She will speak to us about breaking the "glass ceiling".

Saturday evening, the Legal Advocacy Fund Dinner will be held on riverboats allowing you to enjoy the River walk and Mexican cuisine.

Read more about our featured speakers beginning on page 7. This is truly an exciting group of women.

### Workshops

Twelve workshops will be presented in three sessions. We will explore different opportunities and challenges facing women with topics such as: Marketing Your Branch, Community Action Projects, "Drawing the Line" (the new EF research of sexual harassment), Public Support for Public Education, Uncovering the Truth in Political Rhetoric.

Please join us in San Antonio as we experience *Living the Mission*.

# Convention at a Glance

## Friday, May 19, 2006

9:00 a.m. AAUW Texas Board Meeting

12:00 noon Registration opens

1:00 p.m. Pre-Convention Tours: Mission Tour or Downtown Tour

*Dinner on your own.*  
(Restaurant list available at the Registration Desk.)

5:15 p.m. Bylaws and Restructuring Briefing.

5:30 p.m. AAUW Texas Past President's Dinner

7:30 p.m. First Business Meeting  
Keynote Address: Lynn Hickey, University of Texas at San Antonio, Director of Athletics

9:30 p.m. Meet the Candidates Rooftop Reception

### ***Hotel Information***

The St. Anthony  
300 East Travis  
San Antonio, Texas 78205  
(210) 227-4392  
(866) 854-1639 (reservations)

Deadline for Convention Rate of \$99.00 single or double is April 26, 2006.

NOTE: The convention rate does **not** include the 16.75 percent hotel tax.

## Saturday, May 20, 2006

*Breakfast on Your Own*

8:00 a.m. Registration opens

8:30 a.m. Second Business Meeting  
Keynote Address: C. Lynn McNair, Director of Development

10:15 a.m. Workshops "A"

- Success in Small Branch Membership
- Mission in Action
- Plight of Women, Domestically and Internationally
- Drawing the Line

11:30 a.m. Educational Foundation Luncheon. Speaker: Mary Ellen Smyth, Past Educational Foundation President

1:30 p.m. Voting

1:45 p.m. Workshops "B"

- Mentoring the AAUW Way
- Transitions -- Community Colleges as a Gateway to Women's Education
- Uncovering the Truth in Political Rhetoric
- All You Wanted to Know about AAUW

3:15 p.m. Third Business Meeting  
Featured Speaker: Patricia Castillo, executive director of PEACE

5:30 p.m. Legal Advocacy Dinner

8:00 p.m. District Meetings and Elections

10:30 p.m. President's Hospitality

## Sunday, May 21, 2006

8:45 a.m. Workshops "C"

- AAUW – Your Community's Best-Kept Secret
- Branch President's Briefing
- Public Support for Public Education
- EF Challenges – Reaching Your Fundraising Goals

10:30 a.m. Birthday Breakfast & Closing Session  
Featured Speaker: Chief Justice Alma López, Fourth Court of Appeals

12:30 p.m. Adjourn



### ***Convention Forms at a Glance***

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## Board Meeting Highlights

By Cindy Scott

The 2004-2006 AAUW Texas Board of Directors held its fifth meeting in San Antonio on November 11-13, 2005.

### Items of Interest

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- **Notable Women of Polk County, Texas, a history of East Texas women** has been written and published by members of the Polk County Branch under the direction of Dr. LaWanna L. Blount, Ph.D., with the forward written by AAUW Texas President Pat Ross. The 172-page book may be purchased for \$25.
- **The Southwest Central Regional Conference** will be held June 9-11, 2006 in St. Louis Missouri at the St. Louis Frontenac Hotel.
- **A branch organizational meeting** will be held at Texas A&M University in early December under the leadership of Pat Ross and Linda Conger.
- Branch archive items, such as minutes, directories, programs, and appropriately labeled photographs, may be sent to Texas Woman's University in Denton. Pre-1992 documents should be sent as soon as possible.

### Motions

The Board of Directors voted:

- To allow the president to call a special meeting of those board members involved in convention planning in February.
- To accept the nominations of the convention elections committee to include: Dianne Sharr, chair (North Harris County), Celina Fennel

(Abilene Branch), and Robin Moore (Nacogdoches Branch).

- To spend \$1,200 to fund the cataloging of AAW Texas records at Texas Women's University in Denton, Texas.
- To accept the report of the Restructuring Taskforce and proposed district boundaries.
- To propose that the convention delegates adopt the Association Public Policy Program 2005-2007 as the Texas Public Policy Program for 2006-2008.

## What are the Dues for 2006-2007?

By Loyce Coltenback

At the 2003 Association Convention held in Providence, Rhode Island, the delegates approved a dues increase of \$2 per year and a review of this new process at the 2009 Association Convention.

Because of this automatic annual increase, Association dues for 2006-2007 will be \$45; AAUW Texas dues will remain at \$10. Branches should collect a total of \$55 in addition to the branch dues.

Dues for 2005-2006 will continue to be received through March 15, 2006; thereafter the 2006-2007 rates will apply. New members joining after March 15, 2006 will pay a full-year's dues that will be renewed July 1, 2007.

*Tell Us About Your Branch  
Visibility!*

Been in the paper or on TV? Have a great brochure or flyer? We'd like to hear about it and share your success stories with others.

Please send examples no later than April 1, 2006 to :  
Pat Ross  
4218 St. Ives  
Sugar Land, Texas 77479  
Or by email to: [paross@aol.com](mailto:paross@aol.com)

## Preservation Opportunity

By Nancy Myers

As AAUW Texas approaches 2008, the 100th anniversary of the first branches in the state, we are updating the archival records stored in the library of Texas Woman's University in Denton.

Over the years much material has accumulated there, but it has never been fully catalogued. Now a graduate student is devoting many hours to sorting, cataloging and cross-referencing pertinent information. This will be a valuable source of research material for anyone delving into the history of AAUW and/or the history of women in Texas, so we are anxious to see the goal realized.

The materials needed for the state records are State Board meeting minutes, lists of State Board members, state newsletters, convention programs, conference programs, rosters of state members or state branches, if any, and brief write-ups of special events. If you feel you have any pertinent materials please contact Nancy Myers, State Historian, 6805 Rain Creek Pkwy., Austin 78759; telephone (512) 338-4335 or e-mail: [ganvmyers@EV1.net](mailto:ganvmyers@EV1.net)

Or, you may contact the archivist directly: Dawn Letson, Woman's Collection, Texas Woman's University, P.O. Box 425528, Denton, TX 76204-5528, tele. (940) 898-3754, FAX (940) 898-3745 or e-mail: [dletson@mail.twu.edu](mailto:dletson@mail.twu.edu)

Our state organization has been attempting to get histories from each of the branches so please get out all those stored items and make them available to the branch or state historian. If a branch needs archival space, material may be sent to Denton as well, but clearly identify it as branch, not state items. Thank you for your cooperation!

# Are You “UP” on Your Elevator Speech?

by Judy Brownlie

Have you ever found yourself flustered when someone asks, “What is AAUW?” AAUW is so many wonderful things, it’s often difficult to encapsulate an explanation if you are unprepared and unrehearsed. Each of us needs to have our own supply of elevator speeches—that 30-second introduction to AAUW that will peak the interest of a potential member.

### Some Examples to Get You Started

An effective elevator speech is sincere and sounds natural. The first example is a general one and the second is one that could be used with someone who is interested supporting higher education.

- AAUW is a national organization founded in 1881 to encourage women to pursue higher education. It continues to do that today by fostering education and equity for women and girls and has one of the largest educational foundations for women in the world.
- AAUW is a nationwide organization that has a long history of giving support to women and girls. For example, in 1920 AAUW members gave Marie Curie over \$150,000 for 1 gram of radium. And, a Judith Resnik American Fellowship was established as a memorial to astronaut Judith Resnik who was herself a 1975 AAUW Educational Foundation Fellow.

### Creating Your Elevator Speech

Putting together your own set of speeches is an easy process.

- Consider specific circumstances when you might be asked about AAUW, such as at a lobby day, career day, health fair, university event, etc. Draw a relationship between this event and AAUW. It’s also a good idea to have a gen-

eral speech ready that works for any occasion.

- Remember to address the specific interest of the person or group you are talking to. Is her/his/their hot button public policy, education, community action? If you do not know, think about what drew you to AAUW and why you stay involved. Include Association, state, as well as branch action that would encourage the inquirer to join.
- Keep it short. An elevator speech should take no longer than it takes to travel a few floors on an elevator – 30 seconds, no more than 90 words.
- Keep it positive and maintain eye contact.
- Practice, practice, practice. Your speech should contain information that is interesting to you and easy for you to remember, but don’t wait until you receive an inquiry to figure out what that is.
- Never miss an opportunity to follow through. End by offering a brochure (the one that should always be in your purse or pocket), an AAUW business card, or ask for contact data so you can send more information.

### But what do I say?

Finding the tidbit of information to build your speech around is usually something you already know about AAUW. Your speech might include:

- Describing your branch involvement in the community such as EYH, Sister-to-Sister, Education Go Get It, or Voter Registration projects.
- The AAUW Educational Foundation gives more than \$3.3 million annually to fellowships, grants, and awards.
- AAUW supports the enforcement of Title IX to protect equity in education and athletics.
- AAUW has a public policy that supports legislation, such as the Higher Education Act reauthoriza-

tion and the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) reauthorization, that benefits women and girls.

- AAUW’s Educational Foundation has produced research reports that cover areas such as sex discrimination in academia, girls and technology, women learning online, bullying in our schools, and gaps in earnings, just to name a few.
- The AAUW Educational Foundation has funded thousands of scholars like Jenny Bramley who later invented the cathode ray tube for TV and Judith Resnik who became the 2nd US woman in space.
- AAUW supported the formation of the United Nations and maintains permanent observer status.

Sometimes we feel stumped to come up with these tidbits on demand. So look around the Texas and Association websites ([www.aauwtexas.org](http://www.aauwtexas.org) and [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)) for current information and AAUW’s history. Your branch and state newsletters are another source of ideas.

## Texas Impact Grant

By Georgia Kidwell

An educated electorate should be able to discern the truth in political rhetoric. Many citizens rely on sound bites and quick answers rather than researching all sides of an issue.

Television, radio, and the Internet can have a tremendous effect on voters. They can provide valuable information, but can also be sources of misinformation.

AAUW Texas has received an AAUW Public Policy Impact Grant to help educate our members and others on how to look at political advertising to weed out the misinformation and biased information and on how to check the facts and to find sources of reliable information.

Join us for a workshop at the state convention to learn how you can help educate yourself and others on issues and candidates.

## Regional Director's Message

By Shirley Breeze, SWC

With the winter season upon us, AAUW activities are in full swing. AAUW is alive and prospering. With our new membership bylaw and the wonderful membership recruitment efforts of Christy Jones, membership director, we are sure to see an even greater increase in hard working, dedicated members who support equity for women.

Ruth Sweetser, our newly elected Association president, will keynote the Regional Conference in St. Louis on June 9-11, 2006. It certainly is not too early to think about attending and encouraging other members to make plans to attend. We hope all states and branches have this exciting meeting on their calendars. One Kansas City member calls it the Association convention without the bylaws! Several fantastic activities are in the planning stages. There will be two official meal functions, plus sessions on public policy, leadership, membership and a variety of other enlightening topics. If you or a member of your branch is interested in helping with this event, let me know. We have "challenging jobs" for everyone.

The conference hotel is very easy to access, right off two major interstates, and a short distance from the airport. Fabulous shopping, including Sak's Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus, and restaurants are within walking distance.

Why not plan a family vacation around the Regional! Missouri has wonderful vacation destinations including the Lake of the Ozarks, with all its boating and recreational

venues. Branson also is an exciting place for family fun; it has dozens of stage shows year-round.

We especially encourage young women to attend the conference. Although still in the planning stages, we anticipate some special activities for them at special rates. It would be a wonderful commitment to AAUW if each branch would sponsor one young woman to attend.

- The states in the Region have some exciting events and activities: Arkansas has President Ruth Sweetser and Senator Blanche Lincoln coming to its convention in April;
- Missouri has been chosen to host the 2009 National Convention;
- Oklahoma was awarded one of the first Leader to Leader grants with Betty Bayless, Director, coming to the state as the Leader; and
- Texas was chosen, because of its Impact Grant, to host AAUW's Lisa Maatz, public policy director, at the 2005 Leadership Conference.

In my travels around the region, I am frequently asked if AAUW is in a positive mode. To that I say an emphatic "yes." With a modest growth in membership, a vibrant public policy and programming emphasis, professional, competent and enthusiastic leadership, recognition by media for our educated, timely responses to actions on Capitol Hill and in the White House, and our committed, capable local and state leaders, we are certainly an association on the move!!

### 125 Years--A Legacy of Leadership

**Editor's Note: Find more information on the Regional Conference beginning on page 27.**

## Sylvia Newman Giving Circle

By Veronica Johnson

Because of your generous donations, we are close to reaching our \$25,000 goal and completing our Sylvia Newman Giving Circle.

If you do not have your "quilt pin" yet, just send your \$100 check made out to the Legal Advocacy Fund, with Fund #3095 in the memo area to Veronica Johnson, 7600 Cat Tail Cove, Austin, Texas 78750.

Your pin will be in the mail within days and your branch will receive the credit for your contribution to LAF.

For this year, we ask that our Texas members and branches designate the Sylvia Newman Giving Circle or just write Fund #3095 on all contributions to LAF.

This is a special way to pool our contributions to make a greater impact.

Sylvia would be so proud of the generous support her Giving Circle has received.

## Don't Forget Those Forms!

Many branches are electing their officers this spring. By June 1, please send in your branch officer reports.

These reports are the only way that Association and AAUW Texas know who your new officers are. If your officer list is not complete, please send in what you know by the June 1 deadline. This way your incoming officers will get the information, they need to start the year off.

# Do You Live the Mission?

By Patricia Ross

Living the Mission—the theme of the 42nd Biennial AAUW Texas State Convention—is a reminder to think about how we, as AAUW members, and our branches incorporate the AAUW mission into our lives.

**Mission:** AAUW promotes education and equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.

### Education and Equity

Promoting education and equity for all women and girls is likely the most visible way AAUW members and branches are living the mission.

The Expanding Your Horizons programs, the Sister-to-Sister programs, the support of scholarships and fellowships for women, the funding of the Educational Foundation’s research and the Legal Advocacy Fund’s support of women facing discrimination are just a few of the visible ways we are living the mission. Convention will provide an opportunity to celebrate branch success in promoting education and equity, and to learn about new opportunities to put this part of the mission in action.

### Lifelong Education

AAUW provides ample opportunities to promote and participate in lifelong education opportunities. From branch interest or study groups to branch programs and projects to state or Association conferences and conventions, we have many opportunities to experience new things or look at something from a different point of view.

For many members the lifelong education that AAUW offers is “on-the-job” training. I cannot think of an AAUW job I took on where I did not learn something or refine my skills in the process. On-the-job experiences also give us the opportunity to net-

work with other women and to be mentored or be a mentor to others. This is one way we live the mission regularly.

Attending our state convention as another opportunity to live the mission by taking advantage of the educational opportunities offered in the workshops and by the keynote speakers.

If you think about these offerings from several points of view, I think you will find it hard to decide which workshop to choose. First ask, “What can I learn to help my branch?” Which workshops are offered that can give us some new ideas, help us solve a problem, or find a partner for a project?

Second ask, “What can I learn that is transferable to the other roles I have outside of AAUW?” Most AAUW members are active in organizations other than AAUW – their workplace, other volunteer organizations, their schools, or their churches. Many of these organizations face similar problems such as how to increase membership or get visibility in their community.

Third ask, “What can I learn that will enrich me personally?” Sometimes we get so wrapped up in our daily routines we forget to step back and look at the bigger picture, to renew our mind and our spirit, and to use that insight to strengthen us.

### Positive Societal Change

AAUW also provides opportunities for us to promote positive societal change. Promoting positive societal change is not solely public policy,

but a dynamic public policy effort is one way AAUW lives the mission.

In an election year, promoting positive societal change often focuses on our branches’ work to Get Out the Vote. Working to register voters or participating in candidate forums show our commitment to and enthusiasm for the right to vote and the power it has to change our society.

While the March primaries will be behind us and the November general election several months away, AAUW’s elections will take place at our state convention in San Antonio.

Your branch members will be selecting delegates to attend the convention. These delegates will be electing the state officers and district directors that represent you and your branch. The delegates will also be voting on the state’s public policy statement and bylaws changes.


I want encourage and challenge you to Get Out the Vote and send your full number of delegates to the convention.

Take the time to consider attending the convention as a delegate. Please help your delegates learn about the candidates and issues they will be voting on by discussing the proposed public policy and bylaws changes at your branch and board meetings.

Delegates represent you and your branch, but they cannot be instructed on how to vote. While the delegates come to the convention informed about the candidates, issues and the view point of their branches, they will learn more at the convention through briefings, discussions with other delegates, and through debate at the business meetings. Delegates should use all of this information in deciding on how to cast their vote.

### Living the Mission

Convention is an opportunity to learn, to celebrate our successes, to plan for the future, and to set a new course for AAUW Texas. I hope you will join us for the weekend in San Antonio and take advantage of living the mission!



**Living the Mission**  
AAUW Texas’

42<sup>nd</sup> Biennial State Convention  
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## Keynote and Featured Speakers



### Lynn Hickey

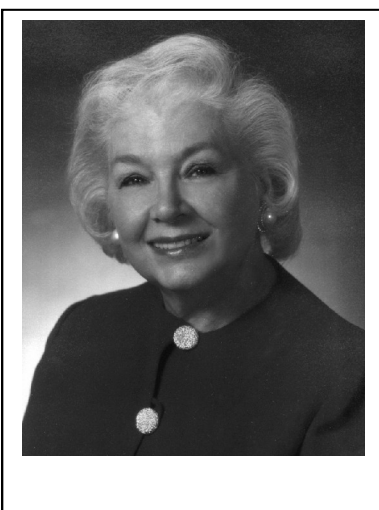
Lynn Hickey is serving as the fourth athletic director in University of Texas at San Antonio history, assumed the lead athletic role at one of the youngest NCAA Division 1 universities in the country; UTSA began athletic competition in 1981. Under Hickey's direction over the last five years, UTSA has claimed a Southland Conference all-sports championship while consistently winning both team and individual awards in all 14 sports sponsored by UTSA. Hickey has made student-athlete welfare one of her top priorities as she continues to work to bring the UTSA Athletic Department to the upper echelon of NCAA Division 1 standings.

Hickey has lead the charge for UTSA and its hosting of numerous prestigious NCAA Championship events. UTSA has served as host institution for 2004 Men's Final Four and the 2002 Women's Final four, as well as the 2001 NCAA Men's Basketball Midwest Regional and the

2003 Men's Basketball South Regional.

When the calendar is turned to 2010, UTSA will have hosted 11 NCAA Championship events over a 13-year member of the NCAA's Basketball Rules Committee.

Hickey was selected by The American Association of University Women (San Antonio Branch in 1999) as the first recipient of the organization to receive the "Breaking the Glass Ceiling" award. AAUW was pleased to recognize Lynn's many firsts--the first woman athletic director of a public university in Texas, the first woman athletic director for the University in San Antonio and the first woman athletic director in the Southland Conference.



### Mary Ellen Smyth

A thirty-year active member of AAUW, Mary Ellen has served as the Development Vice President, as secretary, and has recently served two terms as President of the AAUW Educational Foundation. In Illinois, she served as a branch president,

several terms on the state board of directors, as the Illinois state president, and chaired the Illinois 75th Anniversary Celebration in 1997-99. Mary Ellen was a member of the first AAUW/League of Women Voters delegation to the People's Republic of China, has attended IFUW conferences in California, Japan, Canada and Australia and is a member of the Virginia Gildersleeve Fund.

She is a native of Wyoming who has made her home in Illinois for more than three decades. She has had a distinguished career as an educator, serving on the faculties of the University of Wyoming and The Pennsylvania State University as well as a teacher in secondary schools in Colorado, Wyoming and Illinois.

Today, she is the owner of The Smyth Organization, a medical practice management services company with consulting services in communication and staff and leadership development for both health care professionals and organizations.

Mary Ellen holds a BA in English and Speech/Theatre and an MA in Theatre from the University of Wyoming. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi and is listed in Who's Who of America, Who's Who of American Women and Who's Who in the Midwest

## Keynote and Featured Speakers

### Chief Justice Alma



### López

Justice Alma López currently sits at the Chief Justice of the 4th Court of Appeals in Bexar County, which hears cases from a 32 county area. She was raised and educated in San Antonio, Texas.

Justice López was appointed to the Fourth Court by Governor Ann Richards in October 1993, becoming the first Hispanic woman to serve on the Fourth Court of Appeals. She was elected to a full term of six (6) years on November 8, 1994, taking office on January 1, 1995.

She was re-elected to a second term in November 2000; then in 2002 was elected as Chief Justice of the Fourth Court of Appeals becoming the first Hispanic woman to serve as Chief Justice of that court, in the State of Texas and in the United States.

In 2005 with the appointment of Justice Rebecca Simmons, Chief Justice López became the chief justice of an all female court. This is another first for her and the first all

female court in Texas and the United States.

Chief Justice López graduated from St. Mary's University with a B.B.A. in 1965 and from St. Mary's Law School with a J.D. in 1968. Justice López practiced law for 25 years, 20 of those as a sole practitioner prior to being appointed to the Court.



### Patricia Castillo

Patricia Castillo has spent 25 years advocating for women and child who are victims of violence. She is the co-founder and executive director of the PEACE initiative. PEACE, Putting an End to Abuse through Community Efforts, is a grassroots coalition of 48 community agencies which united to work to end family violence in San Antonio. Addressing family violence is multi-faceted, requiring attention to policy development, attitudes, investment, community involvement, enforcement, accountability for batterers, education and awareness for people of all professions and walks of life.

As co-founder of PEACE, Ms. Castillo works with coalition members on education, awareness and activ-

ism. She is the current president of the Association of Mexican American Social Workers. She received the 2004 Santa Maria Social Justice Award from St. Mary's University Law School. She was named the Woman's Advocate of the Year by the University of Texas at San Antonio-Women's Studies Institute. She is a 2005 inductee in to the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame in the area of civic leadership.

### C. Lynn McNair

C. Lynn McNair was appointed the AAUW Director of Development in December 2001. She works closely with the Executive Director and each corporation, including the Association, the Educational Foundation, the Legal Advocacy Fund, and the Leadership and Training Institute to identify and raise support for the organization's programs.

McNair joined the organization with 18 years of development experience in non-profit organizations including Youth for Understanding International Exchange, the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, and the National Governors Association.

While at the National Governors Association, McNair created a corporate governing board for NGA's private sector program and coordinated an endowment campaign that successfully raised more than \$2.6 million for NGA's Center for Best Practices. Her other areas of expertise include program development, financial management, public policy, corporate and foundation fundraising, and government relations.

McNair graduated cum laude from Upsala College in East Orange, New Jersey. She holds a Masters degree in international affairs from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University.



## Convention Business

At each state convention, delegates shape the direction of AAUW Texas. Delegates will elect officers, adopt our public policy, vote on proposals to change the bylaws, and elect state and district officers. The next few pages present information on candidates, public policy and bylaws changes delegates will consider.

If you are attending the convention, you will hear more about these items when you arrive. If you are not attending the convention, please take a few minutes to look at these items and let your branch delegates know your preferences. While delegates are not to be instructed to vote a particular way, it is beneficial to them to know their branch members' opinions.

## Convention Delegates

By Loyce Collenback

Your branch's total membership number as of February 1, 2006 is used to determine the number of certified delegates your branch may send to the AAUW Texas state convention.

Within the AAUW Texas Bylaws, specifically, Article XIV, Section 2b, the following requirement appears on voting representation:

"Each branch shall have three votes and, in addition, there may be one vote for every ten members of the Association above the first ten or major fraction thereof,...Each branch shall apportion its votes among the elected delegates."

Branch dues received by the state treasurer by February 1, 2006 are used to determine the branches' full membership numbers.

Student affiliates are heartily encouraged to attend the state convention although they do not count as branch members for delegate allocation, nor can they serve as branch delegates. However, student affiliates do count along with dual members of your branch, as part of the branch membership totals used in various Association and AAUW Texas membership programs. This membership total is also used for Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund per capita calculations.

Branch presidents should have received a packet of materials in February regarding convention and branch delegates. The packet includes the branch membership and the number of voting delegates the branch can send to convention.

A form that needs to be returned to the AAUW Texas Treasurer is also in the packet. Please return the form by the stated deadline.

If your branch president has not received this packet, please contact Loyce Collenback at (210) 344-0929.

## Proposed Slate of Officers

By Pat Clendenin

As chair of the AAUW Texas 2004-2006 Nominating Committee, it is my pleasure to present the following board-approved slate of nominees for office in the 2006-2008 biennium.

- President: **Linda Conger**, Austin and Tarrant County branches.
- Program Vice President: **Harriett Dorgan**, El Paso Branch, and **Lane Powell**, Lubbock Branch.
- Membership Vice President: **Priscilla Mowinkle**, Farmers Branch-Carrollton Branch

- Educational Foundation Vice President: **Mary Duboise**, Tarrant County Branch
- Legal Advocacy Fund Vice President: **Marietta Hostak**, West Harris County Branch
- Treasurer: **Margaret Bentley**, Southwest Dallas County Branch
- Secretary: **Christi Mock**, Greenville Branch, and **Liz Stepp**, Tarrant County Branch

This biennium the nominating committee was pleased to be able to present multiple candidates for the offices of program vice president and secretary. The nominating committee is charged with reviewing nominee qualifications for the seven statewide elected offices. The committee does not participate in the district director nomination process.

The nominating committee consisted of Pat Clendenin, chair, and the seven district directors: Priscilla Mowinkel, North Texas Metroplex East; Georgia Kidwell, North Texas Metroplex West; Nancy Myers, Central Texas; Lane Powell, Northwest Texas; Harriett Dorgan, West Texas; Marilyn Nail, East Texas, and Judy Brownlie, Greater Houston.

In addition to the nominees presented, the AAUW Texas bylaws allow that nominations may be made from the floor of the state convention provided that the written consent of the nominee has been obtained.

To familiarize the membership with the nominees, photographs and each nominee's 200-word statement are included in the following pages of this issue. AAUW Texas policies and procedures require the nominee's statements to be printed as they were submitted. However, if a nominee's statement exceeded the 200-word limit, the first 200 words were printed.



**Nominee for President  
Linda Conger  
Austin & Tarrant County Branches**

**Goals:**

I love AAUW and its mission. As president, my goals are to improve AAUW's name recognition in Texas; to serve AAUW TX branches as needed to put AAUW's mission into action; and to promote two-way communication between the AAUW TX Board and branch leaders.

**Qualifications, AAUW Experience**

In addition to a BBA and an MBA, I have strong management, marketing, communication, and organizational skills which will enable me to work with the AAUW TX Board and the branches effectively. Also, I've worked with volunteers for years within AAUW and several other organizations, and I understand the importance of enthusiasm in leading a successful organization.

I joined AAUW in 1974 and am a life member. I'm a dual member of the Austin and Tarrant County branches, and am currently serving my second term as AAUW TX Membership Vice President. At the Association level, I served on a nine-member membership committee and I've conducted workshops at the past two Association Conventions. I've served as branch president a total of

4 years, have been a delegate to state and association conventions, and have served on the Local Arrangements Committee for an Association Convention and a Regional Conference.



**Nominee for Program Vice President  
Harriett Dorgan  
El Paso Branch**

"Your mighty purpose is your lifetime." Let AAUW be a part of it. My goal is to represent you in pursuing a responsible search for program possibilities that will benefit you and the organization. What helps women and girls helps the family. There are ideas worth pursuing from every branch and individual in the state. Let's throw our minds "out there where we visualize our goal so well that we are never out of touch with it."

To do this we, need to identify resources, imagine, dialogue, create and commit to pursuing a better life for all. We need to create a caring, respectful, collaborative relationship among members and branches. My skill would be the optimism and belief that together we can make a difference.

I joined AAUW in 1990 and was elected president in 1995 and 2004. I have worked at all levels of AAUW. 200 words or less does not allow me to include what I have done. It was a great experience working on the convention held in El Paso. Donating decorations for the convention and fourteen years for the branch gave me the creative experience and inventory to open a store this year. I refurbished it [200]



**Nominee for Program Vice President  
Lane Powell  
Lubbock Branch**

**Goals:**

To encourage each Texas branch to engage their members in a program, whether large or small, to support issues of education and equity in their community; to choose a Program Development Committee that is representative of diversity: both in age and cultural background, so that we might plan programs that meet the needs of a broad range of ages and interests; to work closely with other officers to carry out the program goals of the state and national strategic plans in the biennial conference program and on a local level.

**Experience:**

I joined the Lubbock branch of AAUW in 1999 and served as program chair (2000-2002) and as branch president (2002-2004). In the local branch I am currently chairing a committee to replicate the UTEP Mother-Daughter program in our community. Since July, 2005, I have also served as District Director for Northwest Texas. We are planning our first District-level officer training this spring.



**Nominee for Membership Vice President**  
**Priscilla Mowinkle**  
**Farmers Branch-Carrolton Branch**

**Goal:**

Without adequate membership AAUW’s mission can’t successfully advance; therefore, my objective is to grow our current membership numbers by recruiting new members and develop new branches. The present climate in which AAUW finds itself on the national, state, and local level, demands that we “think outside of the box.” It is my strong conviction that we need to develop alternative organizational structures for both old and new branches so that they can meet the needs of the diverse potential population now eligible for membership in AAUW.

**Qualifications:**

I have a passion for AAUW’s mission plus a strong belief in the need to provide direct and active open lines of communication between the branches, the state and Association I also entertain a deep conviction that the future strength of AAUW lies in the constructing of coalitions with other groups that share the same goals and missions of AAUW Texas.

**AAUW and Other Experience:**

I am presently serving as North Texas Metroplex District Director (East) and served as a Leadership Conference Co-coordinator. Locally, I am serving as North Texas Metroplex Interbranch Chair. President, VP Membership, VP Program and President of the CFAAUW foundation are branch offices that I have held. I [200]



**Nominee for Educational Foundation Vice President**  
**Mary DuBoise**  
**Tarrant County Branch**

**Goals**

I will continue to communicate with branches and members about the outstanding things that the EF does including research on women's issues, fellowships, and grants. I will continue to communicate with the branch EF-VPs about the correct way to get money to Association, how to honor branch members with named gifts, and answer any questions from the branches. I will continue to seek to increase the amount of money given by individual branches and the state as a whole.

**Qualifications and AAUW Experience**

I am a lifetime member of AAUW and have participated in AAUW for more than 20 years. Currently, I

serve as the EF-VP for Texas. The two years of service on the state board was my first and I have learned a great deal about AAUW at the State and Association level. I have served the Tarrant County Branch as newsletter editor, EF-VP, and president. I currently serve as co-chair of the Sister-to-Sister Summit for the same branch.

**Personal Information and Education**

I graduated from Oklahoma State University with a BS and from Amberton University with an MA in Human Relations and Business. Currently, I am a full time faculty member in the Business and Accounting [200]



**Nominee for Legal Advocacy Fund Vice President**  
**Marietta Hostak**  
**West Harris County Branch**

**Goals**

As the Legal Advocacy Fund vice-president it will be my goal to educate every branch about the importance of the Legal Advocacy Fund, encourage all branches to have a LAF liaison, motivate all branches to increase their LAF donations and to maintain accurate records.

**Previous AAUW Experience**

I became a member of AAUW in 1964 and have been a member of the

West Harris County Branch for 20+ years during which time I have held various positions including the Co-Chair for the Expanding Your Horizons Conferences 2000 and 2001, Branch President 2002-2004, and am currently the branch Legal Advocacy Fund liaison.

**Qualifications**

I will bring to this office team building experience, a knowledge of the Association and LAF programs, and the organizational skills needed to meet deadlines and maintain records.

**Personal Information**

My education consists of a BS in Microbiology from University of Illinois, a MS in Microbiology from the University of Wisconsin, and secondary education certification from St. Thomas University. My early career position was a research microbiologist in the pharmaceutical industry. Later I taught high school science and retired after 19 years from Elsik High School, Alief ISD, Houston, TX.



**Nominee for Treasurer  
Margaret Bentley  
Southwest Dallas County**

**Goals**

I will maintain or improve the financial health and stability of AAUW Texas by ensuring

compliance with all charitable tax laws, procedures and generally accepted accounting principles and practices. I will always be available by email and will respond within 48 hours or less to provide support and technical assistance to branch treasurers, EF/LAF chairs and membership VPs as needed.

**Qualifications, AAUW Experience**

Qualifications include managerial reporting, analysis, budgeting, auditing and communication of financial information; understanding of AAUW structure and program; consensus building.

AAUW Branch VP Programs 2001-2003; President 2003-2005; Interbranch Council Representative 2004-2006; attended Association Convention 2003 and various AAUW Leadership Conferences.

**Personal Information, Education**

Three years as COO/CFO/Risk manager of non-profit, Autism Treatment Centers of Texas; 15 years Principal/Director of Administration Lane Gorman Trubitt, LLP and Tannebaum Bindler, Inc Dallas CPA firms.

MBA organizational behavior, Southern Methodist University; BS psychology, New Mexico Highlands University, Continuing Education non-profit accounting.

Additional Board experience: VP and Treasurer, Autism Treatment Centers; Secretary, North Texas American Lung Association; Governor Bush's appointee Texas Physician Assistant Board; graduate Leadership Southwest 2004.

Professional certifications: Senior Professional Human Resources (SPHR) 1998, Society of Human Resource Professionals (SHRM); Certified Compensation Professional

(CCP) 2000 American Compensation Association.



**Nominee for Secretary  
Christi Mock  
Greenville Branch**

**Goals**

Attend all official functions. Keep orderly records of meetings and arrange timely distribution of same. Prepare other documents as needed. Attempt to help small branches feel they are participating in the overall association.

**Qualifications**

Good interpersonal skills. Detail oriented. Willingness to learn.

**AAUW Experience**

Over the past forty years, I have served in every position in my branch (President three times, secretary twice). I have also served as secretary to the North East Texas Metroplex Branch Council three of those years.

**Personal Information and Relevant Non-AAUW Experience**

Undergraduate degree in Library Science--Texas State College for Women (Now Texas Women's University), Masters Degree in Library Science --East Texas University (Now Texas A & M in Commerce), 20 varied graduate hours from assorted universities. Married, 3 grown children with

families. Lived in Texas, New Mexico, New Jersey, and Sumatra, Indonesia. Have served as secretary to several organizations including the local retired teachers association.



**Nominee for Secretary**  
**Liz Stepp**  
**Tarrant County Branch**

**Goals:**

My primary objective will be to fulfill the mission of the *AAUW State of Texas Secretary* position by utilizing my professional and personal skill set to complete the requirements of the Secretary job description.

**Qualifications:**

By nature and education, I tend to be detail and goal-oriented. I understand the importance of meeting deadlines, as well as adjusting for the unexpected. I use logic skills to advance causes that positively impact life quality for others using modern skill sets for communication, research and organization.

**Previous AAUW Experience:**

I have been a member of Tarrant County Branch since 2000, serving as Newsletter Editor since that time to current. I have also served on the local Nominating and Audit Committees, as well as am the

recipient of an EF Named Gift. I was nominated for Newcomer of the Year at the El Paso AAUW State Convention which I attended.

**Personal Information, Education, Relevant Non-AAUW Experience:**

I am employed by DeVry University as a Sr. Professor of Business Information Systems. I hold a Master's degree from Southern Methodist University, 1993, in Research/Interdiscipline. I have an Information Systems concentration from Keller Graduate School of Management, 2005, and an undergraduate degree in Accounting from University [200]

*Districts to Elect Representatives*

*By Judy Brownlie*

During our state convention branches will have the opportunity to meet as districts to elect new district representation to the AAUW Texas board of directors. Your district director provides support to the branches in the district and serves as their voice on the state board. Districts should begin NOW to encourage candidates to put their names forward for this position. Current district directors can provide information as to specific responsibilities to anyone interested in running.

A major restructuring of the state will be proposed at this convention. Carefully read the Restructuring Taskforce's report following this article to see what district your branch will fall into if this proposal is adopted and how many representatives your district would have.

If passed, some districts will have more than one district representative (1 per every 8 branches and major fraction thereof in the district) and

will want to be prepared with a sufficient number of candidates who can provide appropriate geographic representation and service.

*Restructuring Taskforce Report*

At the beginning of the 2004-2006 biennium, a Restructuring Taskforce was appointed by the president and charged with looking at the basic governing structure of the state and to make recommendations for improvement. Over the past 18months, the taskforce had two face-to-face meetings and numerous electronic meetings to develop its recommendations.

The taskforce looked at the changes that have been taking place in our state – declining membership; declining number of branches; increasing concentration of branches in major metropolitan areas; increasing use of technology by our members and potential members; decreasing cost of communications; and increasing costs of state operations.

The taskforce used the vision of AAUW Texas -- *AAUW Texas is a collection of dynamic branches with members recognized in their communities as effective leaders promoting education and equity* – to guide their recommendations.

The recommendations were presented and approved by the board of directors and will be presented to the delegates at the state convention in San Antonio for their consideration. The recommendations are divided into eight topics and to be implemented must be adopted as bylaws amendments. This article discusses the recommendations and

the proposed bylaws amendments begin on page 15.

**District Changes**

For a number of years, the district directors have served in three roles – first as a liaison between the board of directors of which they are members and their branches; second as an appointed officer or standing committee chair; and third as a member of the nominating committee. The state is currently divided into eight districts with each district having a different number of branches (ranging from two to eight, with total membership ranging from 91 to 526) and a different geographic size (all branches within the Houston metropolitan is one district and the area stretching from Abilene to El Paso is one district).

The taskforce recommends dividing the state into four larger geographic areas with boundaries such that no district contains less than 4 branches. District directors would become district representatives and each district would have one representative for every 8 branches. The taskforce recommends abolishing the requirement that the district directors hold a second position of the board. The district directors would serve on the membership committee and would continue to serve as members of the nominating committee. These changes should allow the district directors to focus on representing existing branches and to help develop new branches.

**Committees/Appointed Officers**

The use of standing committees usually is thought to be positive regardless of the committee’s duties. As technology and the vision of the organization have changed, some jobs are better handled by an individual or by an individual in

conjunction with their branch counterparts. The taskforce recommends reducing the number of standing committees and transferring these duties to other committees, elected or appointed officers. The committees on Branch Services and Leadership Development, College/University Relations, Educational Foundation, International Affairs, and Legal Advocacy Fund would be abolished.

The college/university relations function would be transferred to the membership committee. Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund duties would be transferred to the elected officers, who would work more closely with their branch counterparts. International affairs duties would be transferred to a newly created appointed international affairs officer. Branch Services and Leadership Development would be transferred partially to a newly created branch services officer and partially to the membership committee.

The taskforce recommended some minor changes to the elected officials. First, the president would be required to have served on the board of directors prior to being nominated for president. Second, the historian appointed officer would be abolished and those duties would be transferred to the secretary. Third, the treasurer would be renamed financial officer.

These changes should allow for better coordination of membership activities, more interaction with branch counterparts, and eliminate the overlap of duties between officers.

**Communications**

Changes in technology and our membership have affected the way

we expect AAUW Texas to communicate with its members, potential members, and the public. Having strong publications, web presence, public relations, and visibility are essential to supporting branches and members. Currently, the *UWT!* is the responsibility of the newsletter editor, the website is assigned to the web master, the branch leader publication and public relations are handled by the president, creating rigid boundaries and placing too much responsibility on the president.

The taskforce recommends creating a communications team, who are appointed, but are not members of the board. The team would take on the communication responsibilities, which would be divided among the members. A team approach would allow AAUW Texas to take advantage to the continually changing technology highway and improve efficiently while being fiscally responsible.

In preparation of the possibility of the convention delegates adopting these proposed changes, the board of directors had adopted district boundaries that divide the state into four large geographic districts. (See page 20.)

More information regarding the recommended changes and redistricting is available from the current District Directors and will be presented in depth at the state convention.

Questions may also be directed to Task Force Chair Jackie Littleton, 903-534-4677, or [jackielittleton@yahoo.com](mailto:jackielittleton@yahoo.com).

Branches, interbranch councils, or District Directors may also request an explanatory Power Point presentation by contacting Jackie.

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**Topic A: Change treasurer to financial officer**

Article VII. Officers	
<p><b>Section 1. Elected Officers.</b> The elected officers of the AAUW Texas shall be a president, vice presidents for program, membership, Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy Fund, a secretary, a treasurer, and . . .</p>	<p><b>Section 1. Elected Officers.</b> The elected officers of the AAUW Texas shall be a president, vice presidents for program, membership, Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy Fund, a secretary, a <b>financial officer</b>, and . . .</p>
<p><i><b>Rationale:</b> The duties of financial officer are more inclusive than those of treasurer and more clearly reflect the actual function of this office on the state board. (If this change is adopted, succeeding references to "treasurer" will automatically be changed to "financial officer.")</i></p>	

**Topic B: Qualifications for President**

Article VII. Officers	
<p><b>Section 3. Qualifications for Office.</b> All officers, elected or appointed, shall be members of the Association and AAUW Texas.</p>	<p><b>Section 3. Qualifications for Office.</b> All officers, elected or appointed, shall be members of the Association and AAUW Texas. <b>Candidates for president must have served on the AAUW Texas Board of Directors.</b></p>
<p><i><b>Rationale:</b> The office of president requires knowledge of state governance that is facilitated by previous service on the AAUW Texas Board of Directors.</i></p>	

**Topic C: Appointed Officers**

Article VII. Officers	
<p><b>Section 2. Appointed Officers.</b> The president shall appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, a historian and such other officers as shall be deemed desirable to carry on the work of the state. The duties and responsibilities of such officers shall be described in the Texas State Handbook and in the bylaws.</p>	<p><b>Section 2. Appointed Officers.</b> The president shall appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, <b>a branch services officer and an international affairs officer. The president may appoint any additional officers as long as their duties do not conflict with the duties of the elected officers.</b> The duties and responsibilities of such officers shall be described in the Texas State Handbook and in the bylaws.</p>
<p><i><b>Rationale:</b> Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised recommends that "every society should specify in its bylaws what officers it requires..."</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The duties of historian are being combined with the duties of secretary.</li> <li>• The president retains the privilege of appointing additional officers; this provision insures that appointed officer responsibilities do not conflict with those of elected officers.</li> </ul>	

**Topic D: Committees**

Article XII. Committees	
<p><b>Section 1. Standing Committees.</b> There shall be state standing committees on Branch Services and Leadership Development, Bylaws, College/University Relations, the Educational Foundation, Finance, International Affairs, Legal Advocacy Fund, Membership, Program Development, Public Policy, and such others as the state may authorize upon recommendation of the Board of Directors.</p>	<p><b>Section 1. Standing Committees.</b> There shall be state standing committees on Bylaws, Finance, Membership, Program, <b>and</b> Public Policy. <b>Excluding those committees chaired by an elected officer, the president shall appoint the chairs of standing committees with the consent of the Executive Committee.</b></p>
<p><i><b>Rationale:</b> Branch Services and College/University Relations will be more effective as functions of the Membership Committee. The Educational Foundation, International Affairs, and the Legal Advocacy Fund functions are more efficiently accomplished by an individual officer working with branch counterparts than by a committee.</i></p> <p><i>Rather than the Board, the consent of the Executive Committee is required, since, technically, the Board doesn't exist until these appointments are made. Although recommendations may be accepted, and would probably be welcome, it is the consent of the Executive Committee that is important.</i></p>	

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**Topic D: Committees -- continued**

(Insert new Section 2, renumbering subsequent sections)	<p><b>Section 2. Standing Committee Membership. Members of standing committees shall be specified in the Texas State Handbook.</b></p>
<p><i>Rationale: This section is added to clarify that these committees are intended to be working committees. The composition is contained in the handbook to allow for flexibility to meet the state's needs.</i></p>	
<p><b>Section 4.</b> With the approval of the board, each standing committee shall formulate programs to carry forward the work of the Association within the state. Each standing committee shall cooperate with the appropriate Association committee and committees in the branches to initiate and promote projects of statewide and national scope.</p>	<p><b>Section 4. Duties of Committees. As part of the AAUW Texas Strategic Plan,</b> each standing committee shall formulate programs to carry forward the work of the Association within the state. Each standing committee shall cooperate with the appropriate Association committee and committees in the branches to initiate and promote projects of statewide and national scope.</p>
<p><i>Rationale: The addition of this phrase documents the commitment of the state board to strategic planning.</i></p>	

**Topic E: Communications Team**

<b>Article XIV. Communications Team</b>	
(Insert new Article XIV, renumbering subsequent articles)	<p><b>Section 1. The Communications Team shall consist of not more than four members who are responsible for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) <b>the every member publication</b></li> <li>(b) <b>the branch leader publication</b></li> <li>(c) <b>the website, and</b></li> <li>(d) <b>public relations and visibility.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Section 2. The Communications Team members are appointed by the president with the approval of the Executive Committee.</b></p> <p><b>Section 3. The Communications Team shall be members of AAUW Texas, are not members of the Board of Directors, but may attend board meetings as required by the Board of Directors to carry out their duties.</b></p> <p><b>Section 4. Communications Team members attending Board meetings, as required by the Board of Directors, will be reimbursed under the same policies as Board members.</b></p>
<p><i>Rationale: Positions such as administrator, newsletter editor, and web master require highly specialized skills, as well as an intimate knowledge of the Association. Their duties do not include policy making or participation in Strategic Planning. Therefore, they do not have to be voting members of the Board nor do they have to be restricted to term limits. Because these functions are already being performed as "off board" (non-voting) positions, there will be no financial impact.</i></p>	

**Topic F: Meetings of AAUW Texas**

<b>ARTICLE XV. Meetings of AAUW Texas</b>	
<p><b>Section 1. Time, Place and Notification.</b> (Following subsection a. on State Conventions being held in even-numbered years, insert new subsection b. and renumber subsequent subsections)</p>	<p><b>Section 1. Time, Place and Notification.</b> a. <b>AAUW Texas shall hold a conference every odd-numbered year to provide training for branch and state leaders. The exact date, time, place, and registration fee shall be determined by the Board of Directors.</b></p>
<p><i>Rationale: Because many branch officers serve one-year terms, and because many districts are not providing training for new officers, annual state-wide training is necessary. Training is included in the state convention in even-numbered years. Because leadership training is already a budget item, there will be no additional financial impact from this change.</i></p>	



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Topic F: Meetings of AAUW Texas -- continued

<p><b>Section 2. Voting Body or Representation.</b>                  (Following subsection a. enumerating the voting body at the state convention, insert new subsection b. and renumber subsequent subsections)</p>	<p><b>Section 2. Voting Body or Representation.</b>  <b>b. <u>February 1 immediately prior to the state convention shall be the deadline for the AAUW Texas Financial Officer to have received dues payment for all branch members, members-at-large, and college/university representatives to determine the number of branches required for a quorum and the number of votes branches, members-at-large, and college/university representatives may cast.</u></b></p>
<p><b>Rationale:</b> This change to the bylaws incorporates the current practice of determining the number of branches needed for a quorum at the convention and the voting strength of the branches, members-at-large and college/university representatives based on paid members as of February 1 of the year of the convention. Members-at-large and college/university representatives must have paid their AAUW Texas dues in order to be included in the voting strength calculation.</p>	

Topic G: District Representative

Article VII. Officers	
<p><b>Section 1. Elected Officers.</b> The elected officers of the AAUW Texas shall be a president, vice presidents for program, membership, Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy Fund, a secretary, a financial officer and a district director from each geographical district within the state. The duties and responsibilities of such officers shall be described in the Texas State Handbook and in Article XIII of the bylaws.</p>	<p><b>Section 1. Elected Officers.</b> The elected officers of the AAUW Texas shall be a president, vice presidents for program, membership, Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy Fund, a secretary, a financial officer and <b><u>at least one representative</u></b> from each geographical district within the state. The duties and responsibilities of such officers shall be described in the Texas State Handbook and in Article XIII of the bylaws.</p>
<p><b>Rationale:</b> The change to "representative" more clearly reflects the actual function of the office. Adopting this change will change the title throughout the bylaws.                  Having "at least one representative" from each district allows districts with a large number of branches to have more than one representative without having to redraw district lines. The number of representatives allowed is specified in Article XIII. Section 2.                  The financial impact of this change will be determined by the number of representatives. At the present time, there would be one less district representative on the board.</p>	
ARTICLE IX. Nominations and Elections	
<p><b>Section 1. Nominating Committee.</b>                  c. Nominations from members for elected officers shall be submitted to the Nominating Committee in writing at least 180 days prior to the state convention. Members shall be notified of the Nominating Committee process in the every member publication.</p>	<p><b>Section 1. Nominating Committee.</b>                  c. Nominations for elected officers, <b><u>including district representatives</u></b>, shall be submitted to the Nominating Committee in writing at least 180 days prior to the state convention. Members shall be notified of the Nominating Committee process in the every member publication.</p>
<p><b>Rationale:</b> Nominations can be made by individuals, members, and branch boards; all of these entities are required to follow this process.                  Requiring district representatives to go through the nomination process would ensure the same examination of qualifications for these positions as for other elected officers. Although the district representatives would still be elected by district delegates to the convention, the entire membership would be made aware of their qualifications for office.                  There would be no financial impact to the state, other than nominal printing and mailing costs to additional nominees.</p>	

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**Topic G: District Representative**

<p><b>SECTION 2. Elections.</b> The names of the nominees for elected office shall be published and sent to every member in the call to convention. The elected officers of AAUW Texas shall be elected at the biennial state convention by the duly accredited delegates. Elections shall be by ballot when there is more than one nominee for an office; otherwise a voice vote shall suffice. In the event that there are three or more nominees for any office and no nominee receives a majority of the vote on the first ballot, a run-off shall be held between the two nominees who received the largest number of votes. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for election.</p>	<p><b>SECTION 2. Elections.</b> The names of the nominees for elected office shall be published and sent to every member in the call to convention. The elected officers of AAUW Texas shall be elected at the biennial state convention by the duly accredited delegates. <b><u>The process for electing district representatives is specified in Article XIII.</u></b> Elections shall be by ballot when there is more than one nominee for an office; otherwise a voice vote shall suffice. In the event that there are three or more nominees for any office and no nominee receives a majority of the vote on the first ballot, a run-off shall be held between the two nominees who received the largest number of votes. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for election.</p>
<p><i><b>Rationale:</b> Although the district representatives are elected by delegates to the state convention, they are elected only by delegates from their district. This process is described in more detail in the section on District Representatives, Article XIII.</i></p>	
<p><b>ARTICLE XIII. District Representatives</b></p>	
<p><b>Section 1. Election.</b> The state shall be divided into no fewer than seven geographical districts, the number and boundaries of which shall be determined by the state Board of Directors. . . . (Remaining portion of Section 1 becomes new Section 2 and describes how District Representatives will be elected at state convention.)</p>	<p><b>Section 1. Districts.</b> The state shall be divided into <b><u>at least four</u></b> geographical districts, the <b><u>total</u></b> number and boundaries of which shall be determined by the state Board of Directors <b><u>on the recommendation of the Branch Services Officer no later than March 31 in non-convention years. No district shall have fewer than four branches.</u></b></p>
<p><i><b>Rationale:</b> The division of the state into at least four geographical districts, with no district having fewer than four branches, will allow proportional representation. Emphasizing the geographical nature of the districts will mean that district representatives are responsible not only for existing branches, but for an entire geographic area where future branches and College/University members can be recruited. The date for establishing the total number and boundaries of the districts should be consistent with the date for sending the information regarding the nomination process to branch presidents and district representatives. Because the actual number of district representatives is not likely to change considerably, there will be little or no financial impact.</i></p>	
<p>. . . At the biennial state convention, delegates from each district shall meet, each group being chaired by a member of the state Board of Directors, to elect from that district a member who shall serve as district representative.</p>	<p><b>Section 2. Election. Each district shall be entitled to one representative for each eight branches or fraction thereof.</b> At the biennial state convention, delegates from each district shall meet, each group being chaired by a member of the state Board of Directors, to elect from that district a member <b><u>or members</u></b> who shall serve as district representative<b><u>(s)</u></b>.</p>
<p><i><b>Rationale:</b> Mandating the minimum size and proportional representation for districts will make the relative board representation and work load more equitable.</i></p>	
<p><b>Section 3. Duties.</b> It shall be the duty of the district representatives to serve as liaison between the state Board of Directors and the branches and branch leaders within each district and to serve on the Nominating Committee.</p>	<p><b>Section 3. Duties.</b> It shall be the duty of the district representatives to serve as liaison between the state Board of Directors and the branches and branch leaders within each district and to serve on the <b><u>Membership and Nominating committees.</u></b></p>
<p><i><b>Rationale:</b> The function of the district representatives as branch liaisons makes their participation on the membership committee a logical extension of their duties.</i></p>	

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Topic H: Board of Directors

Article X. Board of Directors	
<p><b>Section 1. Composition.</b> The Board of Directors shall be composed of all elected state officers and the chairs of committees deemed necessary by the board. The AAUW Texas Board of Directors shall be no larger than 19 members.</p>	<p><b>Section 1. Composition.</b> The Board of Directors shall be composed of all elected <b>and appointed</b> state officers <b>including district representatives, the chairs of the standing committees, and other committee chairs whose service on the board is</b> deemed necessary by the board. The AAUW Texas Board of Directors shall be no larger than <b>20</b> members.</p>
<p><i><b>Rationale:</b> In light of the importance of their duties, appointed officers (branch services and international relations) and the chairs of the Bylaws and Public Policy committees should be members of the Board. When special committees or task forces are formed, the Board may vote to admit their chairs to Board membership when necessary. Increasing the maximum number of Board members by one adds flexibility without a major financial impact.</i></p> <p><i>The possible addition of one member to the board could entail an additional expense of approximately \$500 annually.</i></p>	
<p><b>Section 3. Powers and Duties.</b></p> <p>a. <b>State Administration.</b> In accordance with these bylaws and any convention action, the Board of Directors shall have the general power to administer the affairs of the state, initiate programs, outline policies, and transact any business in the interval between state conventions. The Board may adopt rules to govern its procedures.</p>	<p><b>Section 3. Powers and Duties.</b></p> <p>a. <b>State Administration.</b> In accordance with these bylaws and any convention action, the Board of Directors shall have the general power to administer the affairs of the state, initiate programs, outline policies, and transact any business in the interval between state conventions. The Board may adopt rules to govern its procedures. <b>The Board shall establish policies and procedures consistent with generally accepted accounting principles and federal, state and local laws to control the financial records of the state.</b></p>
<p><i><b>Rationale:</b> Adding this line from the model by laws further defines the Board's responsibilities for the fiscal health of the state. This duty is currently assigned to the Executive Committee in Article XI, but is recommended to be moved because it rightfully is the duty of the full Board.</i></p> <p><i>(If this amendment is adopted, this sentence will be automatically removed from Article XI, Section 2.c. and the section will be renumbered.)</i></p>	
<p>b. <b>Branch Supervision.</b> The Board of Directors shall recommend to the Association action to be taken in regard to new branches, admittance of, or discontinuance of present branches</p>	<p>b. <b>Branch Supervision.</b> The Board of Directors shall recommend to the Association action to be taken in regard to <b>admitting new branches or disbanding existing branches.</b></p>
<p><i><b>Rationale:</b> New wording simplifies the intent of this section.</i></p>	
<p><b>Section 4. Meetings and Quorum.</b></p> <p>a. <b>Regular Meetings.</b> The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice annually and at such other times as may be deemed desirable by the president, or shall meet at the call of the secretary upon written request of five members of the board.</p>	<p><b>Section 4. Meetings and Quorum.</b></p> <p>a. <b>Regular Meetings.</b> The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice annually.</p>
<p><i><b>Rationale:</b> Meetings at other times are not regular meetings; the rules for special meetings are covered in the next section.</i></p>	
<p>b. <b>Special Meetings.</b> Special meetings may be called by the president or by the secretary upon written request of five members of the Board. Notice of such meetings shall be sent to each Board member at least seven days in advance, and only that business mentioned in the call of the meeting shall be transacted.</p>	<p>b. <b>Special Meetings.</b> Special meetings may be called by the president or by the secretary upon written request of five members of the Board <b>or of ten percent of the branches of the state.</b> Notice of such meetings shall be sent to each Board member at least seven days in advance, and only that business mentioned in the call of the meeting shall be transacted.</p>
<p><i><b>Rationale:</b> Adding this line from the model by laws enables branches to address issues that the Board may have chosen to ignore. Special meetings are allowed under the current bylaws; therefore, there will be no additional financial impact.</i></p>	

Proposed Bylaws Amendments -- Continued

Current Bylaw Language	Proposed Change
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**Topic H: -- continued**

(Insert new section)	<b>Section 6. Executive Committee. Between meetings of the Board, the Board may delegate such authority as it deems necessary to the Executive Committee.</b>
<i>Rationale: The addition of this section enables the board to assign authority to the Executive Committee between meetings of the Board.</i>	

## *New District Boundaries, If Bylaws Adopted.*

If the convention delegates adopt the changes to the bylaws changing the district structure, then the current district boundaries would be abolished, and the state would be divided into four new districts. The AAUW Texas board of directors adopted boundaries for new district at the November 2005 board meeting in order to implement the changes to the district structure during the next biennium. If the delegates do not adopt the bylaws changes, the current districts would remain unchanged.

Under the new boundaries, the four districts are Central Texas, North Texas, South Texas and West Texas. See the list at the end of this article to see which branches are included in each district.

At the district meetings, the Central Texas and West Texas districts would each elect one district representative. The South Texas District would elect two district representatives and the North Texas District would elect three district representatives.

The district meetings and elections take place after the business session in which the bylaws will be

considered and are being held later in the evening to give the districts more time to meet and hold their elections.

Since branches and districts do not know how the delegates will vote on the bylaws, they should come to convention prepared to elect district representatives under both the current and proposed district boundaries.

**Central Texas**  
(8 branches elect 1 district representative)

Austin	194
Georgetown	27
Huntsville	7
Kerrville	120
Montgomery Co.	54
Nacogdoches	77
Polk County	31
San Antonio	185

**North Texas**  
(18 branches elect 3 district representatives)

Arlington	83
Dallas	76
Denton	67
Farmer's Branch/ Carrollton	64
Ft. Worth	10
Grand Prairie	14
Greater Lewisville	12
Greenville	17
Mesquite	15
NE Tarrant Co.	86
Plano	67
Richardson	31
Sherman/Texoma	52

SW Dallas	46
Tarrant Co.	68
Tyler	133
Vernon	22
Wichita Falls	32

**South Texas**  
(12 branches elect 2 district representatives)

Alvin	41
Corpus Christi	121
Fort Bend Co.	42
Galveston	14
Harlingen	29
Houston	28
Laredo	21
McAllen	48
North Harris Co.	115
Orange	43
SE Harris Co.	20
West Harris Co.	223

**West Texas**  
(5 branches elect 1 district representative)

Abilene	41
Amarillo	41
Brownfield	13
El Paso	55
Lubbock	39



# Proposed Texas Public Policy Program

The AAUW Texas Public Policy Committee proposes that AAUW Texas adopt the Public Policy Program approved at the AAUW Association Convention in June 2005 at the AAUW Texas convention in San Antonio. The full text of the Association Public Policy Program is reproduced below.

## Public Policy Program 2005-2007

Adopted June 2005 AAUW Convention, Washington, D.C.

The public policy program underscores AAUW's mission of promoting equity and education for all women and girls. The work of AAUW builds upon a century of responsible public participation at the local, state, national, and international levels. AAUW is committed to working in partnership with diverse allies.

The following principles provide a basis for AAUW members' actions at the local, state, federal, and international levels. Implicit in each is support for government agencies administering programs, including adequate appropriations, effective administration, and provision for citizen participation. We work to increase the number of under-represented populations, including women, in policy- and other decision-making positions.

### Public Policy Principles for Action

Basic to all of AAUW's public policy efforts is the understanding that true equity requires a balance between the rights of the individual and the needs of the community. We firmly believe in the separation of church and state.

AAUW supports constitutional protection for the civil rights of all individuals, including the right to privacy.

We support a fair and balanced judiciary. We oppose all forms of discrimination. We support affirmative action as a remedy for past discrimination. We affirm our commitment to passage and ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

AAUW believes that quality public education is the foundation of a democratic society. We advocate equity, academic freedom, protection from censorship, bias-free education, and responsible funding for all levels of education. We advocate increased access to higher education, especially for women in poverty.

AAUW promotes the economic, social, and physical wellbeing of all persons. Essential to that well-being are an economy that provides equitable employment opportunities, a livable wage, reduction of poverty, quality dependent care, paid family and medical leave, decent and affordable housing, and quality affordable health care; freedom from violence; and a clean and healthful environment. We support public budgets that balance individual rights and responsibility to community. We support meaningful campaign finance reform that will promote equitable participation and representation.

AAUW values and is committed to the arts and humanities, which develop and enhance our pluralistic cultural heritage.

AAUW believes that global interdependence requires national and international policies that promote peace, justice, human rights, sustainable development, and mutual security for all people. We advocate public discussion to ensure enlightened decisions on these issues. We support a strengthened United Nations and its affiliated agencies. We advocate implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action from the 4th World Conference on Women and subsequent declarations. We affirm our commitment to the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

### Biennial Action Priorities

Biennial priorities for federal action are chosen according to the criteria of viability, critical need, strong member support, and potential for distinctive AAUW contribution.

**To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity, AAUW advocates**

- Adequate and equitable funding for quality public education for all students
- Opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education
- Vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education
- Protection of programs that meet the needs of girls in elementary and secondary education
- Increased support for, and access to, higher education for women and other disadvantaged populations

### To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women, AAUW advocates

- Fairness in compensation
- Equitable access and advancement in employment
- Vigorous enforcement of employment antidiscrimination statutes
- Greater availability of and access to quality, affordable dependent care
- Programs that provide women with education, training, and support for success in the work force, including nontraditional occupations
- Strengthening programs, including welfare and vocational education, to improve postsecondary education access, career development, and earning potential
- Social Security and Medicare reform that guarantees improved retirement security for women and all low-wage workers

### To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society, AAUW advocates

- Vigorous protection of and full access to civil and constitutional rights
- Choice in the determination of one's reproductive life
- Freedom from violence and fear of violence in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities
- Increased access to health care and expansion of patients' rights
- Support for U.N. programs that address human rights and women's and girls' concerns

# Convention Workshop Highlights

Three workshop sessions are scheduled during the convention. Use this as a guide to make your choices on the registration form.

## **Workshops A: Saturday, May 20, 2006, 10:15 am**

### **1. Success in Small Branch Membership**

Join us for a panel of small branches sharing their activities and strategies for increasing branch membership.

### **2. Mission in Action**

A four-branch panel will share their community action projects. The projects include Expanding Your Horizons -- Kerrville; Mother/Daughter project -- Lubbock; Sister-to-Sister -- Tarrant County; and "Now That You Are 18" -- Orange.

### **3. Plight of Women, Domestically and Internationally**

Graciela I. Sanchez, executive director of Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, will discuss grass-roots organizations and their work to help individuals acquire knowledge and skill so that they can control decisions that affect their everyday lives.

### **4. Drawing the Line**

Come learn more about the Foundation's most recent research about sexual harassment on campus with Mary Ellen Smyth.

## **Workshops B: Saturday, May 20, 2006, 1:45 pm**

### **1. Mentoring the AAUW Way**

Ever wondered how mentoring might work in your branch? Learn what the Dallas Branch has implemented.

### **2. Transitions – Community Colleges as a Gateway to Women's Education**

As we welcome community college graduates into AAUW, learn more about how community colleges are gateway to women's education.

### **3. Uncovering the Truth in Political Rhetoric**

Learn how to find reliable information regarding issues and candidates. Get the media's viewpoint from Alberta Phillips, columnist with the Austin American-Statesmen and find out about the results of the AAUW Public Policy Impact Grant.

### **4. All You Wanted to Know about AAUW**

Lynn McNair, Director of Development for AAUW will be joining us to share her knowledge and answer your questions.

## **Workshops C: Sunday, May 21, 2006, 8:45 pm**

### **1. AAUW – Your Community's Best Kept Secret**

Learn how Dallas, Tyler and West Harris County branches marketed their branches to let more people in the community in on their best kept secret – AAUW!

### **2. Branch President's Briefing**

Ever wish becoming president came with instructions? Then come join Pat Ross, Linda Conger, and Loyce Collenback for a briefing on what to expect during the upcoming year.

### **3. Public Support for Public Education**

Kathy Miller, executive director of Texas Freedom Network will speak about the challenges of adopting textbooks in Texas.

### **4. Educational Foundation Challenges – Reaching Your Fundraising Goals**

Join our honored guest, Mary Ellen Smyth, past Educational Foundation

President, sharing her ideas for reaching those Educational Foundation Fundraising Goals.

## *Special Events*

Three special events are scheduled during the convention.

### **Educational Foundation**

The Educational Foundation Celebration Luncheon will be held on Saturday. During this separately ticketed event, we will be celebrating the accomplishments of AAUW Texas for 2004 and 2005. Mary Ellen Smyth, former president of the Educational Foundation will be our keynote speaker.

### **Legal Advocacy Fund**

AAUW Texas received a grant to have a Legal Advocacy Fund plaintiff attend the convention and the Saturday evening LAF event. Join us for a separately ticketed dinner on the river. Always a fun thing to do in San Antonio, floating down the river on one of the river boats having dinner and enjoying the sights and sounds of the Riverwalk!

### **AAUW's 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Sunday morning AAUW is having the Legacy Breakfast Party on Sunday morning. Chief Justice Alma López of the Fourth Court of Appeals will be our keynote speaker.

We will be celebrating AAUW's wonderful legacy of leadership by recognizing our past presidents; outstanding women honorees; branches receiving the new AAUW Texas STAR award; and branches that submitted their histories.

The Breakfast Party is included in your convention registration. To honor the women who went before us, please don your favorite hat and gloves. It's time to Celebrate our AAUW Legacy!



## Enjoy San Antonio!

Plan to arrive in San Antonio, May 19, in time for one of the two bus tours scheduled for Friday afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m. You may choose the **Four Missions' Tour**, or the **Historical Buildings Tour**.

Professional Tour Guides will lead both tours. Cost for either tour is \$30. Make your Tour Reservations using the form and mailing it before the deadline of April 26, 2006. The form is also available to be printed on the AAUW Texas website.

Each tour bus will accommodate 48 persons. So the first 48 reservations received will qualify for either tour. Also, each tour must have at least 30 persons or it will be cancelled. The price is all inclusive, and includes gratuities and any admission fees, plus a donation for either the Missions or the McNay Art Museum. Cold bottled water will also be on board at no cost. There is some walking required for both tours.

**The Four Missions' Tour** includes a visit to the restored **Mission San Jose**, the "Queen of the Missions," where the Missions visitor's center is

located. The tour also includes **Mission Concepcion**, known for its original architecture, murals and amazing acoustics in the church. The tour guild may even request an a cappella performance from the group to let you experience those ancient acoustics.

You will also have an opportunity to ponder the mystery of the strangely irregular Moorish arch at **Mission Espada**, which is the most remote of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park sites.

The next to last is **Mission San Juan Capistrano**, which is well known for its bell tower. By the mid 1700s, San Juan, with its rich farm and pasture-lands, was a regional supplier of agricultural produce. The **Alamo**, is not included on this tour, but it is located near your hotel.

**The Historical Buildings Tour** includes several historical structures that will leave you with a lasting impression of the people who shaped San Antonio's culture and heritage.

San Antonio's history can be told from the stories of the beautifully

restored **San Fernando Cathedral**, starting with the Canary Islanders who built the oldest parish church in Texas. The German influence will be abundantly clear when we enter the King William Historical District, where we will tour the **Steves Homestead** and visit the **Guenther House**, complete with its bakery, gift shop and original furnishings that once belonged to the founder of what is now the Pioneer Flour Mill.

The Steves Homestead is an elegant three-story mansion, built in 1876 for Edward Steves, founder of the Steves Lumber Company. Alfred Giles, prominent San Antonio architect, is thought to be the designer of the limestone structure that exhibits characteristics of the French Second Empire and the Italian Villa styles. And, at the last stop hear about Marion Koogler McNay's Spanish Colonial Revival-style residence, which is now the **McNay Art Museum**. Its 23 acres of grounds, includes sculpture, fountains, broad lawns and a Japanese-inspired garden and fishpond. There will be sufficient time to tour the entire museum and its collections.

### **Tour of Four Missions: (Does not include the Alamo)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Branch** \_\_\_\_\_

**No. of Tour Participants** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total @ \$30 ea.** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Historic San Antonio Buildings: (Includes McNay Art Museum)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Branch** \_\_\_\_\_

**No. of Tour Participants** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total @ \$30 ea.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this form and a separate check or money order made out to AAUW Texas State Convention to:**  
**Loyce Collenback**  
**10509 Mt. March Dr.**  
**San Antonio, TX 78213**



## Branch Sales

By Veronica Johnson

Is your branch fundraising for the Legal Advocacy Fund, Educational Foundation or other branch project? Branch sales will take place each day at the convention.

Branches can use a 1/2 table for \$10 or a whole table for \$20 to sell items to raise money for their EF, LAF, or a community projects. The branch will be responsible for all tax implications, change and collecting the monies. There will be no requirement to turn in money collected at the convention. Show off your wares and have some fun.

Opportunities to shop will have expanded hours. Please fill out form and send a separate check for payment. A limited number of tables are available on a first-come basis.

Any requests sent in after the deadline cannot be guaranteed space. If you have any questions, call Veronica Johnson at 512-338-1254.

## EF Silent Auction

By Mary DuBoise

A silent auction will be held to raise funds for the Educational Foundation at the state convention in San Antonio.

Branches are encouraged to bring their goodies, treasures, and other wonderful things to be included in the silent auction. The branches bringing items to be auctioned will receive credit for the money that is received for the item(s) at the silent auction. This is a very good way to raise money for the Foundation and help your branch meet its fundraising goals.

Be sure to bring cash or a check book (credit cards cannot be accepted) to purchase something wonderful and support the Educational Foundation.

## St. Anthony Hotel

The convention will be held at the historic St. Anthony Hotel May 19-21, 2006.

### A Bit of History

Staring at a plot of land with nothing but a background in cattle, two successful cattlemen desired to create one of the greatest hotels in San Antonio history.

Only a few days into the christening of 1909, the St. Anthony Hotel opened it's doors to droves of antipative patrons. Positioned as one of the most modern hotels ever created, visitors marveled at illuminated closets, bedroom lights that turned off when the door was locked from

**BRANCH EF/LAF SALES TABLE REQUEST FORM  
AAUW TEXAS STATE CONVENTION  
SAN ANTONIO, MAY 19- 21, 2006**

Branch Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Items to sell: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Full Table - \$20    \_\_\_\_ Half Table - \$10

Sales Benefit:    \_\_ EF    \_\_ LAF    \_\_ Community Project

Send checks by April 26, 2006 to:    AAUW Texas  
Loyce Collenback, Treasurer  
10509 Mount Marcy  
San Antonio, TX 78213-1613

Each branch is responsible for their own sales including making change, any tax implications and actually making any contributions to the funds. There will be no requirement to turn in the money to the state EF or LAF contact at convention.

the outside, and the use of their very own private bath and toilet.

These amenities, although small by today's standards, set the stage for a series of hotel innovations that made the St. Anthony a leader on the technology curve.

**St. Anthony Today**

The St. Anthony today has almost 400 rooms and is located in the heart of downtown San Antonio. This historic hotel is close to all the city has to offer, including the vibrant Riverwalk and historic Alamo. Other attractions, like SeaWorld of Texas and Six Flags Fiesta Texas, are a short trip away. The St. Anthony is only eight miles from San Antonio International Airport.

**Making Reservations**

Reservations for the AAUW Texas State Convention should be made directly with the St. Anthony. The reservation number is 1-866-854-1639. Make sure you let them know you are with AAUW Texas to receive the \$99.00 room rate for a

single or double room. A slight additional charge will be added for a triple or quad room. The room rate does not include the state and local taxes, which are an additional 16.75 percent.

The deadline for receiving the convention rate is April 26, 2006. However, make your reservations as soon as possible as the number of rooms at these rates are limited.

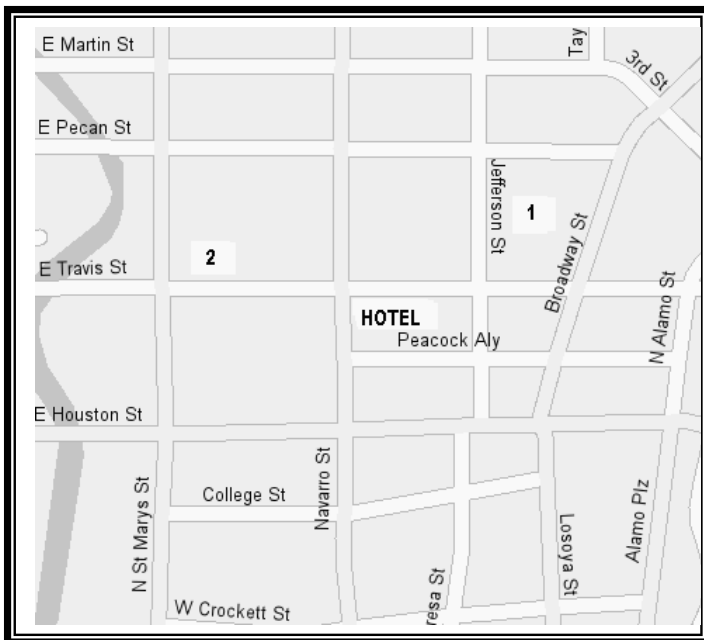
**Planning Your Trip**

The San Antonio Branch is planning to have two pre-convention tours on Friday afternoon. It will be worth your time to come a bit early and enjoy San Antonio. The convention is scheduled to adjourn at 12:30 pm on Sunday.

Valet parking is available at the St. Anthony for \$20 per day. Less expensive parking is available within one to two blocks from the hotel ranging from \$6 to \$15 with varying policies on in and out privileges.

San Antonio and the St. Anthony

Hotel will be terrific hosts for the AAUW Texas State Convention. Enjoy the convention and, if you can, spend a few days before or after the convention enjoying the history, culture, cuisine, and attractions San Antonio has to offer.



**HOTEL:** The St. Anthony, A Wyndham Historic Hotel  
 300 East Travis Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205  
 Valet parking \$20 per day with in and out privileges.

**PARKING:**

1. Self parking at the hotel is \$15 per day with in and out privileges.
2. A city garage on Travis between St. Mary's and Navarro. Parking for 24 hours is \$6. Exhibitor's permits are available for \$7 per day and allow in and out privileges.



## Southwest Central Regional Conference

By Shirley Breeze

Join your fellow AAUW members for a weekend of education, fun, and friendship at the 40<sup>th</sup> Biennial Southwest Central Regional Conference, June 9-11, 2006 in St. Louis. St. Louis is a wonderful city to visit in the spring, especially combined with an informative and rewarding AAUW event.

The conference includes something for everyone. Registration fees for the conference and meal events fees have been kept affordable to encourage members to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

### Keynote

President Ruth Sweetser will give the keynote on Saturday morning. A dynamic speaker, she is sure to provide great inspiration for our work on equity for women.

### Workshops

Special workshops centering around the theme "Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security" will be a big part of the conference. Sessions on public policy with local women politicians, technology, communication, membership, officer training and networking, counterpart sessions, current issues of concern to women, and a variety of other interesting and informative topics will be offered.

### Special Events

Under the capable leadership of Harriett Hirschfeld and Linda Tinker, a number of other great events are planned for the Regional, including a Friday night reception for all atten-

dees, honoring state presidents and former regional directors.

The Educational Foundation Lunch will occur on Saturday. At the Legal Advocacy Fund Banquet on Saturday evening, a recent plaintiff will give details of her struggles against discrimination in academia.

On Sunday morning, an Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Run-Walk and an awards breakfast will culminate the exciting weekend.

### Young Women

Special events are planned for young women at special rates. Branches and individual members are encour-

aged to sponsor a young woman, helping her to see the breadth of AAUW, how it can enhance her current college experiences, and be an asset for her future. We hope many will attend. Rebecca Richardson, Kansas City (816-444-4360) and Marsha Koch, St. Louis (636-256-3746) are coordinating this effort.

### Sales Opportunities

A sales area for branches and states to sell items for their AAUW fundraising efforts will be available on Friday and Saturday. Members should begin to make plans for these sales opportunities.

## AAUW 40<sup>th</sup> SOUTHWEST CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE ST LOUIS, MISSOURI

"Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security"

St. Louis Frontenac Hilton Hotel  
1335 South Lindbergh at Hwy 40  
314-993-1100

Join fellow AAUW members for a weekend of education, fun & friendship!

### Tentative Schedule

#### Friday, June 9, 2006

Registration – 3:00-7:00 pm  
Wine and Cheese Reception – 7:00-9:00 pm  
Honoring state presidents and former Regional Directors  
Sales Room

#### Saturday, June 10, 2006

Registration – 7:00-11:45 am  
Keynote Address: AAUW President Ruth Sweetser – 9:00 am  
Workshops/Panels  
Sales Room  
Educational Foundation Lunch – 12:15-1:45 pm  
Workshops/Panels  
Sales Room  
Legal Advocacy Fund Banquet – 7:00-9:15 pm

#### Sunday, June 11, 2006

Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Run/Walk/Sleep-Walk  
Breakfast Buffet – 9:00-11:00  
Awards

For information call: 314-831-5359 or 636-458-1520 or 636-391-9158

**AAUW 125th Anniversary--A Legacy of Leadership**

**Pre- and Post-Convention Attractions**

Plan to make the June 9-11 weekend a family event. St. Louis is home to numerous museums (many of them catering to children), as well as the St. Louis Arch, the Science Center, Grant's Farm, Six Flags, the Old Courthouse –home of the Dred Scott case, the Missouri Botanical Garden, the Butterfly House, art galleries (including the world-famous St. Louis Art Museum), excellent restaurants (including the Italian Hill area which has dozens of wonderful Italian restaurants) and a world-famous zoo.

Check the St. Louis Convention and Visitors' Commission web site at [www.slcvc.com](http://www.slcvc.com) for additional activities and tourist sites. For families who wish to extend their stays in the state, the Lake of the Ozarks resort area and the Branson music venues are a short drive away.

**Hotel Registration Information**

True to the French influence of the suburb it calls home, the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac is a destination synonymous with the elegance and comfort where professional staff are dedicated to making every stay memorable.

The hotel is conveniently located near interstates (I-64 and I-270) at 335 S Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis MO 63131, and is within walking distance of one of the best shopping centers in the area; Saks Fifth Avenue, Neiman Marcus, and other great stores are part of this center.

A group rate has been established at \$85.00 plus tax per night. The current sales tax rate is 7.575% and occupancy tax is 7.25%. The total per night, with taxes, will be \$97.60. This rate allows up to four people per room. Free parking is included.

The deadline to receive this convention rate is **May 24, 2006**. Reservations can be made by calling toll free 800-325-7800 or direct at 314-993-1100. Members should indicate the American Association of University Women Regional Conference when calling. Reservations made after that will be assessed the regular rate. The airport is a short drive away; for the convenience of our members, the hotel provides shuttle service from the airport at no charge.

We hope each of you will put the dates of June 9-11, 2006, on your calendar and make plans to enjoy a trip to St. Louis for this exciting conference.

For additional information contact the following: Shirley Breeze, [sbreeze@mindspring.com](mailto:sbreeze@mindspring.com) or 314-831-5359; Harriett Hirschfeld, 636-458-1520 or [hirsch@swbell.net](mailto:hirsch@swbell.net); or Linda Tinker, 636-391-9158 or [richborough@charter.net](mailto:richborough@charter.net).

**SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE  
SALES REGISTRATION**

**Deadline for reserving a space is May 24, 2006.**

Take advantage of this chance to benefit your branch or your state for Leadership Development, the Education Foundation or the Legal Advocacy Fund or for whatever your Board of Directors designates.

The Sales Area will be open for set-up on Friday, June 9, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm and open for business from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

The Sales Area will be open for several periods on Saturday, June 10. Times are yet to be determined.

Each branch or state is responsible for identifying who will manage its booth and who will collect the money. Each branch is responsible for collecting unsold items at the end of the last sales period on Saturday, June 10.

Reserve your space early. Spaces will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Special tables and positions cannot be guaranteed. Return this form to:

Lucy Whitaker, 6044 Arsenal, #2W, St. Louis MO 63139 or [LKWhitaker@mindspring.com](mailto:LKWhitaker@mindspring.com). Telephone is 314-781-9422.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Branch or State Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: Home/Work

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail

\_\_\_\_\_  
Items to be sold

\_\_\_\_\_  
Price per item (approximately)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Space (table or half-table) you prefer.

**NOTE:** We cannot guarantee all space requested.

**2006 SWC REGIONAL CONFERENCE  
 "EDUCATION AS THE GATEWAY TO WOMEN'S ECONOMIC SECURITY"  
 REGISTRATION FORM  
 JUNE 9 – 11, 2006  
 HILTON – ST. LOUIS FRONTENAC HOTEL**

I. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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|-------------------------|---|
| _____ Branch President  | _____ State AAUW Board - Title _____        |
| _____ Branch Member     | _____ Current State President – State _____ |
| _____ Member at Large   | _____ Former State President - Yr. _____    |
| _____ Student Affiliate | _____ College/Univ. Rep                     |
| _____ Other             | _____ First AAUW Conference                 |

II. REGISTRATION – (Includes material and refreshments - Does not include meals)  
**Must be postmarked by May 24, 2006**

- |                           |         |       |
|---------------------------|---------|-------|
| 3-Day Conference          | \$75.00 | _____ |
| Saturday Conference ONLY  | \$50.00 | _____ |
| Students 3-Day Conference | \$50.00 | _____ |

III. MEALS (Prices include Tax and Gratuities)

- |   |          |       |
|---|----------|-------|
| Saturday, June 10 – Educational Foundation Luncheon                           | \$25.00  | _____ |
| Legal Advocacy Dinner   | \$40.00  | _____ |
| Sunday, June 11 – Eleanor Roosevelt Fun Walk/Sleep-In Registration            | \$25.00* | _____ |
| <i>*Registration is \$25. Participants are encouraged to obtain sponsors.</i> |          |       |
| Eleanor Roosevelt Continental Breakfast/Awards                                | \$15.00  | _____ |
|   | TOTAL    | _____ |

Make checks payable to: SWC Regional AAUW Conference  
 Send money with registration form to Joyce Guard, 909 Parkview Valley Drive, Ballwin, MO 63011.  
 Contact Joyce at 636-391-9696 or email [joyceguard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joyceguard@sbcglobal.net)

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**April 2006**

**1** - Deadline: Texas STAR Program Application

**26** - Deadline: AAUW Texas Convention registration and hotel reservation.

**May 2006**

**19- 21** AAUW Texas Convention in San Antonio

**24** - Deadline: Regional Convention registration

**June 2006**

**1** - Deadline: Branch and State Officers Forms

**9- 11** - Southwest Central Regional Conference in St. Louis



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