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***BYLAWS***  
of  
**AAUW OF OREGON**



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# **BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN OF AAUW OF OREGON**

## **ARTICLE I. NAME AND GOVERNANCE**

**Section 1.** Name. The name of the organization shall be the American Association of University Women (AAUW) AAUW of Oregon, hereinafter known as the "Affiliate."

**Section 2.** Affiliate. AAUW of Oregon is an Affiliate of AAUW as defined in Article V.

**Section 3.** Legal Compliance. This Affiliate shall comply with the requirements of AAUW and federal, state, and local law. The bylaws of this Affiliate shall in no way conflict with the AAUW Bylaws and/or policies.

## **ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

As described below in Article V setting out the Affiliate purpose, each Affiliate supports AAUW's purpose which is set forth in the AAUW bylaws as follows: The general purposes of the Association shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, Section 501(c)(3) such that the Association shall be at all times "organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes" as described in the Code and any corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

In service of the purposes set out in the Articles of Incorporation, the Association's specific purpose is to advance equity for women and girls. In keeping with this purpose, AAUW may:

- A. promote equity, education, and development of opportunities for women and girls that enable them to realize their full potential;
- B. provide fellowships and grants to women and girls;
- C. cooperate with other organizations having mutual interests; and
- D. take such other actions as are permitted to a District of Columbia nonprofit corporation consistent with its purpose, the Articles and these Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE III. USE OF NAME**

**Section 1.** Policies and Programs. The policies and programs of AAUW shall be binding on all members and Affiliates engaged in AAUW activities, and no member or Affiliate shall use the name of AAUW to oppose such policies or programs.

**Section 2.** Proper Use of Name and Logo. The name and logos of AAUW and this AAUW Affiliate may be used only by Members and Affiliates only according to policies and procedures established by the AAUW Board of Directors.

**Section 3.** Individual Freedom of Speech. These Bylaws governing use of the name of AAUW shall not abridge the freedom of speech of any AAUW Member to speak an opinion in the Member's own name except that this Article shall govern whether the Member may identify AAUW in conjunction with that opinion.

## **ARTICLE IV. MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**Section 1. Membership.** The membership of this Affiliate shall consist of individual AAUW members ("Individual Members") and college/university members ("College/University Members"), as well as other membership categories as determined by AAUW.

### **Section 2. Member Qualification.**

#### **A. Individual Members.**

- i. **Eligibility.** An individual holding an associate (or equivalent, e.g., RN), bachelor's, or higher degree from a higher education institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (an "Accredited Higher Education Institution") or other qualified institution located outside of the United States, as determined by the Board of Directors, shall be eligible to receive admission to AAUW membership; such membership shall be granted upon payment of AAUW dues. The provisions set forth in this section are the sole requirement for eligibility and admissibility to AAUW membership except that the Board of Directors may establish a process to assess credentials that are submitted based on degree equivalence.
- ii. **Saving Clause.** No Individual Member shall lose membership due to any change in the status of the higher education institution upon which original qualification for membership was based.

**B. College/University Members.** Any Accredited Higher Education Institution or other qualified higher educational institutions located outside the United States, as determined by the Board of Directors, that pays annual dues to AAUW shall be eligible to be a College/University Member. Each College/University Member shall appoint one or two representatives, who are eligible to be Individual Members, and who shall each have the membership benefits of an Individual Member, and any other benefits that accrue to representatives of College/University Members, as determined by the Board of Directors.

**C. Other Organizational Members.** The Board of Directors may set forth criteria for other organizations ("Organizational Members") to join AAUW.

**Section 3. Student Associates.** The AAUW Board of Directors may permit undergraduate students enrolled in Accredited Higher Education Institutions or in other qualified educational institutions located outside the United States, as determined by the AAUW Board of Directors, to associate with AAUW, with fees (if any) and benefits as determined by the AAUW Board of Directors.

### **Section 4. Dues of Members.**

**A. Amount.** The annual dues and member benefits for any category of member shall be established by a two-thirds vote of the AAUW Board of Directors and dues shall be payable in accordance with the procedures established by the Board of Directors. Members shall be notified at least thirty (30) days in advance of the intent to consider a change in the dues, the proposed amount, and the rationale for the change.

#### **B. Life Membership.**

- i. **Paid.** An Individual Member may become a life member (a "Life Member") upon a one-time payment of twenty years' annual AAUW national dues, based on the amount of

annual AAUW dues set in the year the Member elects to become a Life Member, but without credit for AAUW dues paid in prior years. Thereafter, the Life Member shall be exempt from the payment of AAUW national dues.

ii. Fifty-Year Honorary. An Individual Member who has paid AAUW dues for 50 years shall become a Life Member and shall thereafter be exempt from the payment of AAUW national dues.

#### **Section 5. Membership Decisions.**

A. Appeals. Any potential Member that has been refused admission to membership may appeal to the Board of Directors for review. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

B. Removal. Any Member may be suspended or removed from membership for any conduct that tends to injure AAUW or to adversely affect its reputation or that is contrary to or destructive of its purpose according to these Bylaws, with action taken following policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. In addition, a College/University Member that is no longer eligible for membership shall be removed from membership as soon as practicable after it loses its eligibility.

#### **Article V. AAUW AFFILIATES**

**Section 1.** An AAUW Affiliate has no member status but is an independent local organization (incorporated or not) consisting of AAUW individual members who support AAUW's purpose at a state or local level and which has been given the right to use AAUW's name and has executed, and continues to comply with, the AAUW Affiliate Agreement approved by the AAUW Board and any other requirements established by the Board from time to time. Use of the AAUW name or logo by the AAUW Affiliate is subject to the Affiliate Agreement and approval of the AAUW Board of Directors.

#### **Section 2. Organization.**

A. Purpose. Affiliates shall promote the purposes, programs, and policies of AAUW.

B. Bylaws. As an AAUW Affiliate, this Affiliate shall develop bylaws as meet this Affiliates' needs. However, any such bylaws shall not conflict with AAUW Bylaws, policies, or with applicable law. In the event of a conflict, the AAUW Bylaws shall prevail over this Affiliate's bylaws unless the specific provision of the AAUW Bylaws is not permitted according to this Affiliate's state statutes, in which case the Bylaws shall be construed as closely as possible to the original intent of the AAUW Bylaws as permitted by state laws.

C. Structure. As an AAUW Affiliate, this Affiliate may create such leadership structures as meet this Affiliate's needs. This Affiliate shall provide AAUW with designated contacts for administration and finance.

#### **Section 3. Loss of Recognition of an Affiliate.**

A. The AAUW affiliation status of any Affiliate may be revoked for cause through affiliation review procedures specified by the AAUW Board of Directors.

B. Any Affiliate shall have the right to appeal to the AAUW Board of Directors within a designated period.

**Section 4. Property and Assets.** The title to all property, funds, and assets of this Affiliate is vested in this Affiliate. As an AAUW Affiliate, this Affiliate shall have complete control of its property and assets, except that such property and assets shall not be used for any purpose contrary to AAUW's purposes. In the event of the dissolution of this Affiliate or the termination of this Affiliate's affiliation with AAUW, all assets of this Affiliate shall be transferred and delivered to AAUW or to another Affiliate designated by AAUW. AAUW may solicit and consider recommendations from local leaders before making a designation.

## **ARTICLE VI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the most current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern this Affiliate in all instances in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this AAUW Affiliate Bylaws or with the requirements of AAUW or applicable laws.

## **ARTICLE VII. AAUW-MANDATED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS**

AAUW-mandated amendments shall be implemented by this Affiliate's board of directors without a vote of the Affiliate's membership and as prescribed by the AAUW Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VIII. SPECIFIC OREGON AFFILIATE DUES PROVISIONS**

**Section 1. Governance.** AAUW of Oregon is a 501(c)(4) mutual benefit organization.

**Section 2. State Member-at-Large.** A national member of AAUW residing within the Oregon state boundaries may become a member-at-large of the state upon payment of state dues. That member shall be entitled to vote and to serve on state committees, the state executive committee, and the state board of directors.

**Section 3. College/University Member.** A college or university in Oregon which is a College/University Member of AAUW shall also be a College/University Member of the state, with no additional dues, and shall be entitled to representation at all state meetings.

- A. Students attending a College/University Member institution shall pay no state dues.
- B. Students attending a non-AAUW affiliated institution of higher education may associate with AAUW, with fees (if any) and benefits, as determined by the AAUW Board of Directors, and state/branch dues, as determined by AAUW of Oregon, or branch.

**Section 4. Dues.** Fifty-year Honorary Life Members of AAUW are exempt from payment of state dues. College University Members shall pay no dues. A branch recognized by AAUW between December 1 and June 30 shall pay state dues for each member at one half of the annual amount.

**Section 5. Payment.** Members may join at any time. Dues are payable upon joining.

**Section 6. Reciprocity.** A current paid member of a state, branch or comparable AAUW-affiliated entity may transfer membership to another state, branch, or comparable AAUW-affiliated entity without payment of additional dues.

## **ARTICLE IX. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Section 1. Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the organization shall correspond with that of AAUW and shall begin on July 1.

**Section 2. Financial Policies.** The state shall set and maintain policies and procedures to control financial records consistent with generally accepted accounting principles and federal, state, and local laws including an annual financial examination. The state executive committee shall provide for such financial examination and control of funds as are necessary to assure their safekeeping and complete accounting.

**Section 3. Budget.** The annual budget for the state shall be prepared by the finance vice president and the president, with review by the executive committee, and approval by the state board of directors. The executive committee shall have the authority to revise the budget within available income.

## **ARTICLE X. OFFICERS**

### **Section 1. Elected Officers.**

A. The elected officers of this state shall include a president, four vice presidents (for communications, finance, membership, and program), a secretary, and a director from each district.

B. There shall be a president-elect, elected in odd-numbered years, serving for a term of one year. The president-elect shall automatically assume the office of president at the end of the one-year term as president-elect.

C. The elected officers are voting members on the state board.

### **Section 2. Appointed officers.**

A. The appointed officers of this state shall be standing committee chairs who are not elected (Article XV. Committees), parliamentarian, and such other officers as may be considered necessary to carry on the work of the state and shall be listed in policies.

B. They shall be appointed by the president, in consultation with the executive committee with due regard for geographical representation.

C. The appointed officers are voting members on the state board. Appointed state officers may, if they desire, serve as ex-officio, non-voting board members, with executive committee approval.

### **Section 3. Qualifications for Office.**

A. The elected and appointed officers shall be members of AAUW and AAUW of Oregon.

B. Any member of the state who has served on the AAUW of Oregon (or other state) Board of Directors shall be eligible to hold the office of president and president-elect.

### **Section 4. Voting, Terms of Office, Rotation, and Removal.**

A. Voting at state meetings is determined by the office, not by the number of people holding the office. Each office is entitled to only one vote, regardless of the number of members holding that office.

- B. The term of each officer shall begin on July 1; however, the incoming or continuing president may call meetings of the incoming executive committee and board of directors prior to July 1 for the purpose of approving appointments and making plans for the coming year.
- C. No elected officer shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms.
- D. Appointed officers may serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been appointed and have assumed office.
- E. An appointed officer shall not hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms; however, this provision may be waived if the member agrees, and the executive committee agrees the member may serve another term.
- F. An officer or director may be removed for any reason by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at an in-person meeting of the board of directors in accordance with policies and procedures adopted by the board of directors.

### **Section 5. Vacancies.**

- A. A vacancy in the office of president shall be filled by the following procedures:
  - i. In the event of a temporary absence or short-term vacancy, the president-elect will assume the duties of the presidency. If there is no president-elect, the four vice- presidents (communications, finance, membership, and program) will select one of themselves to assume the duties of the presidency.
  - ii. In the event of a long-term or permanent vacancy, the president-elect will assume the duties of the presidency. In the event of a long-term or permanent vacancy and if there is not a president-elect, the executive committee shall direct the nominating committee to initiate a process for receiving nominations; the executive committee shall establish a policy for voting upon such nominees.
- B. In the case of a vacancy in the office of the communications, finance, membership or program vice presidents or the secretary for one year or longer:
  - i. The executive committee shall direct the nominating committee to initiate a process for receiving nominations and presenting nominees to the executive committee.
  - ii. The executive committee shall establish a policy for voting upon such nominees.
  - iii. A vacancy in any of these officer positions shall be filled for any unexpired term of less than one year by a replacement who will be appointed by the executive committee.
- C. In the case of a vacancy in the office of a district director:
  - i. The executive committee shall direct the nominating committee to initiate a process for receiving nominations from the branches within the affected district and shall present nominees to the executive committee.
  - ii. The executive committee shall establish a policy for voting upon such nominees.
  - iii. A vacancy in the office of any district director shall be filled for any unexpired term of less than one year by a replacement from the affected district who will be appointed by the executive committee.
- D. A vacancy in any appointed office shall be filled for the unexpired term by a replacement who shall be appointed by the president, in consultation with the executive committee.
- E. A vacancy in the nominating committee shall be filled by the elected alternate of that committee. If more than one vacancy occurs it shall not be filled.



## **ARTICLE XI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**Section 1. Duties of Elected Officers.** Officers and directors shall perform the duties described by these Bylaws, AAUW or Oregon policies, and the parliamentary authority adopted by AAUW of Oregon.

### **A. President.**

- i. As the executive officer, the president shall:
  - a. Appoint, after consultation with the executive committee, all appointed officers, and chairs of committees except the nominating committee and those otherwise provided for in the bylaws;
  - b. Select members of standing and special committees, in consultation with the respective chairs;
  - c. Submit reports as required by AAUW;
  - d. Be responsible for bringing the state bylaws into conformity with the AAUW bylaws;
  - e. Preside at all meetings of the state, executive committee, and the board of directors;
  - f. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee;
  - g. Perform all other duties usually pertaining to this office or those designated by the executive committee or the board of directors; and
  - h. Be responsible for ensuring that AAUW is annually provided with a designated contact for administration and finance plus make available minutes upon request.
- ii. As the official representative of the state, the president or the president's designated substitute shall represent the state in all work with other organizations and at meetings and conferences.

### **B. President-Elect.**

- i. The president-elect shall:
  - a. Assume the office of the president in the event of a vacancy in that office;
  - b. Perform the duties of the president in all cases in which the president is unable to serve;
  - c. Assist in such matters as may be delegated by the president, the executive committee, or the board of directors; and
  - d. Serve as a member of any committee, except the nominating or audit committees, whenever designated by the president.
- ii. The president-elect will assume the office of president upon the completion of the president's two-year term of office.

**C. Vice Presidents.** There shall be four (4) vice presidents of this organization: communications, finance, membership, and program. The vice presidents shall perform such duties as these bylaws, the state policies, the president, the executive committee, or the board of directors shall direct. No ranking or succession is implied by the listing of these officers.

### **D. Secretary.** The secretary shall:

- i. Be responsible for the recording of the minutes of the meetings of the state, the executive committee, and the board of directors;

- ii. Be designated by the state organization to make available upon request the minutes of the meetings of the state, the executive committee, and the board of directors; and
- iii. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the president, the executive committee, or the board of directors, or as specified in these bylaws.

**Section 2. Duties of District Directors.** The district directors shall perform such duties as are specified in the state policies and in these bylaws.

**Section 3. Duties of Immediate Past President of the State.** The immediate past president of the state shall:

- A. Serve as an advisor and resource to the state president, the executive committee, and the board of directors in developing, implementing, and overseeing all AAUW activities in the state;
- B. Ensure a smooth transition from office, to include providing the president-elect with a thorough orientation and organized president's historical files;
- C. Be available for special requests from the president; and
- D. Serve as a mentor.

## **ARTICLE XII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Section 1. Nominating Committee.** The nominating committee, which shall be independent of the executive committee and of the board of directors, shall be elected by the following procedures:

- A. The voting state members shall elect a nominating committee of five (5) plus one alternate, all of whom must be members of the state.
- B. One member must be a continuing member from the previous year's committee and one a past state president to serve for the following term (until the next annual meeting).
- C. The chair of the nominating committee shall be elected by the members of the committee and does not serve on the state board of directors.
- D. Nominees for the next nominating committee shall be presented to the state board of directors by the current nominating committee.

### **Section 2. Nominations.**

- A. The committee shall contact branch presidents and district directors for candidate suggestions. Suggestions from the branches, districts, and from individual members shall be submitted in writing to the chair of the nominating committee at least two (2) months prior to the annual meeting; the chair shall report all names received to the members of the committee.
- B. The nominating committee shall present a list of nominees to the board of directors and notify the branches through the state-wide publication at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting, naming at least one candidate for each office to be filled.

### **Section 3. Elections.**

- A. A simple majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for election.
- B. The Nominating Committee shall announce the officer candidates for each state office at the annual meeting.

C. The president, communications vice president, and membership vice president shall be elected in even-numbered years. The finance vice president, program vice president, and secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The president-elect shall be elected in odd-numbered years, for a one-year term.

D. The board of directors shall designate which district directors shall be elected in even-numbered and odd-numbered years. District directors will be elected by voting branch members in their district.

### **ARTICLE XIII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The board of directors shall initiate and carry out the state's programs and policies and shall act for the state between annual meetings.

**Section 1. Composition.** The board of directors shall include:

- A. The elected officers;
- B. The appointed officers;
- C. The chairs of standing and special committees, except nominating committee chair; and
- D. Members fulfilling such other functions as deemed necessary by the board of directors.
- E. Members who are not elected may serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the board of directors. See Policy XXX

**Section 2. Duties.** The board of directors shall:

- A. Adopt rules to govern its procedures;
- B. Approve the budget;
- C. Receive the annual report of the examiner of the financial records;
- D. Approve the programs for state meetings; and
- E. Recommend at the annual meeting such additional committees as are considered necessary for the work of the organization.

### **Section 3. Meetings and Quorum.**

- A. Regular meetings of the board of directors shall be held at least two (2) times a year at the call of the president at such time and place as the president shall designate; these meetings are open to all state members.
- B. Special meetings of the board of directors may be called at any time upon the written request of five (5) members of the board of directors, provided that at least a five (5)-day notice of such meeting and its agenda shall have been given to the members of the board of directors.
- C. The quorum for a meeting of the board of directors shall be a simple majority of the total board members.
- D. Voting shall be by board members.

### **Section 4. Voting Between Meetings.**

- A. Between meetings of the board of directors, a written and/or an electronic vote may be taken at the request of the president on any question.
- B. Voting shall close ten (10) days after the question has been submitted to the board of directors.

C. Responses must be received from 2/3 of the members of the board of directors, and the response from each member of the board of directors must be filed with the minutes of the board of directors meeting.

D. The resulting vote will have the same effect as if the votes were cast at a meeting of the board of directors.

**Section 5. Removal from Office.** A member of the board of directors may be removed for any reason by a two-thirds vote of the board in accordance with policies and procedures adopted by AAUW.

#### **ARTICLE XIV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

In accordance with the bylaws and annual meeting action, the executive committee shall have the general power to administer the affairs of the state and shall act for the board of directors between its meetings.

**Section 1. Composition.** The executive committee shall be composed of the elected officers of the state: the president, the vice presidents for communications, finance, membership and program, and the secretary; the president-elect shall be a member of the executive committee during her/his one-year term.

**Section 2. Duties.** The executive committee shall:

- A. Adopt rules to govern its procedures;
- B. Act for the board of directors in the interim between meetings of the board of directors except to assume such duties as are specifically delegated to the board of directors by these bylaws;
- C. Determine the special committees necessary for the work of the state and recommend their establishment to the board of directors;
- D. Confirm the appointments of chairs of committees and appointed officers;
- E. Provide for the examination of funds;
- F. Determine the time and place of the annual meeting;
- G. Make recommendations to the board of directors;
- H. Report its activities and actions to the board of directors;
- I. Approve the agenda for state meetings; and
- J. Perform such duties as may be assigned by the board of directors or specified in these bylaws and in the state policies.

#### **Section 3. Branch Supervision.**

A. Branch Recommendations. Upon recommendation of the state president, the state executive committee shall recommend to AAUW action to be taken regarding the admittance of new branches or the discontinuance of current branches within the organization.

B. Loss of Recognition of a Branch.

- i. The state executive committee shall review the findings of any branch which shall appear to have forfeited its right to continue as a branch under the AAUW Bylaws and recommend action to be taken.

- ii. A branch shall be deemed to have forfeited its right to continue as a branch if the branch has violated the purpose of AAUW or maintained branch bylaws or practices that conflict with the Bylaws or Policies of AAUW.
- iii. The branch shall have the right to appeal to the executive committee within a designated period.
- iv. The state may initiate the process of branch discontinuance if there is no branch response or effort to comply.

#### **Section 4. Meetings and Quorums.**

A. Meetings. The executive committee shall meet at least once a year at the call of the president, and at other times at the call of the president or at the written request of two (2) members of the executive committee.

B. Quorums. A quorum shall be a majority of the members of the executive committee.

#### **Section 5. Voting Between Meetings.**

A. Between meetings of the executive committee, a written and/or an electronic vote may be taken at the request of the president on any question.

B. Voting shall close ten (10) days after the question has been submitted to the executive committee.

C. Responses must be received from 2/3 of the members of the executive committee.

D. The response from each executive committee member must be filed with the minutes of the executive committee's meeting.

E. The resulting vote will have the same effect as if the votes were cast as a meeting of the executive committee.

### **ARTICLE XV. COMMITTEES**

**Section 1. Standing Committees.** There may be standing committees as deemed necessary by the annual meeting body, the executive committee, or the board of directors.

**Section 2. Special Committees.** There may be established such special committees as shall be deemed necessary by the annual meeting attendees, the executive committee, or the board of directors.

#### **Section 3. Qualifications and Terms of Committee Chairs and Members.**

A. Committee chairs shall be members of AAUW.

B. Members of standing and special committees shall be chosen for their experience and work in AAUW and/or their special aptitude for the work of the committee, with due regard for geographical representation and rotation in membership.

C. Standing committee chairs shall serve for a term of two (2) years and shall be eligible for reappointment for one (1) term only in the same position however, this provision may be waived if the member agrees, and the board of directors concurs in having the member serve another term(s).

D. Special committee chairs shall serve for a period determined by the appointing body.

#### **Section 4. Composition and Duties of Standing and Special Committees.**

With the approval of the executive committee, each standing committee shall formulate programs to carry forward the work of AAUW within the state. Each standing committee shall cooperate with the appropriate AAUW committee and with committees in branches to initiate and promote projects of a statewide and national scope. The committees shall be comprised of a chair, or the appropriate vice president, and other members as described in the state policies.

**A. The Committee on Governance** shall be responsible for bylaws, policies, and resolutions. The committee shall also review the state and branch bylaws to ensure conformity with the AAUW Bylaws, including national mandatory amendments.

**B. The Committee on Communications** shall be responsible for editing and publishing state publications, coordinating public information, and providing information to the branches.

**C. The Committee on AAUW Funds** shall implement the AAUW programs on Fellowships, Research and Projects, and such others as may be established by AAUW or the AAUW Funds Committee.

**D. The Committee on Membership** shall endeavor to increase membership in the state through the establishment of new branches and the suggestion of methods to increase and maintain membership. It shall assist branch membership chairs in problems of qualifications for membership and in the development of membership orientation programs.

**E. The Committee on Program Development** shall be responsible for providing policy guidance for program direction in the program areas and issues of AAUW and for the continuing program concerns of the state and shall consider future AAUW program issues. The program committee shall include all members of the board of directors.

**F. The Committee on Public Policy** shall formulate and implement state public policy program in compliance with AAUW policy.

**G. The Committee on Technology** will provide training for members, coordinate media for state meetings, secure and maintain the Web-based shared document interface and create and monitor AAUW of Oregon's social media presence.

**H. Special Committees** shall perform such duties as are assigned by the annual meeting body, the executive committee, or the board of directors.

#### **ARTICLE XVI. DISTRICTS**

**Section 1. Districts.** Oregon shall be divided into districts composed of areas, as determined by the state board of directors.

**Section 2. District Directors.** Members of each district shall elect a district director. Each district director shall be a member of the state board of directors and shall serve as an advocate for and deliver services to the branches in that district.

**Section 3. Role and Functions.** Districts shall provide branches with a means of communicating, interacting, training and furthering AAUW and state policies and programs.

#### **ARTICLE XVII. BRANCHES**

**Section 1. Branches and Comparable AAUW-Affiliated Entities.**

A. Branches and comparable AAUW-affiliated entities shall be composed of members of AAUW and shall have been given recognition by AAUW.

B. Branches and comparable AAUW-affiliated entities may be geographically based or may be a virtual, online branch not tied to a geographic area.

## **Section 2. Organization.**

A. Purpose. Branches and comparable AAUW-affiliated entities shall promote the purposes, program, and policies of AAUW.

B. Bylaws. Branches and comparable AAUW-affiliated entities shall develop bylaws as meet their needs. However, such bylaws shall not conflict with these AAUW Bylaws or with controlling state law.

C. Structure.

i. Branches and comparable AAUW-affiliated entities may create such leadership structures as meet their needs.

ii. Each branch and comparable AAUW-affiliated entity shall provide AAUW with designated contacts for administration and finance; these contacts can be the president and finance officer if that is consistent with the entity's structure.

iii. Each branch and comparable AAUW-affiliated entity shall also designate a member other than the contacts for administration and finance to record the minutes of each noticed meeting and board meeting.

## **Section 3. Loss of Recognition of a Branch or Comparable AAUW-Affiliated Entity.**

A. The AAUW affiliation status of a branch or comparable AAUW-affiliated entity may be revoked for cause through the affiliation review procedures specified by AAUW policy.

B. The branch shall have the right to appeal to the Board of Directors within a designated period.

## **Section 4. Property and Assets.**

A. The title to all property, funds, and assets of a branch is vested in the branch for the joint use of the members, and no member or group of members shall have any severable right to all or any part of such property.

B. The branch or comparable AAUW affiliated entity shall have complete control of its property and assets, except that such property and assets shall not be used for any purpose contrary to AAUW.

C. In the event of the dissolution of the branch or the termination of its affiliation with AAUW, all assets of the branch shall be transferred and delivered to AAUW or to an AAUW-affiliated entity designated by AAUW.

D. AAUW may solicit and consider recommendations from local leaders before making a designation.

## **ARTICLE XVIII. BRANCH RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE STATE**

**Section 1. Duties of the Branch President.** The branch president shall:

A. Submit such reports and forms as are required by the state and AAUW;

B. Be responsible for the updating of branch bylaws to conform with the AAUW Bylaws, and submitting them to the state governance chair;

C. Be responsible for bringing the branch bylaws into conformity with the state bylaws after every annual meeting and submitting them to the state governance chair; and  
Recommend to the state president candidates for state appointive offices.

**Section 2. Duties of the Branch Financial Officer.** Unless otherwise authorized by the AAUW Board of Directors, the branch financial officer shall send state dues to the state dues treasurer postmarked no later than July 1st; dues received after July 1st for late renewals or new members shall be forwarded immediately.

**Section 3. Duties of Other Officers and Chairs.** Branch officers and committee chairs shall make reports as may be required by a member of the state board of directors or by a special committee chair.

## **ARTICLE XIX. MEETINGS OF THE STATE (Annual Meeting)**

**Section 1. Time, Place and Notification.** The state shall hold at least one (1) regular meeting each year, to be known as the annual Meeting, to conduct the business of the state. It will include, but not be limited to, the election of officers and the nominating committee, amending bylaws, and receiving reports.

### **Section 2. Representation.**

A. Voting body. The voting body of any meeting of the state shall be composed of registered members of the state in attendance, who are in good standing at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

B. Voting.

i. A member of the voting body shall cast no more than one (1) vote per question.

ii. There shall be no proxy voting.

iii. The vote shall be conducted under the supervision of the state president, parliamentarian, and board secretary. The voting system and policies shall be reviewed and adopted by the board of directors and available to the individual members.

C. Quorum. Members representing a simple majority of the branches and at least five percent (5%) of the total membership on February 1 of the meeting year shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE XX. ADDITIONAL AAUW ENTITIES**

The AAUW Board of Directors may establish informal geographic, issue, or special interest groups and networks to further the mission of AAUW and foster the specific interests and needs of members. In addition, groups of members, branches, state organizations, and/or comparable AAUW-affiliated entities may collaborate with one another for common AAUW purposes following procedures and policies established by the AAUW Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE XXI. PROPERTY AND ASSETS**

**Section 1. Title.** The title for all property, funds, and assets is vested in AAUW of Oregon or multistate structure for the joint use of the members, and no member or group of members shall have any severable right to all or any part of such property; property and assets shall not be used for any purpose contrary to AAUW.



**Section 2. Dissolution.** In the event of the dissolution of AAUW of Oregon or the termination of its affiliation with AAUW, all assets of the state shall be transferred and delivered to AAUW or to an AAUW-affiliated entity designated by AAUW; AAUW may solicit and consider recommendations from local leaders before making a designation.

#### **ARTICLE XXII. INDEMNIFICATION**

A. The organization shall indemnify to the fullest extent permitted by Oregon statute any person who is made, or threatened to be made, a party to an action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, administrative, investigative, or otherwise (including an action, suit, or proceeding by or in the right of the organization) by reason of the fact that the person is or was an officer of the organization, or serves or served at the request of the organization as an officer.

B. This indemnification is provided if the person proceeded in good faith, reasonably believed the conduct was in the organization's best interests, and the person had no reasonable cause to believe the conduct was unlawful.

C. The right to and the amount of indemnification shall be determined by the executive committee, in accordance with the provisions of Oregon statute in effect at the time of the determination.

#### **ARTICLE XXIII. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS**

**Section 1. AAUW Mandated Amendments.** Amendments required by AAUW to bring the state bylaws into conformity shall not require a vote of the members, except that an incorporated state shall take the necessary steps required by the state bylaws, its articles of incorporation, and state law.

**Section 2. Prior Approval.** All other proposed amendments to the state bylaws shall be sent to the AAUW Governance Committee Chair.

#### **Section 3. Member Vote.**

A. The provisions of these bylaws not governed by the AAUW Bylaws may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting thereon, provided notice of the proposed amendments shall have been sent to each branch in the state at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which such amendment(s) shall be acted upon; or if previous notice has not been given, by unanimous vote at the annual meeting and ratification by two-thirds (2/3) of the branches.

B. An amendment to the bylaws of this organization shall become effective and binding on all branches immediately.

**Section 4. Technical Changes.** The Governance Committee is authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross references and to make such changes as may be necessary to ensure the accuracy and readability of these Bylaws.

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