

# Rose City Reporter

## APRIL 2022

### Presidents' Message

At our annual meeting this past Saturday we honestly and openly discussed the future of our branch, our 117-year-old Portland branch. We were hoping for a large turnout but had about 20 attendees not current board members. Susan and I would like to review some of the standout points made.

\*A fully functioning, engaged board cannot work for a membership that is both less engaged and involved.

\*Our branch refuses to use pressure tactics to engage new leadership.

\*117 years ago, our mission of working to support education for women was unique. Currently many organizations and government agencies support women's success in education.

\*The majority of our members are retired and busy. Younger women looking to join an organization want to network. An organization of mostly retired members does not offer networking options.

\*It became very clear that new members have not been readily welcomed into our frequently long-established friendship circles. Does this sound like high school? (Some of this may have been for logistical reasons but not necessarily all instances.)

\* Our study groups can continue and grow even if we disband.

\*We are exploring the establishment of an Endowment through the PCC Foundation for scholarships whether we continue or disband our Branch.

Where do we go from here? Several weeks ago, we were given a survey by our state membership VP Betsy McDowell. The questions as written don't feel pertinent to our current situation. We plan to rewrite the survey to give state and ourselves accurate feedback reflecting where we stand today. This survey will be sent out soon. We intend to conduct a membership wide vote on disbanding in April. We need to emphasize that simply saying no to disbanding is not enough; you would also need to identify which position on the board you wish to run for. There will always be support for you from past position holders and fellow board/off board members.

For the complete rundown on board positions, please look in your 2021-2022 Directory for all branch directors and off board leaders. Latter are appointed and important (you will note some are filled by directors; not a requirement but caused by lack of participation). Board of Directors are mostly elected.

Katie and Susan

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## **Annual Meeting Recap**

In addition to the recap (above) from Susan and Katie of the important future of the branch conversation that took place at our March 19th Annual Membership Meeting, several elections were also held:

### Election of Officers

- Linda Loftin was elected to the position of Program Vice President
- Joyce Kligman was elected to the position of Finance Vice President
- Mary Finneran was elected to the position of Director at Large
- No members agreed to run for the position of President and President Elect and those positions will be unfilled when Susan and Katie's term ends.

### Proposed Amendment to the Portland Branch Bylaws

- The amendment to eliminate term limits for elected officers was approved. The amendment was introduced to eliminate the one or two term limit that was in place for officers holding the same position. The amendment was put to a vote by the members since it has become increasingly more challenging to recruit qualified candidates to serve as officers and this change will provide the branch more flexibility in electing officers.

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**Our Long-anticipated Annual Meeting/Conference  
is Almost Here! April 7-9, 2022**

**2022 Online Conference  
& Annual Meeting**



AAUW of Oregon

Come Zoom-along April 7-9 to see your friends, learn about finding common ground, advance our AAUW organization, and celebrate some wonderful achievements, in just a few sessions! Go to [aauw-or.aauw.net](http://aauw-or.aauw.net) for more information.

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## *IN MEMORIAM*

Our Portland Branch is sad to announce the death of one of our Honorary Life Members, Peggy Hickman. Peggy was a well-known, very involved, and well-loved branch member. She will be missed. Look for an article honoring Peggy's involvement and dedication to AAUW in the May newsletter.

Here is a link to Peggy's obituary.

<https://obits.oregonlive.com/us/obituaries/oregon/name/margaret-hickman-obituary?id=33595136>.

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### Study and Interest Groups

**Breakfast in Bridgetown** (open)

Second Thursday, 9 am, unless otherwise stated

Group on hiatus

**Current Affairs** (open)

Second Mondays, 1:30 pm

Group on hiatus

Contact: Nadyne Rosin, 302-519-3715, [nadgerro@gmail.com](mailto:nadgerro@gmail.com)

**Curtain Call** (open)

Group on hiatus

Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338, [kathehart@hotmail.com](mailto:kathehart@hotmail.com)

**First Tuesday Reader's Theatre** (open)

Group on hiatus

Contact: Judy Holt, 503-652-6524, [jholt58@gmail.com](mailto:jholt58@gmail.com)

**International Lunch Group** (open)

Group on hiatus

Contact: Petie Padden, 503-235-0892, [petiepad@icloud.com](mailto:petiepad@icloud.com)

**Literary Comments and Criticism** (open)

Fourth Thursday, 11:30 am

Date: April 28

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Richardson

Contact: Petie Padden, 503-235-0892, [petiepad@icloud.com](mailto:petiepad@icloud.com)

**Mahjong** (open)

Beginning mahjong lessons

Currently on hiatus

Contact: Mary Shaw, 503-939-4589, [docsu@hotmail.com](mailto:docsu@hotmail.com)

**Modern Fiction** (open)

Fourth Tuesdays, 11:30 AM

Date: April 26

March by Geraldine Brooks

Zoom meeting

Contact: Nancy Thomas, 503-201-4420, [nmthomas@teleport.com](mailto:nmthomas@teleport.com)

**Movie Mavens** (open)

Group on hiatus

Contact: Suzanne Fleming, 714-898-6456, [multiteach@aol.com](mailto:multiteach@aol.com)

**Non-Fiction Book Group I** (closed)

Third Wednesdays, 10 am, Elephant's Deli on NW 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave., or Zoom

Date: April 20

The Premonition by Michael Lewis

Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338, [kathehart@hotmail.com](mailto:kathehart@hotmail.com)

**Non-Fiction Book Group II** (open)

Third Fridays, 6pm, Joyce Lew's, 2545 SW Terwilliger Blvd.

Date: April 15

Zero Fall by Carol Leonnig

Contact: Kathe Hart, 503-372-6338, [kathehart@hotmail.com](mailto:kathehart@hotmail.com)

**Overbooked** (closed)

Second Tuesdays, 10 am

Date: April 12

Exit West by Mohsin Hamid

Zoom meeting

Contact: Linda Stern, 503-232-5637, [lindamstern@comcast.net](mailto:lindamstern@comcast.net)

**Sleuth Sisters** (open)

Fourth Wednesdays, 12 noon

Date: April 27

Worthy Brown's Daughter by Phillip Margolin

Zoom meeting

Contact Carla Huegli, 503-457-6145 or [cshuegli27@gmail.com](mailto:cshuegli27@gmail.com)

**Wimpy Walkers** (open)

First Saturdays, 10 am

Date: April 2

Three-mile Bridge Walk (Steel Bridge to Hawthorne loop)

Meet at 121 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue (SW 3<sup>rd</sup> & SW Ash)

Lunch to follow at Mother's Bistro

Walk Leader: Linda Loftin, [linloftin06@gmail.com](mailto:linloftin06@gmail.com), 917-660-1368

**RSVP required by March 31**