

# Rose City Reporter

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## **Join us for the October Zoom Discussion**

We refer to minority groups in America as “African-American”, Asian-American” or “Latin American”. Have you ever wondered why white people are rarely called “White-American” or “Caucasian-American”? Whiteness is assumed to be standard, normal and synonymous with American identity itself.



Join us for our October Zoom discussion with Nina Narelle, partner with [Future Work Design](#) which helps organizations move beyond diversity and begin to create equitable and inclusive organizations.

**When: Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 11:00 a.m.**

**Where: Zoom Discussion in your own home**

Explore with us how recognizing our own assumptions and biases can help us to be change agents in our families, communities, and organizations to which we belong.

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### President's Message

We have just finished our ZOOM General Meeting to launch the branch's new year. Though we had participants from around the smoky Portland metro area as well as Pat Lehman connecting from smoky Seaside, the atmosphere inside our various ZOOM venues – and the presentations -- were all clear and not smoke filled!

Katie Raetz and I both believe the highlight of this meeting was Pat Lehman's remarks from her home on the coast. Pat is a co-president of AAUW Oregon with Susan Klumph joining her in that position. (Sue is an insurance agent in Grants Pass and quite occupied with helping her clients in that area so could not participate this time.) We look forward to her joining us at some point in the coming year.

Pat is a long-term and enthusiastic AAUW member and has held many jobs in branch, state, and national AAUW positions and thus brings a wealth of experience and perspectives to furthering the AAUW mission. She and Sue were instrumental in creating and putting on the Summer Skills classes that Katie cited in her message last month. Pat said most classes are on AAUW-OR's YouTube Channel.\*

AAUW Oregon Board of Directors is working on a new iteration of the five-year Strategic Plan and will make that available to all branches. AAUW Portland plans to make the state's plan the basis for the one our board will be putting together. She said there are four possible components: technology, marketing, membership, and advocacy.

Pat introduced Trish Garner, the State Public Policy chair, who needs no introduction to us, of course, who spoke on several issues of public policy.\* Trish is so knowledgeable and articulate—AAUW is fortunate to have her expertise and enthusiasm!

We heard from several branch VPs and chairs about our involvement in STEM (Ginny McQueen); programs through 2020 (Linda Loftin); study/interest groups (Linda Stern); fundraising in the time of the pandemic (Judy Holt); and our support of PCC Foundation scholarships (Barbara Spencer) (one issue is dealing with gender diversity), and membership—Lisa Perrine is tireless in staying in touch! More information on all of this will be covered in future newsletters. Speaking of the latter, kudos to Nancy Cheverton and Joyce Kligman for the terrific new format.

Did I forget anything or anyone? If so, my apologies—so much good dialogue!

Here's to clear skies in October,

Susan Marthens  
Co-President

\*To find out more about the Summer Skills Camp program and Public Policy, go to [aauw-or.aauw.net](http://aauw-or.aauw.net).

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## **AAUW OF OREGON - POLICY - GOVERNANCE UPDATE**

At the April 2020 AAUW of Oregon Annual Meeting, the candidate policy was reviewed to clarify candidate endorsement activities at the state and branch level. This is the board-approved updated version, effective immediately. If you have questions, please contact Public Policy Chair Trish Garner, [garner37@mac.com](mailto:garner37@mac.com) or Governance Co-chairs Betsy McDowell, [betsymcd@comcast.net](mailto:betsymcd@comcast.net) and Claudia Gray, [claudiag63@comcast.net](mailto:claudiag63@comcast.net)

### **800 – CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE**

#### **A. General Guidelines for Candidate Endorsement**

1. AAUW of Oregon and branches may endorse or oppose candidates for appointive office.
2. AAUW of Oregon and branches may NOT endorse or oppose candidates for partisan elective office.
3. Branches that have independently incorporated themselves as 501(c)(3) may NOT endorse candidates for any elective office, whether partisan or nonpartisan
4. A nonpartisan elective office is an office for which party affiliation does not appear on the ballot next to the candidate's name.

#### **B. Policies for Candidate Endorsement**

1. AAUW of Oregon and branches that have independently incorporated themselves as 501(c)(4) entities may endorse candidates for nonpartisan elective office.
2. Before endorsing candidates for nonpartisan elective office, AAUW of Oregon and branches must carefully investigate state and local election laws and adopt clear procedures for making endorsements.
  - a. Where there are multiple branches in a single electoral district, clear procedures for making endorsements must be agreed to by a majority of those branches, and those procedures then become binding on all branches in the electoral district.
  - b. In a multi-branch electoral district, any branch choosing not to participate in endorsement will notify all other branches in the electoral district, and the remaining

branches may proceed.

c. An inter-branch committee should be appointed to work on the procedures for endorsement. Methods of reaching decisions about which candidates to endorse should be included in the procedures; possible methods might include interviews, questionnaires and forums.

### C. Contributions

1. AAUW of Oregon and branches may NOT contribute money, mailing lists, or anything of material value to candidates for any elective office, partisan or nonpartisan.

2. Where state or local election law considers endorsement itself a contribution, AAUW of Oregon or branches may not endorse candidates for any elective office, partisan or nonpartisan.

3. AAUW of Oregon and branches may NOT publish paid political announcements in AAUW publications.

4. AAUW of Oregon and branches may not collectively volunteer time for candidates' activities through an official AAUW Branch sponsored activity.

### D. AAUW of Oregon and Branch Activities for Candidates

#### 1. Candidates for Partisan Elective Office

a. Before a partisan election, AAUW of Oregon and branches may have candidate forums to which all candidates in that election are invited. If three or more political parties have nominees for any office, AAUW of Oregon and branches may limit invitations to the two political parties receiving the highest number of votes in the last preceding general election.

b. AAUW of Oregon and branches with 503(c)(4) status must document a thorough and good-faith effort to ensure the participation of at least two candidates for a specific office (or their surrogates). AAUW of Oregon and branches may proceed with a forum with only one candidate only if such good-faith participation efforts are made.

c. AAUW of Oregon and branches with 503(c)(3) status may proceed with a candidate forum if at least two candidates and/or their surrogates have accepted the invitation.

d. AAUW of Oregon and branches must make clear to forum attendees and in pre-publicity and post-publicity, if applicable, that other candidates or parties were invited to participate, including name and giving reason(s) for nonparticipation, per invitee quotation.

(1) If no reason is given for nonparticipation, then AAUW of Oregon and branches should state such to attendees and in pre-publicity, if applicable.

(2) It is critical to avoid the semblance of AAUW of Oregon or branches as taking a partisan stance by omission or commission.

#### 2. Speeches by Elected Officials Running for Office

a. AAUW of Oregon and branches with 501(c)(3) status may invite a public official who is also a candidate in a partisan election to speak on a subject pertaining to the incumbent's duties as a public official, as long as the incumbent does not discuss his or

her candidacy for public office and does not use campaign funds to underwrite the appearance.

b. AAUW of Oregon and branches with a 501(c)(3) status may not invite a declared candidate in a partisan election to speak at a meeting on her or his candidacy for future public office.

c. AAUW of Oregon and branches with 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) status may invite a declared candidate in a partisan election to a meeting on a subject of particular expertise, as long as the candidate does not discuss his or her candidacy for public office and does not use campaign funds to underwrite the appearance.

### 3. Candidates for Nonpartisan Elective Office

a. Before a nonpartisan election in which AAUW has not endorsed a candidate(s), AAUW of Oregon and branches may have candidate forums to which all candidates in that election are invited.

b. Before a nonpartisan election in which a branch with 503(c)(4) status has endorsed a candidate(s), it may invite the endorsed candidate(s) to speak at a meeting on her/his/their candidacy with or without inviting non-endorsed candidates.

### 4. Candidate Questionnaires

a. All candidates running for the office(s) pertaining to the candidate questionnaire must have the opportunity to participate.

b. All candidate responses received should be signed by the candidates.

c. All responses received must be printed in their entirety up to the specified word limit in any publication of responses to the questionnaire. Responses will be distributed to AAUW members only.

d. The publication of responses should include the names of all candidates to whom the questionnaire was sent, but the publication may proceed even if all candidates did not respond.

### E. Election Activities of Individual AAUW Members

1. Any member may endorse, as a private citizen, candidates for partisan elective office, contribute her/his/their own money or anything of value to such candidates, and organize for the purpose of supporting such candidate(s) but such endorsement, contribution or organization cannot utilize the name of AAUW.

2. Any AAUW leader who is actively involved in a candidate's campaign should avoid involvement in branch/state electoral activities that may give the appearance of AAUW endorsement of the candidate.

3. As a candidate for any office, an individual member may state her/his/their AAUW membership as long as the candidate is not opposing AAUW program or policy. Stating one's AAUW membership, while opposing AAUW positions, violates the AAUW Use of Name Policy (See AAUW Bylaws , Article III). In the absence of official endorsement

(for appointive or nonpartisan elective office), such a statement of AAUW membership should not be construed to imply endorsement.

4. To avoid any appearance of conflict of interest or implied AAUW endorsement, any member who has declared candidacy for, or is holding a partisan public office, shall not hold an AAUW elected or appointed position in which she/he/they may be a spokesperson for AAUW public policy issues.

April 19, 2020

Adopted by the AAUW of Oregon Board of Directors

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## **AAUW of Oregon Covid-19 Guidelines – September 3, 2020**

**AAUW CEO Kim Churches writes:** “Given that you are your own IRS sanctioned charity and that your geography is different than the DC metro area, we continue to advise to follow local elected officials’ guidelines and local public health requirements.”

**AAUW National staff are not currently holding in-person meetings or official travel and do not plan to do so until at least 2021.**

**However, National continues to recommend that States and branches bear in mind that the average age of our members is 72+ and that members in the more vulnerable age group and anyone with underlying conditions take all possible precautions.**

**AAUW of Oregon strongly advises all branches to refer to the State of Oregon and local directives before planning meetings or events. The health, safety and welfare of our members is our highest priority.**

**The most up-to-date state and county information can be found at <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>.**

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## **STEM – Thank You!**

AAUW Portland support is critical to the program – literally there would be no program without our branch volunteers – and support was very effective this year. Many thanks go out to Katie Raetz, Sue Thomas, Judy Holt, Lisa Perrine, Ginny McQueen, Kathy Moyd, Charlene Vojilla and Julie Skinner for the giving of their time and enthusiasm in support of our STEM program.

-Ginny McQueen, STEM Project

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

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## **CORRECTIONS AND UPDATES**

Phone number correction – pg. 3 of Directory:  
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## ??? Time on Your Hands ???

Need something to keep you occupied while you “shelter in place”? Out of ideas for books to read? This month, the Sleuth Sisters book group has some ideas for you. Here’s what the members of the group will be reading in the next few months. They thought these might be of interest.

- [Trace Elements](#) by Lonna Leon
- [The Death of Mrs. Westaway](#) by Ruth Ware
- [Moving Targets](#) by Warren C. Easley
- [Foul Matters](#) by Martha Graham

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## **Study and Interest Groups October 2020**

### **Breakfast in Bridgetown** (open)

Second Thursday, 9 am, unless otherwise stated

Group on hiatus

### **Current Affairs** (open)

First Tuesdays, 1 pm

Date: October 6

Zoom meeting

Contact: Sue Thomas, 503-427-0403, [sueonoak@comcast.net](mailto:sueonoak@comcast.net)

### **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, 503-378-5602, [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: October 22

Zoom meeting

The Tenth Muse by Judith Jones

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## Study and Interest Groups (continued)

### **Mahjong** (open)

Beginning mahjong lessons

Currently on hiatus

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

### **Modern Fiction**

Fourth Tuesdays, 11:30 AM

Date: October 27

Zoom meeting

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson

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### **Movie Mavens** (open)

Group on hiatus

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### **Non-Fiction Book Group I**

Third Wednesdays, 10 am

Date: October 21

Zoom meeting

Learning from the Germans: Race and the Memory of Evil by Susan Neiman

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

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

Third Fridays, 7pm

Date: October 16

Zoom meeting

The Man in the Red Coat by Julian Barnes

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### **Overbooked**

Second Tuesdays, 10 am

Date: October 13

Zoom meeting

Spying on the South by Tony Horowitz

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

## **Study and Interest Groups (continued)**

### **Sleuth Sisters** (open)

Fourth Wednesdays, 12 noon

Date: October 28

Zoom meeting

A Certain Justice by P.D. James

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

### **Wimpy Walker** (open)

First Saturday, 10:00 AM

Group on hiatus

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