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Update from the AAUW ABQ Board

Greetings from the Board of the Albuquerque Branch of AAUW. Our world changed dramatically in March. Our Branch meetings for April and May were cancelled. Interest Groups are not meeting. Many of us are living alone and unable to see friends and family. Worship services are offered online. Many of us only get out to go the grocery store during the hour reserved for folks over 65. We all are struggling to adapt to the new order.

The AAUW ABQ Board has been meeting using Zoom. We are continuing to plan for the 2020-2021 program year. Tech Trek will not happen in June, but our creative STEM Committee is working on planning for next year. Read the STEM article about their Tech Trek in Box project. We are blessed with so many creative members who find solutions to what could be major setbacks. Please read the section about how we will be handling the election of officers.

Take time to call fellow members. Many of our members live alone and would especially enjoy a call from a friend. Thank you to the Calling Committee for the extra calls they are making to help keep members up to date on Branch activities.

Be sure and read the article about how this Branch will handle the election of officers this year. There is an exciting article about the activities of the Branch STEM Task Force This small group of women are making a significant impact on girls in our area and state wide.

The Board will be meeting this summer. Hopefully by mid-summer we will know whether we will be able to meet together as a group in the fall.

Pat Maben, Newsletter Editor

Election of Officers

The AAUW ABQ Board met via Zoom on May 18. Due to the limitations caused by the pandemic, the board members discussed how to handle the election of officers which should have occurred in April at the general

meeting. Shila Marek and Pat Maben talked with Sylvia Fink, AAUW NM Co-President. She shared how the state board handled this issue. Below is the report of the Nominating Committee in response to the information received

Nominating Committee Report

Election of Officers

The Bylaws of AAUW-Albuquerque say that nominees should be voted on in person. In this time of the pandemic with no meetings, I, as the Nominating Committee Chair, have a proposal to make, similar to the one which AAUW-NM followed.

“I move that we present the nominees to the membership by e-mail. (Pat Maben could help with this via Constant Contact and e-mail.) The e-mail would say, ‘The nominee for President is Patricia Maben, and Co-Chair Membership nominees are Danielle Martin and Monique Dodd. If you are opposed to these nominees, send back a “nay” vote no later than one week from this date. If you favor these nominees, do nothing.’ If these nominees are approved, they will be sent to National and included in our yearbook. This is contingent on these nominees being voted on at the next general meeting.”

The motion was seconded and passed.

Below is the process we will follow to implement the above action of the board.

1. Pat Maben will send an e-mail to each member of the Albuquerque branch with a list of the proposed officers as submitted by the Nominating Committee. **Please watch for this e-mail which will be sent on May 26.**
2. If you are in favor of the slate of officers, you do not have to do anything.
3. If you are opposed to one or more of the officers please indicate by sending an e-mail to Shila Marek at shila.marek@gmail.com indicating your opposition to one or more of the candidates.
4. Members on the mailing list will be mailed the newsletter. If a member is opposed to one or more of nominated officers, they are to call Shila Marek at 369 1521 and inform her of their opposition.
5. The Calling Committee is being asked to call the members on their page to notify them of this process.
6. At the first general meeting this fall, the members present will be asked to confirm the election of the nominees.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shila Marek, at 369-1521 or shila.marek@gmail.com

2020 Candidates for Election as Officers of the Board



Patricia Maben

Pat has been a member of AAUW since 1986. She graduated from Texas Woman's University with a degree in Nursing and from The Wichita State University and with a Master's Degree in Nursing. She first joined AAUW in 1986 while working as a nursing instructor and coordinator of allied health education at Butler County Community College in El Dorado, KS. She moved to Topeka Kansas after accepting the position of Director of Long term Care with Kansas Department of Health. In this position she was responsible for policy development and education for long term care facilities. One of the first things I did when I moved to Topeka was look for the AAUW Branch. She

was editor of the branch newsletter and in her last two years in Topeka, she was president of the branch. She joined the Albuquerque West Side Branch in 2009 after moving to Rio Rancho She served as newsletter and yearbook editor. She also served on the board of AAUW NM as newsletter editor for four years. Pat joined the Albuquerque Branch in 2013 as a dual member. She have been a member of the board for three years as the yearbook and newsletter editor. Pat joined AAUW because of its advocacy for women and girls.



Danielle Martin

Danielle joined the Albuquerque Branch in 2015. She has volunteered for Tech Trek as a dorm mom and photographer. Danielle graduated from the University of New Mexico with a BS degree in biochemistry. She is a technical project manager for Mountain Vector Energy.

Please note the editor was unable to communicate with Danielle for information for this article. So when you meet Danielle at a general meeting take time to get to know her.



Monique Dodd

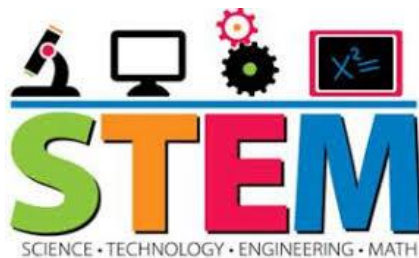
Monique Dodd has been working as a Pharmacist Clinician at TriCore Reference Laboratories since July 2016. She is currently Manager of Enterprise Clinical Solutions for the Diagnostic Optimization team. Her role is to design laboratory-driven targeted interventions to optimize screening, diagnosis, monitoring and treatment of high cost, high risk and high frequency health conditions. Her areas of focus are infectious diseases, chronic pain management/opioid abuse and anticoagulation. Dr. Dodd has a unique education background which brings laboratory diagnostics and pharmacy together. She earned her Bachelor's of Science in Medical Laboratory Sciences from the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center in 2007. She was hired at TriCore as a Medical Technologist working for the Infectious Disease Research and Development team where she worked for three years. She was then accepted to the University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy in 2010 where she interned in the infectious disease lab. Upon graduation in 2014, she entered into a collaborative Post-Graduate Year-One Residency with TriCore and the University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy, with a focus in clinical pharmacy and laboratory diagnostics. Through this existing partnership, she continued her training and earned her Pharmacist Clinician license while completing a Pharmacy Fellowship in 2016. As a member of the Diagnostic Optimization team, Dr. Dodd focusses on designing actionable and real-time targeted intervention for payers, health systems and providers that aim to improve the health of the population.

When asked why she decided to join AAUW, she said it was due to Joy Donelson. Monique received an award from Joy. She related that she so impressed with Joy's passion for promoting women in leadership roles. Joy talked to her about the mission of AAUW and she decided to join.

Planning for 2020-2021

Planning for the upcoming program year is difficult during a pandemic. Ted Cooley and Joan Goodman, co-vice presidents for programs are working on the schedule for the upcoming program year. In September the board is hopeful that the limitations on the size of groups will have changed so that we can accept Janet Matwioff's invitation to have our September meeting in her garden. The board decided to move the date of the September meeting to September 12 to avoid the Labor Day Weekend. We are hopeful that we will be able to meet in Coronado Villa again in October. That cannot be determined at this time.

There has been discussion among board members for several months about exploring a different style of governance. Over the past few years it has been very difficult to find members to serve on the board. The goal is to find a way with fewer people to manage the work of the organization. When and if a suitable plan is developed, the membership will have the opportunity to study the proposal and then vote on it. The Los Alamos Branch changed their governance a number of years ago. If any member has been involved in the process of reorganizing the governance of a non-profit, please contact Pat Maben at pam1246@me.com or 504-2466.



AAUW ABQ Stem Task Force

The Central New Mexico Science & Engineering Research Challenge was changed to awards for only high school students. Some middle school students were able to present their projects, but no awards were given. The task force decided to give the award money (collected from our members) to two of the high school after their presentations were viewed online.

Recipients were as follows:

1. First Place and Grand Ward Winner - Ana Maris Perez of Albuquerque Academy. Her project title was On a Variation of the Witsenhausen Problem Concerning Maximal $\pi/2$ - Avoiding Spherical Sets
2. First place and ISEF Finalist - Paulina Naydenkov of Albuquerque Math & Science. Her project title was Hierarchically Engineered Nanotheranostic for Ovarian Cancer

Tech Trek was advised by AAUW National to cancel or convert to online programming due to the pandemic. Instead of either, the Tech Trek committee decided to postpone Tech Trek NM 2020 to 2021.

Next year there will be two separate one week camps in the summer. Girls selected for the 2020 camp will be accepted for one of the 2021 camps.

The Tech Trek Committee is creating a Tech-Trek-in-a-box for the trekkers to use during the week of the 2020 camp. Claudia Poglitsch, Dana Roberson, Cheri and Burch from our branch along with Cheryl Leung (a long time Tech Trek teacher) and Kim Linder (Honeywell Engineer and alumna mom) are working on this project. Honeywell and Facebook have supported this project financially.

Tech Trek alumnae have been notified of New Mexico Out of School Time Advancing in STEM scholarships. The STEM Task Force has communicated with MOST about serving on their committee for planning for their focus on girls this year.

Cheri Burch: STEM Task Force chair

Membership

Thank you to the fifty members that have renewed their memberships. It is especially helpful that many of the Honorary Life Members paid the Branch dues when it is not required. For the past few years, the budget has been based on the expectation that 100 members will pay the \$18 branch dues.

If you have not already paid your dues for the coming year, please do before August 1 to ensure your contact information is in the 2020-2021 yearbook. The yearbook will be distributed to members that attend the September meeting and mailed to members that are not in attendance.

- 1.. Mail dues to: Rae Siporin, 179 Loma del Oro, Corrales, NM87048-6938
2. Renew online at: aauw.org, click on" membership" and then on "Renew Your Branch Membership".
3. Albuquerque Branch dues are \$95 (\$56 tax deductible). Dues for a Life Member is \$36. Checks are payable to AAUW Albuquerque Branch.

Thank you for your membership and continued support.

Shila Marek, Membership Chair - 505-314-6222

Calendar

July Board meeting TBD

August Board meeting TBD

September 12 Meet and Great at Janet Matwioff's home. 10-12 noon

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