

# The ROADRUNNER

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## AAUW-NM Fall Workshop Taos County Branch, Host October 25-26

Taos County Branch invites you to enjoy the unique flavor and beauty of Taos. The Fall Workshop will be held in the Kachina Lodge. On Friday evening, October 24, is dinner at Apple Tree. On Saturday after welcomes by Margaret Killingsworth, Taos Branch president, and Carol Ann Council, AAUW-NM president, AAUW-NM Finance Chair, Virginia Spruiell, will give us nitty-gritty on branch finances, then professional mediator Colleen Durocher, director of a grant in educational programs at Taos Pueblo, will explain how to be more successful in mediation. Taos's artists will be the topic of the program at lunch.

For the afternoon program on civil liberties and the Patriot Act, Congressman Udall has been invited and Peter Simonson, Executive Director of NM ACLU, or an ACLU staff member, and Dorothy Kethler, Taos Librarian, will speak, followed by a panel discussion and Q and A period. At four is a half hour of sharing AAUW information. Social time around the pool and dinner at Trading Post end the day. The Leadership Team Meeting is on Sunday.

### AAUW-NM SCHEDULE

OCT. 25-26 AAUW-NM Fall Workshop and Leadership Team Meeting, Taos Taos County Branch, Host  
NOV. 10 Winter Roadrunner deadline  
DEC. 31 Postmark deadline for EF and LAF contributions for 2003  
JAN 1 Half year dues now accepted

### HIGHLIGHTS IN 2004

APRIL 23-25 Joint AAUW-NM and AAUW-TX Convention, El Paso  
JUNE 26-27 AAUW Rocky Mountain Regional Convention, Albuquerque

AAUW-NM WEBSITE  
<http://aauw-nm.org>

AND TAKE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO THE POLLS.  
LET'S NOT HAVE THE USUAL 7% TURNOUT IN A SPECIAL ELECTION!

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 12, SECTION 6 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO TRANSFER THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO A CABINET DEPARTMENT HEADED BY A SECRETARY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION WHO SHALL SERVE IN THE EXECUTIVE CABINET AND TO CREATE AN ELECTED PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION.**

**Currently**, the 15-member state board of education consists of "ten members elected from single-member districts plus five members appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate. The board determines public school policy, management and direction, including financial direction, of the distribution of school funds under the authority and powers provided by law. The board appoints a superintendent of public instruction who is a qualified, experienced educational administrator, to direct the operation of the department of education." \*

**Proposed.** A State Secretary of Education, appointed by the governor, who would have all the authority over education in New Mexico the state board of education now has. The board would be replaced by an elected advisory commission with no power.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2 PROPOSING TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO [ARTICLE 12, SECTION 7] TO PROVIDE FOR A LIMITED ADDITIONAL DISTRIBUTION FROM THE PERMANENT FUNDS TO PROVIDE MORE MONEY FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO IMPLEMENT AND MAINTAIN EDUCATIONAL REFORMS AND FOR OTHER PERMANENT FUNDS RECIPIENTS.**

**Currently**, Article 12, Section 7 authorizes education to receive annual distributions from the Permanent Fund of 4.7% interest of the past five-year average of the market value of the fund.

**Proposed.** To increase the amount of interest schools receive from the Land Grant Permanent Fund (some call it the "Rainy Day Fund"). The fund's value was listed at \$6.3 billion last summer. The fund's corpus would not be affected by the increase. If voters approve the funding increase, approximately \$18 million would fund school reforms in 2005. Below are the proposed percentages of interest.

2004 5% 2005-2012 5.8% 2013-2016 5.5% Thereafter 5%

**Please consult pages 3 and 8 for more information.**

### AAUW Branch Programs

**Albuquerque Branch and League of Women Voters of A/BC, Sat. Sept. 6, 10 a.m. Smith-Brasher Hall, TVI, 717 University SE** Forum: Amendment #1 Jo Lou Trujillo-Ottino, member New Mexico Business Roundtable; Marshall Berman, member Coalition for Excellence in Science and Math Education (CESE) Amendment #2. Larry Waldman, Senior economist Bureau of Business and Economic Research, UNM; Patrick Lyons, Commissioner of Public Lands

**Las Cruces Branch Sat. Sept. 6, 10 a.m. Peace Lutheran Church, Missouri Avenue** Speaker: Dolores Halls, AAUW Public Policy Committee and AAUW-NM Public Policy Chair for southern New Mexico

**VOTE SEPTEMBER 23**

**Another exciting AAUW-NM year is underway!** Please mark your calendars now for the Fall Workshop in Taos in October, the Joint NM-TX State Convention in El Paso in April, 2004, and the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference in Albuquerque in June. With these and the 2004 legislative session, we have a busy year ahead and would like to enlist the help and support of all state members.

**The AAUW Convention held in Providence, RI,** in June was truly marvelous. All the guest speakers were outstanding, the special sessions for the states and regions were informative, the plenary and forums were well done, the workshops were many, exhibits and vendors were numerous (but not well advertised), voting for contested elections had long lines. The LAF/EF receptions and banquets were crowded with new faces, lots of fun, good food, and had many outstanding awards./speeches. The business sessions were well conducted, moved along, and were very exciting! AAUW-NM had 12 convention attendees. New Mexico really made a name for itself, what with Barbara Carey (VGIF President) featured in several sessions, Marion Isidoro a candidate for EF board of directors, Janet Matwiyoff as southwest jewelry vendor (donating part of her profits to EF and VGIF) and the Civil Liberties Resolution presented by AAUW-NM and San Fernando Valley (CA) Branch.

All our attendees participated in many sessions--workshops and business. We shone like bright sunshine and let other AAUW members see that AAUW-NM really lives/acts on AAUW's mission in many ways! All in all, this Association Convention was a very rewarding experience!

**As to the Civil Liberties Resolution,** the entire state owes the team that "got it all together" a big round of applause: Betty Smith (Albuquerque) who brought it to our attention at the AAUW-NM Convention, Nancy Childs (Las Vegas) who spearheaded the effort, Jan Lifson-Bray (Albuquerque) who handled the resolution at the Association Convention, Agnes Moses (Santa Fe) who contributed to the its development, and Margaret Dike (Albuquerque) who helped review and finalize it. It was exciting to see this (OUR) resolution developed, collaborated-on with the California branch, evolve into a concise form, presented from the floor of the convention in the last few minutes of the last official business session, voted to be heard, addressed in support by a few, and then PASS UNANIMOUSLY!! What a thrill!!!

**For our Summer Leadership Team Meeting** in Las Cruces we extend many thanks to the Las Cruces branch which did an outstanding job of hosting.

**Our sad news** is that the San Juan County Branch (Farmington area) has voted to disband. It was with tears that the branch members reached this decision. Many will continue as Members-at-Large, and, of course, we wholeheartedly welcome all to continue their memberships in AAUW-NM--and to participate!

Thank you for your support. I hope to see you in Taos.

☉ Carol Ann Council PRESIDENT AAUW-NM 505-522-3313

**Whereas** the AAUW Public Policy Biennial Action Priorities include vigorous defense of civil and constitutional rights, and

**Whereas** the AAUW Public Policy Principles for Action state that 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, and

**Whereas** AAUW along with the country in general is concerned about the safety of its citizens in the wake of demonstrated terrorist acts and

**Whereas** the USA Patriot Act seriously restricts civil liberties and

**Whereas** passage of a second such act, the Domestic Security Enhancement Act of 2003, would further abridge our civil liberties in even more damaging ways, and

**Whereas** AAUW should express its great concern about the erosion of civil rights by the USA Patriot Act and similar proposed legislation and directives,

**RESOLVED**

1. AAUW encourage AAUW states and branches to analyze and discuss ways to balance the need to combat terrorism while protecting our vital civil liberties, and
2. AAUW work to oppose legislation and administrative directives that threaten our civil liberties.

*This resolution was submitted by  
AAUW-NM and AAUW San Fernando Valley, CA*

**Come Early and Stay Late in Taos**

Just north of Taos is Taos Pueblo. In Taos are fine museums--including Blumenschein Home and Museum,

Fechin House and Institute, Harwood Museum of Art of UNM, Kit Carson Home and Museum, Millicent Rogers Museum, Van Vechten Lineberry Taos Art Museum, Governor Bent Museum and Martinez Hacienda Museum--and historic places (even a Historical Taos Trolley Tour), Taos Plaza, Mabel Dodge Lujan House, the National Cemetery where Kit Carson and Mabel Dodge Lujan are buried, etc.

Beauty in town and out--such as off Hwy 3 north of San Cristobal at D.H. Lawrence Ranch and Shrine, crossing Rio Grande Gorge on Hwy 64 (a little farther are earth houses), driving the magnificent circle: Hwy 3 to Questa, 38 thru Red River back to Eagle Nest and 64 back to Angel Fire and Taos, and north from Taos to Hwy 150 and Taos Ski Valley.

Taos County Branch will be informing you about why you should **come early and stay late.**

**RESOLUTION TO PREVENT  
THE EROSION OF CIVIL RIGHTS  
AAUW Convention 2003**

**Action Summary**

# Weighing How to Vote Sept. 23: What's at STAKE? <sup>1</sup>

**2002-2005 Public Policy:** accepted with a few minor word changes in the last two sections.

**2003 Resolutions** page 6

- Mass Media failed
- Women in Decision-Making Positions passed
- in World Financial Institutions passed
- Statute of Limitations for Gender Discrimination Claims passed

**Resolutions presented from the floor:**

- Establish ERA membership requirement dialogue passed
- Department of Peace (DOP) resolution failed
- Address a new group of members--  
Global Members at Large failed
- Support ERA amendment in states  
where it has not been adopted passed
- Erosion of Civil Right passed unanimously!

(Submitted by AAUW-NM and AAUW San Fernando Valley CA)

**Bylaws Amendment** (pages 7-12)

1. Change eligibility requirements for membership
  - A. Open membership to all who support mission failed
  - B. Open membership to holders of Associate degrees failed
2. Establish "business/organization" membership category failed
3. Create position of Legal Advocacy Fund finance VP passed
4. Establish election of Associate Directors-at-large  
by plurality vote passed
5. Clarify composition of the board of directors passed
6. Add director-at-large to Executive committee failed
7. Establish international affairs standing committee passed
8. Lengthen time branches can be inactive  
before forfeiting status passed
9. Provide regional directors with voting status  
at convention passed

**Dues change** (page13)

- Dues Annual fixed amount increase  
with amendment to be reviewed in 2009 passed
- Amount of increase \$2.00 (effective 2004-2005 year ) passed

**Association Board of Directors** (pages 14-18)

President: Nancy Rustad (MN); Exec.VP/Sec.: Beth Farokhi (GA)  
Finance Co-VOPs: Jo Herber (WA) and Laura Long (MT)  
Directors at large: Patty Hankins (MD), Ruth Sweetser (IL),  
and Kryss Wulff (CA)

**Rocky Mountain Regional Director:** Evelyn Cumming (NV)  
*Carol Ann Council, PRESIDENT, AAUW-NM*

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## Bits from the Convention

✌ At the LAF banquet, Bari-Ellen Roberts, the lead plaintiff Roberts vs. Texaco (the largest discrimination suit in U.S. history) received the 2003 Speaking out for Justice award.

☺ Graciela Chichilnisky, an LAF-supported plaintiff advised, "The key thing here is to turn shit into fertilizer-- you will never run out of raw material."

♥ At the EF banquet Gloria Steinem, receiving the Achievement Award, used poetry, stories, anger, humor, and facts in her criticism of current conditions....for example, a woman college graduate earns about the same as a white male with a high school education, and, if she is a woman of color, she earns about the same as a white man with an eighth grade education....

Should New Mexico amend its constitution to change educational governance and/or to increase funding public schools receive from the Permanent Fund?

**AMENDMENT 1.** In recent years this measure has failed twice. At least three states that have adopted this are trying to get out of it. In New Mexico getting out would require passage of another Constitutional Amendment, which would take years.

**Proponents say:**

- **Give the governor responsibility and accountability for public schools.**
- **Eliminate the 15-member elected State Board of Education (SBE) because it is too cumbersome** to develop cohesive educational policy statewide.
- **Give the governor authority over all the state operating budget** (48% of the state operating budget goes to public schools through grade 12) to allow coordination of all administrative department programs and budgets.

**Opponents say:**

- **Don't make our children political footballs!** Our educational system could drastically change with each new governor. The current system assures continuity. We already have New Mexico institutions that are political footballs in which administrative swings make victims out of those we intend to help. The present system serves local school districts, students and parents so much better.
- **Don't put the policy and finance of our public schools under an unelected secretary of public education bossed by the governor. Our State Board is representative and accountable statewide.** The amendment would replace the State Board with a powerless commission, and the public (*parents!*) would have little or no input. Currently the governor has appropriate input through the five appointed SBE members and through the veto.
- **Don't put the 48% of the state operational funding that now goes to public schools in jeopardy.** Any governor could reapportion funding among state departments. And, what if a governor would be inclined to share public school funds with private and/or religious schools or via vouchers?

**AMENDMENT 2.** AAUW Public Policy has long advocated responsible funding of education.

**Proponents say:**

- **Give the schools the additional money needed to finance legislatively-mandated educational reforms** (listed p. 8).
- **Financial safeguards protect the corpus of the fund.**
- **The Permanent Fund can withstand market turn-downs.**

**Opponents say:**

- **Don't slow the growth of the fund by increasing the distribution--**the fund needs to be intact for future generations.
- **A temporary increase is not a permanent solution** to the school funding problem.
- **Don't count on school funding increasing in the future.** With more money for public schools available from the Permanent Fund, the legislature or governor might decide to cut allocations now made from the general fund.

<sup>1</sup> Thanks for information and considerations on pages 1, 3, and 8 to League of Women Voters of New Mexico flier on Constitutional Amendments; Jean Bahr; Terry Sleight; Flora Sanchez, "Education Shakeup a Bad Idea," *Albuquerque Journal* April 13, p. A11; et al, P.F.

## INTELLIGENCE FROM BRANCHES AND OTHER STATES

**Albuquerque.** *Jan Lifson Bray*, President, 505-292-7270

The branch held a highly successful Summer Social on August 6<sup>th</sup>, and invited the area's MALs.

This summer International Relations group again studied Great Decisions. This year's topic is Sub-Sahara.

**Grant County.** *Adrienne Dare*, 505-388-2013

The branch is gearing up for the fall membership meeting on September 9 at the home of the president of Western New Mexico University. We will talk about AAUW and Representative Diane Hamilton will speak about the proposed Constitutional Amendments. Our programs for the year are nearly all set so the information about them can be available at the meeting. Once again our major community project will be our "Expanding Your Horizons Conference" on March 6, 2004.(our 12<sup>th</sup> in Silver City).\*

We lost another long-time AAUW member in June: Anita Morton (82). We will truly miss her energy. Anita was enthusiastically dedicated to environmental issues.

We have just picked a returning woman student as recipient of our Barbara Brown Scholarship for the fall semester. Another scholarship will be available for the spring semester.

**Las Cruces.** *Ruth Benjamin*, President, 505-527-0204

In 1923 a group of Las Cruces women formed the first branch of AAUW in New Mexico. The year 2003 marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our branch, and we will be celebrating it for much of our program year.

We kicked off our celebration at our June meeting with a big birthday cake. Our September meeting will also feature Branch History with input from some former presidents. We also will have a presentation on the Proposed Constitutional Amendments.

Our annual Trash and Treasure Sale, will be held in October. It is our only fund raiser. The proceeds are divided among EF, LAF, and our NMSU Endowment Fund.

We will hear from the new Superintendent of the Las Cruces schools in November and will join the League of Women Voters in December for the annual "Breakfast with the Legislators."

Our congratulations to Dolores Halls who serves as southern New Mexico Public Policy chair for AAUW-NM, and on the Association Public Policy Committee.

**Oklahoma.** "Jennifer Nail filed a complaint with the EEOC alleging that [Southwest Oklahoma State University] denied her a full-time instructor's position due to her gender, & the EEOC found reasonable cause to believe her." In an update, Jennifer wrote "that she has been notified she will not be re-hired for the next term at SWOSU....SWOSU has declined to participate in conciliation." The AAUW-OK Board voted to send a contribution to help her with legal expenses.

*AAUW-Oklahoma The Leader*, April-May 2003

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**Santa Fe.** *Patricia Jonietz*, Contact, 505-992-0665

For Santa Fe Branch, instead of a president for the year, each month a different member will serve. At our annual retreat on August 2 members shared duties and we hope to have as

exciting a year as ever!

On September 20 we'll meet New Members at a brunch at Treasurer Wendy Haig's home. The rest of the year is rapidly taking shape. We'll keep you posted. *Kathy*

*Costa*, CO-PROGRAM VICE-PRESIDENT

**Taos County.** *Margarett Killingsworth*, President, 505-758-3942

On August 16 the branch held a "Women in Charge" program featuring Taos women in government, education, and economic development at St. James Episcopal Church.

Thanks to Nina Thayer and 18 members of Los Alamos Branch, the Taos County Branch received \$100 toward the Branch contribution to the EF program. Taos member Lloyd Rivera, local artist, donated a painting describing the spirit of AAUW. Taos Branch members sold raffle tickets, as did Los Alamos.

Taos Branch's work assures members of an outstanding Fall Workshop (October 25-26), one to remember for its content, fellowship, beauty, charm, good food, and lodging--all at modest cost!

**Virginia.** AAUW-Virginia has honored two women with remarkable education achievements as Educator and Education Advocate of the Year 2003, awards given since 1991.

Linda Cauley of Staunton, Educator, is director of the Shenandoah Valley Governor's School in Fishersville. "With exposure to specialty programs, counseling, career planning, and customized interventions for students in sixth and ninth grades over the course of several years, female and minority students admissions to the Governor's School for advanced classes in science and mathematics increased from near zero to 40 percent."

"Martha Jo Robinson, Education Advocate is the founder and director of One Child at a Time, a non-profit organization in Waynesboro established to provide tutorial help for high school students who wish to improve their academic performance." Volunteers provide personal instruction in study skills and subject matter four days a week. This program has been raising female academic achievement and college enrollment for the four years it has been in operation. *AAUW-Virginia Vision* Summer 2003 p.5

\* **Grant County** has received a \$100 Mini-Grant from AAUW-NM to help with this Expanding Your Horizons project.

## Our New Rocky Mountain Regional Director

## Lobbyists ★

**Just a few lines to introduce myself.** I am a 35-year member of AAUW, both in California and in Nevada, past state board member in both states, one of the three Local Arrangements Chairs for last year's Western Regional Conference in Reno, and Reno Branch member. My husband and I are graduates of a liberal arts university in New Brunswick, Canada. We settled in the Bay area of California in 1966 and moved to Nevada six years ago. We have two grown daughters and two grandchildren, along with an extended family living from coast to coast in the USA and Canada. Keeping in touch with everyone is a given for me...and it is an important facet of the job of regional director. It will be my pleasure to work with the state leaders and members here in the region, act as a conduit between AAUW in Washington and our state officers and to do my very best to keep AAUW strong, growing and vital.

I know you will hear about events at our AAUW Convention from New Mexico participants, but let me say that this group of energetic, enthusiastic, capable women served as an inspiration to all who attended. We returned home convinced that AAUW members can do anything!

All of us in the Rocky Mountain Region look forward to our conference next year in New Mexico-- see you in Albuquerque!!!

*Evelyn Cumming*

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Laura Stokes (West Mesa Branch and co-chair of Public Policy for AAUW-NM) has been attending the Legislative Education Study Committee and Education Partners meetings. Dolores Halls attended the August meeting in Las Cruces on school funding.

The Governor and both NM Senators support both Constitutional Amendments on the Sept. 23 ballot. *We support Amendment 2 (funding), but NOT Amendment 1 because we believe that an elected school board with constitutional authority will provide consistent and better public school education.*

**The Governor's Blue Ribbon Tax Reform Committee seems to be looking at only ways to remove gross receipts taxes and support economic development, and not ways to provide services, such as education. They are considering removing the exemption for non-profits on paying the gross receipts tax.** Major emphasis is on removal of the gross receipts tax from medical services (to keep doctors from leaving New Mexico) and from food. A Special Session on taxes probably will be held in October. LWV members from Los Alamos and Santa Fe are attending all the Tax Committee meetings and keeping us posted.

**VOTE** on September 23,

*Terry Sleight, LOBBYIST*

## \$\$\$ Campaign Finance Reform \$\$\$

**New Mexicans for Campaign Finance Reform (NMCR)** worked hard on the 2003 Legislative session and got a true campaign reform bill passed. It will make public financing available to candidates for the Public Regulation Commission (PRC) starting in 2006. After first collecting a certain number of \$5 contributions to prove they are viable candidates, and agreeing to accept no outside money or spend any of their own money, they will receive campaign funding from the state based on a lower than past costs of running for that office with a provision for more if their opponent is a big spender. This will level the playing field, hold down costs of running for office, and take money out as the determining factor. Over 90% of those elected to office are the candidates who spend the most money, i.e., MONEY makes our laws and governs us. Is this what we want?

**For the 2004 session** NMCR is considering two possibilities: 1. *public finance for state judicial election campaigns*, and 2. *contribution caps*. New Mexico is one of the few states that has no contribution caps. NMCR would like to hear from member organizations on these two issues. Please contact Marion Isidoro, 4025 Camino del Valle SW, Albuquerque NM 87105 or email [risidoro@aol.com](mailto:risidoro@aol.com) before the September 10<sup>th</sup> NMCR meeting.

*Marion Isidoro, NM CAMPAIGN REFORM LIAISON*

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**The Coalition for Choice** meeting in July was attended by NARAL-NM, Planned Parenthood, The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Rights, ACLU, Mana de Albuquerque, NOW, the NM Women's Agenda, and AAUW-NM (me). The next meeting will also be attended by LWV.

We are examining a statement of purpose and activity that will apply particularly to the 2004 legislative session, and we are very concerned that a change in Supreme Court makeup will overturn Roe v. Wade. Another parental consent bill will probably come up in the next session. The Right-to-Life group objects to a bill in Congress that would allow importation of prescription drugs from Canada, since that would let in the RU-486 pill. That bill is stalled while Congress is in recess.

**Pharmacy access** to the "morning after pill" is being pushed strongly by NARAL, which will have a national rally in Washington in late April.

**I have been your Coordinator for Choice for 10 years** and my medical treatments (chemotherapy) require that I have a backup until about January. Please volunteer to sub for me for a while! Call Carol Ann Council, 505-522-3313.

*Terry Sleight, COORDINATOR FOR CHOICE*

★ From One of Our



**AAUW Members' Who's What:  
Members-at-Large**

**Members-at-Large, or MALs** is the term AAUW uses for members who paid Association dues but are not members of any Branch. New Mexico has about 292 MALs (about 663 branch members). Members-at-large make up 39% of AAUW's total membership.

The largest group of MALs are professional and career women who support the goals of AAUW, but do not feel they have the time for branch involvement. Others are elderly and inactive. Some live in communities with no AAUW branch. **There are significant numbers of members who join AAUW but do not realize there is a branch nearby that would welcome them as members.** These 10-15% of MALs are most of the potential branch members. As state membership coordinator I receive a list of New Mexico MALs twice a year, which I forward to branch membership officers, but any branch may request at any time a list of MALs living within their zip code area from the membership department of the Association--email: helpline@aauw.org.

**In New Mexico we send MALs our state newsletter,** and all MALs are encouraged to join AAUW-NM for the regular \$12 annual fee and participate in our workshops, legislative activities and conventions.

**Since most MALs are recruited by direct mail,** occasionally a member may inadvertently be sent an invitation to become a member. As a rule the cause is the name and/or address from a rented list does not exactly agree with the member's ID in AAUW's database.

**For an MAL to become a branch member** usually means just paying the branch and state dues to the branch (which sends state dues and member ID to the state, and notifies the Association of the change). If the MAL's annual membership is about to expire, or has recently expired, the member pays Association, state, and branch dues (in one sum) to the branch (which sends the appropriate dues with member ID to the state and Association).

Branch members must be advised to renew membership through the branch, and not the Association.

*Do you have questions about members-at-large?* Please contact me or check with your branch membership chair. Current information is in the Membership Tool Kit every branch receives.

*Nina Thayer, MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR  
gnthayer@cybermesa.com 505-662-6835*

P.S. In future issues I will explain Life Members, Honorary Life Members, and Student Affiliates.

**Campaign Finance Reform is now part of  
AAUW Public Policy, as adopted at the  
2003 Association Convention**

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**PUBLIC POLICY:**

*hitting the road, promoting voting,  
keeping watch*

----- ON THE ROAD AGAIN.... Here's is the tentative schedule for Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) meetings to be held from now to the 2004 Legislative session. Dolores Halls/ Corrine Howard/ Laura Stokes are attending most of them. We hope you will come to the meetings in your area. Let us know if you can attend one. **Rio Rancho, Sept. 10-12 Los Alamos. Oct. 9-10 Santa Fe, Nov. 10-12, Dec. 15-17, Jan. 19.**

**HISTORIC ELECTION SEPTEMBER 23: HOW AAUW CAN HELP.** This election will affect New Mexico education for years to come. It is of critical importance that voters are informed about the issues. You can hold meetings, set up tables to hand out information, and help in other ways. If you can help, we will send you the information you need to proceed.

**NON-PROFITS AT RISK OF LOSING GROSS RECEIPTS TAX EXEMPTION.** The Blue Ribbon Tax Reform Commission held forums in August to discuss doing away with gross receipts tax exemptions for non-profits. That would have catastrophic implications for many organizations AAUW works with and supports. We will keep you informed. PUBLIC POLICY CO-CHAIRS

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**JAN'S EXCELLENT CONVENTION ADVENTURE**

**As the member of the Resolution Writing Committee of the AAUW-NM Convention who went to the Association Convention,** I was assigned to get our resolutions (on erosion of civil liberties and media consolidation) passed. More than 1,200 delegates were present. I carried along the 1,000 fliers we had printed. After Carol Ann Council learned that San Fernando Valley Branch had a resolution on civil liberties, we talked long distance and agreed to work together on one.

At the convention, we met--three from California, Carol Ann, Delores Halls, and myself, and developed a draft, had copies made, put one on each delegate's chair and passed out fliers. Cathlene Thackaberry, Nina Thayer, Corrine Howard, and two Californians handed out copies at the Rocky Mountain Regional Caucus. Jeanette Misaka gave us time on that Agenda. Claire Stein of Arizona, formerly Association Parliamentarian, taught us to rewrite the resolution concisely and procedurally correct. We made copies of the revision.

The floor parliamentarian instructed us on presenting our resolutions for hearing. We then put copies on all delegates' chairs. Nina and Cathlene and I spoke for New Mexico, and three for California. Since there was little time left, we opted to get only the civil liberties resolution heard. For the resolution itself Nina, Cathlene, and I spoke for New Mexico, the California Public Policy chair spoke. Then Sarah Harder, Association past president, spoke most eloquently, as did John Sween, a librarian from Minnesota. The vote WAS UNANIMOUS! The New Mexico delegation had an ecstatic group hug and high fives and thank-you's were shared with the Californians.

*Jan Lifson-Bray*

**AAUW-NM FALL WORKSHOP AND LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING**  
**at the end of the CAMINO REAL**  
**Taos County Branch, Host**  
 October 25-26, 2003  
 Best Western Kachina Lodge and Meeting Center, Taos

**Friday October 24**

6:30 Dinner at the Apple Tree

**Saturday October 25**

Breakfast in Kiva Coffee Shop

8:30 Registration

9:15 Welcome by Presidents of Taos County Branch and AAUW-NM

9:30 Nitty Gritty of Branch Finance--Virginia Spruiell

10:30 Break

10:45 Meaningful Mediation--Colleen Durocher

12:00 Buffet luncheon and program on Taos Artists

2:00 Speakers and Panel Discussion on Erosion of Civil Liberties

4:00 Informal sharing of AAUW information

5:30 Social hour around the pool, courtesy of Kachina Lodge

6:30 Dinner at the Trading Post

**Sunday October 26**

Breakfast in Kiva Coffee Shop

8:30-12:30 Leadership Team Meeting

**Accommodations**

**Hotel reservations:** Phone reservations to Kachina Lodge, 413 Paseo del Pueblo Norte, Taos 505-758-2275 or 1-800-522-4462.

Mention AAUW when registering as this assures your breakfast in the Kachina Kiva Coffee Shop and our meeting rooms (Navajo Room).

Rates: Singles or doubles \$59 plus tax; Triples \$69 plus tax; Quads \$79 plus tax. Credit card guarantee by September 24.

Cut-off date for reservations at this price is September 24. More information about Kachina Lodge is at <http://www.kachinalodge.com>

**Workshop Registration**

**Early Bird deadline is October 3. Late or on site:** we'll collect when you get here. **Registration fee includes Saturday lunch .**

Send your check, payable to AAUW-NM, with your registration to Colleen Durocher, P. O. Box 1791, El Prado, NM 87529 (No credit cards)

Questions? Call Margaret Killingsworth 505-758-3942

**To Reach Kachina Lodge**

Going north on Highway 68, Kachina Lodge is the last motel on the right just before the road leading to the Taos Pueblo.

**REGISTRATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_

**FEES:**

Early Bird (postmark by October 3) \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Late (postmark after October 3) or on site \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday dinner at Apple Tree *Dutch treat* Will you join us? \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBER**

**SPOUSE/GUEST**

Yes \_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_

Saturday dinner at Trading Post *Dutch treat* Will you join us? Yes \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_  
 Taos County Branch member: Saturday lunch \$16.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$16.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We want to meet members of our newest branch, so we invite any Taos County Branch member who is not registering for the workshop to join us at the Saturday luncheon (reservation deadline October 3) and Civil Liberties program, and Friday and Saturday dinners-- and please bring your spouse/guest. 7

**What's New in Public School Support?**

Many of the following were enacted by the 2003 legislature in HB212, the amended Public School Reform Bill, and were in the AAUW-NM Education Priority list. If most of them are to be in effect, funding must be increased.

- ♥ A 6% salary increase for all instructional staff; a 3% increase for other educational employees
- ♥ A minimum teacher salary of \$30,000 for the first phase of a 3-level licensing system; money to evaluate the program
- ♥ Development of the new licensing system requiring teachers to demonstrate competency before advancement
- ♥ Teacher salary increments for National Board Certification
- ♥ Measurement of adequate yearly progress for all students
- ♥ Development of additional criterion-referenced testing which would align classroom testing with curriculum standards already in place (grade 4, 8, and 11 will be given criterion-referenced testing for the first time this year).
- ♥ Enactment of the Assessment and Accountability Act to comply with the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

- ♥ Year 4 of full-day kindergarten bringing the total amount of qualifying children to 80%
- ♥ Fine arts instruction for districts which offer State Department of Education approved programs
- ♥ Capital Outlay appropriations
- ♥ Funding support for transportation, supplemental distributions, instructional materials, educational technology, school improvement incentives, and State Department of Education operations
- ♥ Funding relief for districts experiencing rapid growth
- ♥ Increases in statewide insurance premiums and in fixed costs
- ♥ The transfer of some personnel responsibilities from local school boards to the district superintendents and school principals

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