

### AAUW Mission

**Statement:** AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

### AAUW Unifying Focus

**Statement:** Breaking through Barriers

### AAUW Value

#### Statement:

As a member of AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

### AAUW-NM Focus

**Statement:** Empowering women to take charge of their lives.



### Co-Presidents' Message

Five branches represented New Mexico at the 2017 AAUW National Convention. Sylvia Fink from Albuquerque, Norma Casteneda, Roxanne Lara and Cassie Marrs from Carlsbad, Julia Brown from Las Cruces, Helena Whyte from Los Alamos, and Lynn Heffner from Santa Fe. We visited with both Senators and all three representatives on Lobby Day. We attended different workshops during many slots so that we could bring home as much information as possible. By the end of July, you will be able to find workshop materials available on the National site.

This has been an interesting summer for AAUW. As you know Julia Brown was elected our new Chair of the Board of Directors [by a landslide] and Melissa Cooke from Colorado remains our area Board Member. There have been staff changes as well, Kim Churches was recently hired as our new CEO and Anne Hedgepeth designated our interim Vice-President of Public Policy and Government Relations. Those who were at the April Convention in Los Alamos had the opportunity to meet Anne Hedgepeth, who has been on-call for State Public Policy Chairs and headed much of the Policy research for AAUW. We heard from Kim Churches several times during the National Convention. She comes with great credentials and enthusiasm; I was very impressed with her. There has been some internal restructuring and reprioritizing of AAUW programs; as well as, the sale of the old building and transfer to newer, more efficient quarters last winter. Our National fiscal situation will improve with these changes.

One of the sessions I attended was "Salary Negotiation." This unit is extending its mission with the addition of programs focused on increasing working women's skill sets. The Salary Negotiation Team will possibly have an Advisory Committee such as the Program or Public Policy Committees. One of our AAUW-NM goals is to have Work Smart in New Mexico and the Salary Negotiation Team has helpful guidance and procedures.

AAUW New Mexico will have some changes in the coming year as we transition to a new administrative model for Tech Trek. There was discussion on the fiscal operation at the summer LTM.

The Summer "Go-to-meeting" LTM at 10 to noon was held on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have specific officer or branch concerns please contact either of us and we will assist you. By now each of the Branches should have completed its branch's officer transition process. The various members of the Leadership Team will begin scheduling a "Go-to-meeting" with their branch counterparts during the month of August for additional officer training and question/answer session.

We are looking forward to Fall LTM in Silver City and the coming year's opportunities and challenges.

*Helena Whyte and Sylvia Fink, Co-Presidents*

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***STEM REPORT: Tech Trek 2017 is a Big Success!***

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Thank you to all AAUW members and their families who contributed to Tech Trek this year — with time, energy, and support, as well as finances!

In June, 60 rising 8<sup>th</sup>-grade girls from 50 different middle schools from across New Mexico joined 33 staff members at NM Tech in Socorro for Tech Trek NM 2017. The girls took classes in assorted STEM fields as they explored the opportunities for academic studies and careers that they may not have considered before. They talked with professionals in these fields to ask how they came to be scientists, mathematicians, or engineers, and how they overcame difficulties along the way. In addition, girls went on field trips to Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge and the Very Large Array. On the final evening, they had a pajama party, watched the movie “Contact,” and shared ice cream sundaes.

**On to 2018!**

Helena Whyte, as co-president, signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from AAUW-National accepting the change in our relationship with them. The biggest change is that we are forming a 501(c)(3) for AAUW-NM and opening a bank account for it, so that funds can be sent there and bills will be paid by us locally. Donations can still be made online, but those made to AAUW-NM will be easier for us to track.

It’s not new, but we are already interacting with NMT about reserving Torres Hall for us next year. Also, we are beginning to contact possible corporate and government donors who supported us this year, or might like to support us next year. And I’m already talking to program providers we’d like to have present to our campers. Please let us know if you have any ideas, preferably with contact information, about either of these.

Again, this year we will need lots of volunteers, mostly interviewers and essay readers. There are also a couple of new jobs we already know we’d like to have filled next year. If you’d be inclined to help the steering committee without having to meet monthly at our GoToMeeting’s with us, or serve in a job that does meet all year with the steering committee, please let me know.

*Cheri Burch, STEM Chair*

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***Tech Trek Camper Comments***

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- ✓ “It’s a great way to enjoy camp while learning at the same time.”
- ✓ “I love my new friends.”
- ✓ “I LOVED IT!”
- ✓ “If I’m being honest, everything was awesome. I loved it all.”
- ✓ “The best part of it was all of it.”
- ✓ “Tech Trek was amazing. I loved it.”

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*Salary Negotiation Team*

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Nationally, the Salary Negotiation group is extending its mission with the addition of programs focused on increasing working women's skill sets. This expansion is related partially to successful Work Smart programs in various cities that indicated further training would be useful. The Salary Negotiation Team will possibly have an Advisory Committee such as the Program or Public Policy Committees.

One of our AAUW-NM goals is to have Work Smart in New Mexico and the Salary Negotiation Team has helpful guidance and procedures.

As of now no Start Smart presentations are scheduled; however, the expectation is to have workshops at some of the State University campuses as we have before.

*Sylvia Fink, Chair*

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*Branch Projects Grants*

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**Branch Projects Grants applications are due to Karyl Lyne, Branch Projects Grants Chair, on **Monday, October 2, 2017** at **karyloz505@gmail.com**.** Please submit a narrative application describing the project, the amount requested, any collaborating groups that are involved and how the project supports the mission of AAUW. Our 2017-2018 budget is \$600 for supporting branch projects.

*Karyl Lyne, Branch Projects Grants Chair*

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*Public Policy Impact Grant*

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The final report for the 2017 \$1,000 Public Policy Impact Grant was submitted on June 30, 2017. It reported that because of delays in the New Mexico Courts a case that will determine whether the State of New Mexico will or will not be held accountable under the 2013 New Mexico Fair Pay for Women Act has not yet been heard. This determination will have great bearing on the regulations written for the law. Thus, the \$1,000 grant will remain in the AAUW-NM account until it will be used to support publishing and distributing the draft regulations and holding forums in five cities around the state to hear public comment as outlined in the proposal.

*Karyl Lyne, Public Policy Impact Grant Chair*

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*July 2017 - June 2018 Calendar AAUW-New Mexico*

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July 22	Leadership Team Meeting - 10am – 12 pm, Go-To-Meeting
August TBA	Go-To-Meeting training for Branch Officers
Sept. 15	<b>Deadline</b> for Fall <u>Roadrunner</u>
Oct. 1	Branch Project Grant applications <b>due</b> to Branch Project Grants Chair
Oct. 20-21	Joint AAUW-NM and NMWSE Fall Workshop & AAUW NM Leadership Team Meeting, Silver City, NM
Nov. 15	American Fellowships applications <b>due</b>
Nov. 30	<b>Deadline:</b> for Winter <u>Roadrunner</u>
Dec. 1	International Fellowships applications <b>due</b>
Dec. 15	<b>Deadline:</b> nominations for AAUW-NM officers to Nominating Committee Chair
Dec. 15	Career Development Grants applications <b>due</b>
Dec. 31	Postmark deadline for AAUW Funds contributions for year 2017
Jan. 1, 2018	Half-year dues are accepted
Jan. TBA	Lobby Corps Meetings in Albuquerque/Santa Fe
Jan. 15	<b>Deadline:</b> proposed AAUW-NM Public Policy amendments Co-PP Chairs
	Community Action Grants, International Project Grants, Selected Professions Fellowships applications due
TBA	Choice Rally at the Roundhouse – Santa Fe
Feb. TBA (Sun.)	Winter Leadership Team Meeting – TBD
Feb. TBA (Mon.)	Legislative Day at the Roundhouse - Santa Fe
Feb. 15	<b>Deadline</b> for Spring <u>Roadrunner</u>
March	Women’s History Month
March TBA	AAUW-NM NCCWSL Scholarship Application <b>Deadline</b>
March 8	International Women’s Day
March TBA	Women’s History Day at the Roundhouse - Santa Fe
April 10	Equal Pay Day
April TBA	Annual Reports due from State Officers & Branch Presidents to Carlsbad
April TBA	State Convention, Carlsbad (Files & handbooks updated by officers for successors)
May 30	<b>Deadline</b> for entering new state & branch officers to national MDB
TBA	National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)
June 22-24	Rocky Mountain Regional Convention, Salt Lake City, UT
June 30	<b>Deadline</b> for Summer <u>Roadrunner</u>
June TBA	Tech Trek NM 2017, New Mexico Tech
June 30	Deadline for membership dues for 2018-2019 year
July TBA	Summer AAUW-NM Leadership Team Go-to-Meeting

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***SAVE THESE DATES!***

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<b>Oct. 20-21, 2017</b>	<b>Fall Leadership Team Meeting (LTM) in Silver City, NM</b>
<b>Jan.-Feb. 2018</b>	<b>Lobby Days in Santa Fe, NM</b>
<b>Spring, 2018</b>	<b>State Convention in Carlsbad, NM</b>
<b>June 22-24, 2018</b>	<b>Biennial Rocky Mountain Regional Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah</b>

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### *Branch Projects Grants Report: Santa Fe Essay Contest*

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AAUW-NM awarded a Branch Projects Grant of \$150 to the Santa Fe branch to fund an essay-writing contest. Several schools were invited to participate in the AAUW-Santa Fe Branch Essay Contest on the Gender Pay Gap, but only the Santa Fe Girls' School submitted essays.

Megan Auber, the contact teacher at SF Girls' School, supported this project by handing out "The Simple Truth" booklets and by encouraging students to enter the essay contest.

During their spring break, these girls researched and wrote their essays. Essay contest readers, Lynn Heffron, Melanie Buchleiter, and Cynthia Dobson felt all the essays were well written and demonstrated maturity beyond the girls' years. Choosing winners was tough!

The May 6th AAUW-Santa Fe Annual Meeting began with the recognition of the essay contest winners. Prizes for first, second, and Honorable Mention were awarded followed by the girls reading their essays aloud.

All essay winners were: Elena Pilar Bunker Ruiz, 1st prize. Natalia Payne, 2nd prize; Yangchen Rotto, 3rd prize; Honorable Mention was awarded to Lucia Ortiz and Flynn Ericison. Teacher Megan Auber, Yangchen, and Flynn were unable to attend.



*Left to right: Melanie Buchleiter, Program Chair; Lucia Ortiz, Honorable Mention Winner; Cynthia Dobson, Public Policy & Branch Project Chair; Natalia Payne, Second Place Winner; Elena Pilar Bunker Ruiz, First Place Winner; and Lynn Heffron, AAUW-Santa Fe President.  
Photo taken by Branch Member Virginia Lee Lierz*

*Cynthia Dobson, Public Policy, AAUW-Santa Fe*

## *Membership Report: One Thousand, Here We Come...?*

This past year has been a good one for AAUW membership in New Mexico with **158 new members** and an overall new **total of 901 AAUW members statewide** including branch members across our nine branches, members-at-large (national-only) and student affiliates! Just a 10 percent increase in each of our branches would have us knocking at the door of 1,000 AAUW members in New Mexico.

**Congratulations to the Santa Fe Branch** for recruiting 20 new members this past year – the largest growth of all branches. **Las Cruces and Carlsbad and Albuquerque** added 16, 15 and 13 new members, respectively. Kudos also to the Silver City, Las Vegas, and Los Alamos Branches for adding new members. **Special kudos to the Carlsbad Branch** for an overall membership total increase of 17 percent! **Overall, the state added 75 new branch members although our total number, about 520, stayed the same.** We have a great opportunity to engage and retain these new members as we embark on a new membership season.

Another significant development in membership this past year is a **nearly 20 percent increase in the number of members-at-large (MAL's)**. We have more than 300 MAL's total living in different parts of the state and 83 new MAL's joined in the past year. Branch Presidents and Membership VP's can go to the membership database at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) and see the list of these National-only members in your area. Contact me if you need help, and **consider contacting new MAL's in particular** and welcoming them to learn about your branch and join in different events.

**New Mexico also increased the number of student affiliates by 50 percent.** Keep them involved and consider having someone in your branch determine which student affiliates are graduating and offer them a free "Give a Grad a Gift" membership. With this promotion, they receive one year of AAUW membership (National & State) within two years of graduation, at no cost to you or them. Contact me or see the website at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). Also alert your membership about this promotion for new college grads they may know. If your branch has been successful in engaging student affiliates please let me know and I will share with the other branches.

**Constant Contact Account shared between AAUW-NM and AAUW-NM Tech Trek:** MAL mailing list updated to include newest MAL's through July 15<sup>th</sup> with email addresses. Current total: 196 MAL members out of 306 are listed in Constant Contact account.

*Claudia Poglitsch, AAUW-New Mexico Membership*

<b>Membership Report Jul 15, 2017</b>					
<b>BRANCH</b>	<b>Total # Members</b>		<b>New Members since</b>		<b>% Membership Diff</b>
	<b>June 10 2016</b>	<b>Jul 15 2017</b>	<b>June 10 2016</b>	<b>Jun '16 - Apr '17</b>	<b>from Jun 2016</b>
Albuquerque	111	107	13	-4	-4%
Carlsbad	46	54	15	8	17%
Las Cruces	111	119	16	8	7%
Las Vegas	31	32	4	1	3%
Los Alamos, Inc.	74	68	4	-6	-8%
N.M. Online	13	10	0	-3	-23%
Portales	0	0	0	0	0%
Santa Fe, Inc.	108	102	20	-6	-6%
Silver City/SWNM	19	18	3	-1	-5%
Socorro	13	10	0	-3	-23%
<b>Total # Branch Members</b>	526	520	75	-6	-1%
<b>National Members (MAL)</b>	258	306	83	48	19%
<b>Student Affiliates (SA) in NM</b>	51	75	24	24	47%
<b>Total Members, MAL's &amp; SA</b>	835	901	158	66	8%

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## *Two Things: Top 10 Most Giving State & Updates on Campaigns*

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1. AAUW-New Mexico is in the Top 10 States Per Capita for giving. We are in company with Washington DC, Maryland, California, Oregon, Virginia, Arizona, Georgia, North Dakota, and Washington. *Congratulations, New Mexico!*
2. The *Charting the Course Campaign* is completed. The new campaigns are *Champions for Women and Girls Unrestricted Funds* and *Life Membership*. Those purchasing life membership now will save significantly from purchasing in 2018 since annual AAUW dues will be increasing by \$10 a year next year.

*Helena Whyte, AAUW-NM Co-President*

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## *Around the State: Albuquerque Branch*

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The Branch has 14 new members for the year for a total membership of 107. Membership Vice-President, Claudia Poglitsch, and Public Policy Chair, Linda McDowell, hosted an open house for new and potential members in May.

As always, the Branch's STEM Task Force is very active. It recently joined the Central NM STEM Ecosystem for its collaborations among schools and other STEM expert institutions such as museums. In March, they hosted the third Tech Trek NM Alumnae Reunion for all past Tech Trekkers statewide.

The nine interest groups are going strong.

The Branch served as the liaison for the Navajo Technical University's AAUW Campus Action Project, *Diné Women in Leadership* Speaker Series, and several branch members travelled to Crownpoint to hear a couple of the speakers.

March started with a very different and informative program by Laurie Waters, Ph.D., nuclear physicist discussing "The Fascinating World of Threads and Lace." She presented how current scientific techniques and approaches are combined with fields of art, anthropology and sociology to understand and date antique laces. This was followed by a very current April program on immigration. Mary Tyler Browne, BA, MSW, MDiv, Retired Minister, and Chair of the Board of the NM Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice spoke on the experiences and difficulties encountered by undocumented immigrants.

May was a celebration month. The new officers were installed: President, Lynette Schurdevin; Co-Vice Presidents for Program, Joy Donelson and Joan Goodman; Treasurer, Cheri Burch; Newsletter Editor, Pat Maben. Additionally, we celebrated our new honorary life members, Mary Tyler Browne, Jane Ferguson and Aija Thacher. Marsie Silvestro, Executive Director of Esperanza Shelter for Battered Families gave a joyous program of songs and poetry. It was a wonderful way to end the program year.

The transitional board meeting for old and new board members was held June 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Elizabeth Gordon, Past President, Albuquerque Branch*

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## *Around the State: Santa Fe Branch*

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My Co-President Lina Germann and I will be leaving office on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

I know for myself being branch President has been an enlightening experience. In my four years as President or Co-President I have met some interesting people and had some interesting experiences. I consider the state convention held in Santa Fe in April 2015 as my major accomplishment. It was a challenge to find affordable accommodations, restaurants and venues. The stars were aligned in our favor and we were able to get free bus shuttles, reasonable hotel accommodations and a super star cast of speakers. Patricia Fae Ho was a magnetic speaker for AAUW. As were the other local speakers. And we only exceeded our budget by \$130!

There have many challenges in doing this job such as maintaining and acquiring members. We usually end up with around 100 members. We try to find interesting speakers and places to visit. Our program chairs over the years have been magicians at finding free activities.

The other issue is finding places to meet for our programs. We thought we had solved that issue with our partnership with Santa Fe University of Art and Design but because of many problems the university is closing its doors in June 2018. We have yet to find out if we will be able to use the rooms there next year or not.

Overall, AAUW is heading on a new course with new leadership in Washington, DC. The Santa Fe branch has a new president, Lynn Heffron, who will be taking AAUW Santa Fe to new horizons. She has lots of great ideas and that should help the branch grow. I wish Lynn every success. I know she will have lots of support from our branch and other branches.

So, as I sign off, my wish is that in my lifetime I will live to see equal pay for women.

*Jeanne Patrick AAUW-Santa Fe Branch Co-President*

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## *Become a Two-Minute Activist*

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Join the AAUW Action Network today!

Receive urgent e-mail notices to contact your members of Congress right in your inbox.

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

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## *International Interest*

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Afghanistan's Sesame Street brings in new puppet to teach respect of women. Broadcaster of Baghch-e-Simsim (Sesame Garden) says goal in creating four-year-old Zeerak is to show men that they should 'respect their sister.'

[https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jul/15/afghanistan-sesame-street-new-puppet-respect-women-zeerak?CMP=Share\\_iOSApp\\_Other](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jul/15/afghanistan-sesame-street-new-puppet-respect-women-zeerak?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other)

*Nancy Scheer, International Interest Chair*

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## *Around the State: Las Vegas Branch*

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The Las Vegas branch has been busy all year starting with several of our members participating in Lobby Corps activities at the Roundhouse during this year's regular Legislative Session.

In February, our branch helped sponsor a series of special showings of the movie *Hidden Figures* to all the middle-school and high school girls in Las Vegas.

In March, several of our members read Tech Trek essays and conducted applicant interviews. All the readers and interviewers were very impressed with our young applicants. Two of the five Las Vegas applicants were selected to attend Tech Trek 2017.



Also, in March, we held our annual program meeting with several students of the United World College in Montezuma (outside of Las Vegas). This is a potluck dinner at the home of one of our members, and the students talk with us about a current affair. This year we talked about their perceptions of and experiences with the new US administration. It was a very well attended meeting and everyone enjoyed meeting the students.

Our spring Used Book Sale was a great success with a little more than \$3,600 raised to support our annual scholarships awarded to non-traditional women students at NMHU. We had support from most of our membership and a very large number of community members at this semi-annual event.

Our annual Girls Can event was held in May at NM Highlands University for the first time. Seventy-nine 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls participated from elementary schools in and around Las Vegas. They were bussed to the Highlands campus where they participated in various workshops and had lunch in the campus cafeteria.

We held our annual meeting in May with a brunch at Donna Rivas' home, elected new officers, and approved our new revised branch bylaws.

Our branch was well represented at Tech Trek 2017 with several Las Vegas members serving on the staff: Lorraine Garcia served on the steering committee and was a Dorm Mom, Erika Guaba was also a Dorm Mom, Donna Rivas was our camp medical officer, and Karyl Lyne and Phyllis Ludi served on the steering committee and were the student and family services coordinators for the camp.

*Phyllis Ludi and Donna Rivas, Co-Presidents*

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## *2017 AAUW-NM State Convention Wrap-Up*

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All in all, it was a successful state convention. The timing was perfect, with cool but sunny weather—the next weekend brought 10 inches of snow to Los Alamos—and with good, statewide attendance: 44 registrations. And based on the evaluations turned in, folks had a good time. On a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent), the convention rated a 4.7 overall score.

Speakers received kudos on a job well done. Anne Hedgepeth impressed folks with her knowledge, commitment, and energy in promoting AAUW's public policy priorities. Fattaneh Naderi-Behdani told us about her studies and thesis work at New Mexico State University on desalinization of water. And on Sunday, Julia

Brown shared her vision for AAUW as a candidate for Board Chair. Friday night's planetarium show and Saturday's New Mexico Consortium tour also received high marks.

At the Saturday night banquet, we learned more about the promise of biofuels from Dr. Taraka Dale, LANL's lead scientist for its research at the NM Consortium. We also acknowledged the dedicated work Shelley Rossbach and Phyllis Ludi as our Bylaws Queens and Nina Thayer as our Public Policy Princess.



Beverly Chambers accepted the Ingenious Ideas Award for the Las Cruces Branch, and we awarded the state's first Mission in Action Award to the New Mexico Network for Women in Science and Engineering. Tinka Gammel accepted the award for the Network and is pictured with Sheila Portillo, State Awards Chair, and with AAUW-NM members who have or had science careers.

Folks felt the convention ran smoothly, and convention organizers appreciated the willingness of Los Alamos Branch members to pitch in wherever needed. And attendees pitched in generously for our AAUW pass-the-basket fundraiser: we collected \$867 for the Educational Opportunities Fund's International Fellowships program. That merits kudos—and thanks—to all who donated!

For more pictures from the convention, check out the Los Alamos Branch website (<http://losalamos-nm.aauw.net/>). Much thanks to Carol Ann Council for capturing highlights from the weekend with her camera.

Looking forward to next year's state convention, attendees requested presentations or workshops that would address the following:

- Help in developing relationships with colleges/universities and their teachers/students.
- Opportunities to learn what other branches are doing and share advice on best practices in conducting AAUW programs and business.
- Help in using AAUW's program-in-a-box to foster more AAUW-specific branch activities.
- Small-group discussions related to supporting AAUW's mission that would let everyone participate.
- More time for networking, mentoring, and officer training.



This feedback provides a starting point for the Carlsbad Branch in planning next year's convention.



*Judy Prono and Carol Ann Council, Program Co-Chairs*

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## *Our Own Julia Brown Elected to AAUW National Board of Directors!*

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**Julia Brown, J.D.**

AAUW Board Chair

Julia Brown, who is a member of the AAUW Las Cruces (NM) Branch and AAUW Oakland-Piedmont (CA) Branch, is a life member and Legacy Circle member. She has served in a variety of AAUW positions at the national, state, and branch levels. Julia has also served on a number of local, regional, and national boards.

Julia is a lawyer and results-driven professional with extensive experience in executive management, financial management, nonprofit formation, and governance as well as compliance enforcement. She is a graduate of Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma College of Law, where she was law class president. She has served in the U.S. Army and worked in corporate America and at all levels of government in Oklahoma, the District of Columbia, California, and New Mexico.

As the county manager for Doña Ana County, New Mexico, she has been responsible for the day-to-day operations, as well as policy implementation and the oversight of 850 employees. Julia is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Arts and Sciences at Oklahoma State and a Women of Achievement Award from Legal Momentum (the Women's Legal Defense and Education Fund). In late 2016, she was presented with the President's Lifetime Achievement Award for volunteer and community service.

<http://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/leadership-and-staff/board-of-directors/> - julia



Above, Julia Brown leading a workshop at the State Convention in Los Alamos in April. Below (from left), Cassie Marrs, Roxanne Lara, Julia Brown, Sylvia Fink, Helena Whyte, and Lynn Heffron at the National Convention in Washington, D.C.





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