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Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

NCCWSL: Great News!



*Submitted by Dian Belanger,
AAUW MD Funds Vice President*

AAUW Maryland has met its \$20,000 fundraising goal! We will be recognized sponsors of the 2021 Women of

Distinction award ceremony, the signature event of AAUW's annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders!

Dr. A. Yvette Myrick, Maryland's honored Woman of Distinction, will share her story and inspire hundreds of student leaders from around the country, as will nationally chosen women of distinction! Jacki Gray will enjoy the honor of introducing Yvette! Thank you, Baltimore Branch, for doing us proud!

This year's necessarily virtual event will take place on **Wednesday, 26 May 2021, 11:00AM until 12:30PM.**

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/events/nccwsl/>

Thanks to your contributions, AAUW has reserved 75 free "seats" for Maryland members. Please email dobelanger@comcast.net with your first and last name as well as your email address to receive your Zoom invitation and hold your place. AAUW's deadline is Friday, 14 May. Your early response is greatly appreciated.

If you must miss this ever-memorable event, all the NCCWSL sessions will be recorded and available soon after on the AAUW website. We know that good writing minimizes exclamation points. Sometimes rules must be broken. Let's celebrate!

April 24 AAUW MD Conversation with Lisa Maatz about voting rights and what's happening in Washington. 10 – 11:45 am via Zoom. Check your e-mail for access code.

**May 22-23
AAUW MD Convention
Branches should be represented.
All members welcome!
May 22: 10:00-1:00
May 23: 2:00-5:00**

2021 State Convention Plans

Included in this issue of the Marylander are:

- Profiles of those nominated to serve as state officers for the next two years,
- Information about Bylaws changes to be voted on at the convention,
- The agenda for the convention, and
- Information on how to register and receive the Zoom link to the convention.

Please check the website for additional updates!
Preregistration is required! See form on last page.

President's Letter

Erin Prangley, President, AAUW Maryland



As we anticipate a great annual convention, here's a heartfelt thanks to the officers, board members, and committee members: You've made a positive difference in this difficult year.

I'm very grateful for the support AAUW members and branches have extended to each other. Reaching out remotely may not be as satisfying as seeing each other in person, but the connections we have sustained and nurtured through AAUW webinars, virtual meetings, and personal contacts have helped us all weather this pandemic year.

I also want to share with you part of a letter we received from Kim Churches, CEO of AAUW, thanking the members of AAUW Maryland for your extraordinary support. Here's Kim:

"I just learned from our team that AAUW Maryland made recent donations to support NCCWSL scholarships, the Maryland Women of Distinction Fund and our greatest needs. Please share my deep personal thanks with all those whose passion for AAUW's mission made these gifts possible.

"Your support couldn't have come at a more propitious time. Not only are NCCWSL preparations front and center stage now, but we're simultaneously continuing to grapple with the inequities the pandemic has exposed and exacerbated. These run deeper in our society than many of us may have realized. The flexibility inherent in the Greatest Needs component of your support is what enables us to refocus as needed and meet the moment. And we are doing exactly that!"

I look forward to seeing you on our virtual 2021 convention! Be well. /--Erin



Important News from AAUW

Submitted by Eileen Menton, AAUW Board Member

NATIONAL VOTING IS OPEN

AAUW members are asked to vote 1) to elect members to the national board of directors, and 2) on amendments to our national Public Policy Priorities and bylaws, including a proposal to eliminate AAUW's membership degree requirement. Get up to speed on the issues by reviewing the [election page](#) on the AAUW website.

Online voting closes at 5:00 pm ET on Monday, May 17, 2021. **You must vote using your individual invitation, "Vote now to shape AAUW's future."** This email was sent April 7 to each member who has an email address on the AAUW Members Services Database. Those who do not have an email address will be sent a paper ballot.

Members may also request a paper ballot be mailed to them until Friday, April 16, 2021. No paper ballots will be issued after that date. **Paper ballots must be postmarked by 11:59 pm ET on April 31, 2021 to count.** To request a paper ballot, call 800.326.2289 or e-mail your name and address to connect@aauw.org.

Inform your vote by checking these links:

- [Bylaws Amendment on Open Membership: Learn More About the Proposed Changes](#)
- [Public Policy Priorities: Learn More About the Proposed Changes](#)
- [Meet the Candidates for the National Board](#)

Your voice matters!

AAUW Hires Dr. Leshell Hatley of Coppin State University as National STEM Director

Dr. Leshell Hatley recently joined AAUW National as STEM Director. This position was funded through

a portion of the endowment which was left to AAUW by Maryland member Dr. Nancy Grace Roman. Dr. Hatley is a passionate computer engineer, educator, and researcher who continuously combines these three attributes to create innovative approaches to teaching STEM concepts to students of all ages.

How to Register for State Convention

We look forward to your participation in the AAUW Maryland Convention and Annual Meeting. **To receive the Zoom link, you must register in advance** either online or by mail. See the last page of this issue of the Marylander. **After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.** Please plan to log on 15 to 30 minutes in advance to allow for informal conversation and resolution of any connection difficulties. **Materials for the convention and business meeting are on-line** at: <https://aauw-md.aauw.net/about/2021-aauw-maryland-convention-and-annual-meeting/> Materials may be added, so please check more than once to be sure you've seen it all.

Bylaws Committee Proposes Revisions for Approval at 2021 AAUW MD Convention

Submitted by Diane Roca, Chair

This past year has been a time to take on the first revision of the AAUW Maryland Bylaws in nearly twenty years – a job undertaken by the Bylaws Committee in June 2020.

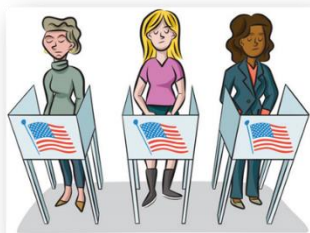
During March, the proposed bylaws were available on the AAUW Maryland website for comment. The committee very much appreciates the insightful suggestions that we received. The version now on the website includes additional revisions and clarifications suggested by members.

The Bylaws Committee will present the proposed bylaws for approval at the annual convention on May 22-23. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the issues before voting. Here are links for more information:

- [Current bylaws](#)
- [Proposed bylaws](#)
- [Rationale for Proposed Changes](#)

See brief summary on page 11.

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AAUW Virtual State Convention Program Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23, 2021

Via Zoom

The Power of Women Voters

The next time you hear political pundits discussing "the women's vote," bear in mind they're referring to a powerful constituency that numbers in the millions. As more and more female candidates forge their way onto local and national platforms, women's voices and gender-inclusive agendas are increasingly coming to the fore. In the days ahead, it may well be the votes of women, individually and collectively, that make or break the outcomes of future elections. We can help make that happen! Register and join us via Zoom!



Convention Program: The Power of Women Voters: Saturday morning

Saturday, May 22 (Note: Zoom room will open at 9:30 for social time.)

10:00 a.m. **Welcome:** Erin Prangley, President, AAUW Maryland

10:05 Introduction of Lily Qi: Pat Stocker, Co-VP Program

10:10 **Chinese Americans and Maryland Politics**

Delegate Lily Qi

10:30 **Special Performance: Amending America: How Women Won the Vote**

Kate Campbell Stevenson, Presenter, "Women Back to the Future"

11:15 **Break** (Note: Zoom room will remain open for social time)

11:30 **Maryland AAUW Business Meeting Part 1**

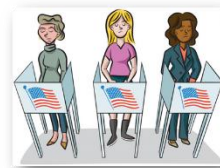
Erin Prangley, President, AAUW MD (see detailed agenda on website)

- Election of Officers
- Approval of 2020 Convention Minutes
- Treasurer’s Report
- Review proposed revisions to Bylaws

1:00 Adjourn for the day

Convention Program: The Power of Women Voters: Sunday afternoon

Sunday, May 23 (Note: Zoom room will open at 1:30 for social time)



2:00 p.m. **Welcome,** Erin Prangley, President

2:05 Introduction of Dr. Jones by Jacqueline Gray, Diversity & Inclusion Chair

2:10 **Keynote: A Complicated Story of Women’s Suffrage in Black and White**

Dr. Ida Jones, Author and University Archivist at Morgan State University

2:50 **Breakout Groups** for Discussion

“Women’s Suffrage in Black and White: Implications for AAUW”

3:15 **Break** (Note: Zoom room will remain open for social time)

3:25 Introduction of Senator Lee: Roxann King, VP, Public Policy

3:30 **Women’s Perspectives: A View from the 2021 Legislative Session**

Senator Susan Lee

3:45 **Maryland AAUW Business Meeting Part 2**

Erin Prangley, President, AAUW MD (see detailed agenda on website)

- Approval of revisions to Bylaws
- Reports and Discussions: Public Policy, Diversity, Programs, Membership

5:00 Adjourn

Convention Speakers



Delegate Lily Qi

Lily Qi represents the 15th legislative district in the Maryland House of Delegates. Qi previously was chief administrator for

economic development for Montgomery County. She first came to this country three decades ago. She completed two master's degrees, moved across four states, and built a career in student affairs in higher education before settling in the Washington region. When sworn in in January 2019, she became a member of the largest class of women ever elected in Maryland. She is an advocate for all Marylanders and has a special interest in immigrant communities and Asian Americans.

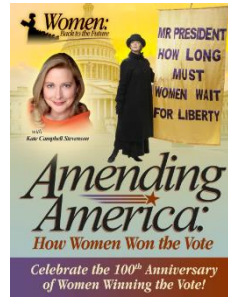


Senator Susan Lee

Susan C. Lee was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 2002 and to the Senate in 2014.

An attorney, she serves as a

Deputy Majority Whip. She has been described as the General Assembly's leader on cyber security and innovation, identity theft, online fraud, and consumer protection issues. Susan also is a champion of education, the environment, public safety, civil rights, transportation, quality health care, telemedicine, bioscience, clean energy, and emerging technologies. During her two terms as President of the Women's Caucus, Susan led efforts to pass an aggressive agenda of legislation to fight domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking; economically empower women, children, and families; secure funding for statewide rape crisis centers; and authorize the placing a statue of Marylander and American hero Harriet Tubman in the United States Capitol. Susan represents District 16, and she and her husband live in Bethesda.



Kate Campbell Stevenson

Past Co-President of AAUW Maryland, Kate Campbell Stevenson combines over 35 years of professional experience in music, theatre, and education to create "Women: Back to the

Future" leadership programs. She has starred in over 30 Broadway musicals produced in regional theaters across the United States. In her series of one-woman shows Kate brings to life women leaders from history with "can do" attitudes along with contemporary women leaders in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.



Dr. Ida E. Jones

Ida E. Jones, Ph.D., is the University Archivist at Morgan State University. A native New Englander, she earned a BA in News Editorial Journalism, MA in

Public History, and Ph.D. in American History from Howard University. Her scholarship is evident in her well-received books, numerous publications, speaking engagements, and radio and television appearances. Her research interests include African American biography as well as church denominational and organizational history. Dr. Jones serves as an apostle on behalf of the sable and sepia voices of the past.



Meet the AAUW MD Nominees!

*Submitted by Pat Stocker, Chair,
Nominations Committee*

The AAUW MD Nominating Committee recommends the following slate for the two-year term beginning July 1, 2021:

- Secretary: Edie Allison (incumbent),
- Co-Vice Presidents, Public Policy: Roxann King (incumbent) and Debby Chessin,
- Vice President, Membership: Christine Schmitz, and
- Vice President, Finance/Treasurer: Carol Mueller.

Nominated for the 2022 Nominating Committee:

- Pat Stocker-Bethesda-Chevy Chase Branch,
- Jacki Gray-Baltimore Branch,
- Tracy Lantz-Anne Arundel Branch, and
- Kate Campbell Stevenson-Kensington-Rockville Branch.

Additional nominations may be made at the convention with the permission of the nominee. Please review the following information about the nominees for officer positions.



For Secretary: Edie Allison

Edie Allison has been active in the AAUW Gaithersburg branch for 24 years. She currently is branch president and hopes to resume helping with the used book sale

and AAUW Lobby Corps when public gatherings are again safe. Edie has served as Maryland AAUW president, membership co-VP, and newsletter editor at various times. Her special interest is increasing the employment, retention, and advancement of women in STEM careers.

Away from AAUW, Edie is a mostly retired geologist, consulting on geoscience and energy policy. She has a bachelor's degree in geology from West Texas State University and a master's degree, also in geology, from the University of Utah. She worked as a petroleum geologist in Texas and Oklahoma before moving east to work for the U.S. Department of Energy. After retiring from the Energy Department, she worked as policy director for the American Association of Petroleum Geologists until the Washington, DC, office closed, then wrote

"Petroleum and the Environment" with the support of the American Geoscience Institute.

When foreign travel is again safe, Edie is looking forward to traveling with her grandson and his parents to visit active volcanoes in Central America.

For Treasurer: Carol Mueller



Carol Mueller is a developmental education specialist. After retiring in January 2020 from teaching mathematics and Earth science classes at Harford Community College, she was appointed to the Harford County Public Schools

Board. She also serves as the treasurer for the National Association for Student Success.

She just completed a two-year term as AAUW MD Vice President for Membership and is a former president of the Harford County Branch.

Carol earned a B.Ed., M.Ed., and Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas, with emphases on Earth science and on curriculum and instructional design. She also earned independent certification in developmental education and in higher educational leadership.

For Membership Vice President:

Christine Schmitz



Christine Schmitz most recently served for two terms as the Treasurer for AAUW Maryland. Previously, she served as Vice President for Fundraising. She has

been a long-time advocate for AAUW, having served as President of the Towson Branch and as a Board Member of the Baltimore Branch. She has experience on several national AAUW Committees: She completed two terms on the AAUW National Investment Committee and currently serves on the

National Finance Committee as well as the Governance Committee.

Christine is Director of Wealth Advisory Services for Glass Jacobson Investment Advisors, LLC. She is an Investment Advisor, a Certified Financial Planner, and a Certified Public Accountant.

A graduate of the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University, she attained her Bachelor of Music degree prior to turning her focus to a career in business and investments. She is also a graduate of the University of Baltimore and the College for Financial Planning.

In addition to Board service for AAUW, she has been treasurer of VGIF, now known as Women First International Fund. She is also a member of the Peabody Institute Advisory Board as well as a member of the Vestry of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Sykesville.

**For Co-Vice President for Public Policy:
Roxann King and Debby Chessin**



Roxann King

Roxanne King is currently Public Policy Vice President for AAUW MD and previously served as state co-vice president for

programs and vice president for membership. Previously, she was Public Policy Co-Chair for AAUW Anne Arundel County and local arrangements cochair for the 2020 AAUW state convention planned for Annapolis. Roxann served as co-president of the Anne Arundel branch for four years, book sale co-chair for six years and webmaster for 4 years.

Emeritus of Prince George’s Community college, she retired in May of 2016, having taught mathematics there for 39 years. She wrote several mathematics textbooks. Roxann believes very strongly in AAUW’s mission in shaping public policy to support the education, equity, and the well-being of women and

families; she also believes that the NCCWSL is one of AAUW’s most powerful activities. On a more social level, she loves playing bridge with her AAUW ladies’ group.



Debby Chessin

Dr. Debby Chessin is serving as Co-President for AAUW Anne Arundel County (AAUW AAC). Also a member of the branch’s Public Policy Committee, she volunteered

with Dr. Catherine Hill, Executive Director of the Women’s Legislative Caucus to presented research summaries of upcoming bills for legislators, attend hearings, and provide general support.

Before moving to Annapolis in 2017, Debby served two four-year terms as a Planning Commissioner for the city of Oxford, Mississippi. In that position, she sought to balance the needs of the individual with those of local developers to maintain the charming and historic nature of the town.

More recently, she served as the 2019 AAUW AAC Co-Chair of the “STEM Girls Count!” conference for fourth grade girls in Anne Arundel County featuring workshops in the STEM fields presented by women scientists, architects, and engineers. This very successful conference was a collaborative effort between the Anne Arundel County Public Schools, AAUW AAC, and Anne Arundel Community College

Dr. Chessin earned the BS and MS from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York and the M.Ed. from The University of Mississippi where she served as Professor of Science Education and Coordinator of Study Abroad for the Department of Teacher Education. She enjoys spending time with her family in Annapolis, reading, keeping up with the news and local politics, riding her Honda Ruckus Scooter, sailing in the Bay, walking, hiking, and enjoying nature.



Thanks to this year's Nominating Committee members:

- Pat Stocker- Bethesda-Chevy Chase Branch
- Judy A. Carbone - Garret County Branch
- Beth Hayden – Howard County Branch
- Teri Bisceglia –Frederick Branch
- Bernadette Low - as chair of 2020's nominating committee
- Kate Campbell Stevenson – as Co-Past President of AAUW MD



Updates & Announcements

Public Policy Update



Submitted by Roxann King Vice President for Public Policy

Together with other advocacy groups for women and families in Maryland, AAUW Maryland focuses

its legislative efforts on the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women. Two 2020 MLAW bills passed both chambers during the 2020 session but were vetoed by the Governor. The General Assembly passed the bills again in 2021 overriding the Governor's 2020 veto.

Public Safety – Rifles and Shotguns – Sales, Rentals, and Transfers will require background checks for all gun sales, even private sales.

Correctional Services – Pre-release Unit for Women – Facilities and Services (Gender-Responsive Prerelease Act) will establish a pre-release center for incarcerated women. Six exist now for men; none for women.

The Maryland General Assembly 2021 session ended Monday, April 12.

The bill which would consider a continuing course of child abuse/torture to be first degree child abuse has passed both chambers and has been sent to the Governor.

The bill eliminating marriage as a defense for sexual crimes has passed both houses. It is being resolved in committee prior to being sent to the Governor.

The bill providing schools with menstruation supplies in bathrooms, passed both chambers and has been sent to the Governor.

The bill establishing a permanent Health Equity Communities Program passed both houses and has been sent to the Governor.

Three of the bills that we have supported did not pass this year. The bill requiring workplace protections for Maryland's essential workers did not pass out of the first committee. Paid Family and Medical Leave had the same result. The bill that requires judges to explain when giving custody to an abusive parent passed the Senate but was referred to committee in the House of Delegates.

(If you wish to know more about any of the MLAW bills, click here access the MLAW website. Then scroll down to January 8.)

The bill that AAUW Maryland opposed, the Healthcare Heroes Protection Act, which would deny patients' and workers' rights to take legal action, did not pass. It was referred to committee without support.

If you have been watching the news, you know that this was a very big year for Maryland legislation related to inequities in health and education, spotlighted by the pandemic; and for legislation related to police reform. Hopefully, our three bills that did not make it, will be reconsidered with improvements in 2022.

Make sure to respond to the Wednesday, April 7, email from Shannon Wolfe, AAUW, to "Vote now to shape AAUW's future." Our votes will determine AAUW's public policy for the next two years as well as whether a degree will be required for AAUW membership.

Diversity & Inclusion Spotlight



*Submitted by Jacqueline Gray, Chair
– Diversity & Inclusion, AAUW
Maryland*

UPCOMING AAUW DIVERSITY & INCLUSION ACTIVITIES

April 28, 2021 at 10:30 am Eastern

Time via Zoom

Discussion Series on Race: Sponsored by Diversity Committee of Lake/Sumter Branch, AAUW
Topic of Discussion: Systemic Racism Voting Rights.
Register in advance for this meeting at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctce2vrT0qHNQ1q2GIIHaH0IEji0CIhSHA>

May 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm Eastern Time via Zoom

AAUW Diversity Officers Zoom Meeting
Hosted by Cyndi Shanahan, DE&I Chair, AAUW-VA
Topic of Discussion: Future Webinars, Diversity & Equity Toolkit

May 25 - 26, 2021 at 11:00 am Eastern Time each day via Zoom

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Special Event: See AAUW MD's Woman of the Year Recipient, Dr. Yvette Myrick at the NCCSWL Woman of Distinction Ceremony scheduled for 11:00 am (ET) on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. (As Dian Belanger noted on p. 1, above, some free tickets are available.)
For more info and to register for the NCCWSL Conference, go to www.aauw.org.

NON-AAUW DIVERSITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

April 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm Eastern Time via Zoom

Panel Discussion. Join the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) for a discussion on the history of anti-Asian bias in the United States and how the rising tide of racism against Asian-Americans can be addressed. *For more information and to register for this event, go to www.njpac.org.*

May 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm Eastern Time via Zoom

Panel Discussion. Join the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) at its next PSEG True Diversity Film Series, which discusses the experience of Black LGBTQ people and the barriers they face, from

securing basic healthcare to the increased risk of violence they encounter when coming out as gay, trans or genderqueer. *For more information and to register for this event, go to www.njpac.org.*

UPCOMING DIVERSITY & INCLUSION SPRING JOB FAIRS

April 14, 2021 from 11 am to 4 pm Central Standard Time (CST) Diversity in Education, Virtual Teacher Recruitment Fair. Hosted by the Department of Defense. *For more information go to: <https://diversityined.careerfairexpo.com/>*

April 28, 2021 from 12 pm – 3:00 pm Eastern Time Women in Tech Hiring Event (Virtual). Hosted by DICE. *For more info go to: www.dhicareerevents.com/events/women-in-tech-dice/*

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MARYLAND BRANCHES

To Maryland Branches in need of assistance launching Diversity, Equity and Inclusions events and activities, please feel free to reach out to Jacki. She is happy to assist. She can be reached at jgray90210@aol.com.



In Memory of Barbara Fetterhoff—A Guiding Light of AAUW Maryland

Submitted by Linda Calvert, Roxann King, Pat Stocker, & courtesy of Rausch Funeral Home

A good friend and mentor to many of us, Barbara Ann Gillam Fetterhoff, died on, November 11, 2020, at Asbury Solomons Health Care Center where she received care during her last year for breast cancer



and heart issues. Born in 1929 in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, she earned a B.A. at the University of Delaware. Shown here in 2013 with Roxann King, Barbara was a member

and leader in AAUW Maryland for over 60 years. She belonged to Harford, Baltimore, Hagerstown, Frostburg, Calvert, and Patuxent River branches, and was president of four of them. sometimes twice. During her many years as president of the Patuxent River Branch, the Branch established its Dare to Dream Grant Fund to help local women with personal growth and education.

In 1981 Gov. Hughes appointed her to the Advisory Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting, and then she served on the state election board 1983-97. She was on the Committee for Save the Maryland Theater in Hagerstown 1986-89, and was Chair of the Commission for Women in Washington County, having helped get it organized.

AAUW MD established the Barbara Fetterhoff Honorary Fund, to support the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), honoring Barbara as the Maryland Woman of Distinction in 2011, 2012, and 2013. Enjoy a YouTube video of Barbara's inspirational 2013 speech: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dI_WQNB5YqI.

Barbara worked as a university, medical, and church secretary. Her husband was an Episcopal priest and for 25 years a psychiatrist in Western MD. They retired to Calvert County in 1990, moved to Asbury in 2005, and he died in 2011.

She was a past president or co-president of the League of Women Voters in Washington County, and three terms in Calvert County. She was also a member of the Calvert Artists' Guild and the Concerned Black Women. She was named a Peace Builder in 2014 by the Calvert County Community Mediation Center, and she was honored in several events by the League, the Commission for Women, and AAUW. She was a dedicated volunteer, and Maryland benefited from her many hours of selfless service.



2021 Maryland Women's Hall of Fame and Maryland Young Women Leaders Award

The Maryland Women's Hall of Fame recognizes and honors Maryland women whose accomplishments are of historic significance. AAUW MD is proud to have helped select this year's five inductees from among many worthy nominees:

Elizabeth "Liz" Bobo, of Howard County, the first woman ever elected to the position of county executive in the history of the state;

Margaret Briggs Gregory Hawkins (1887 - 1969), of Baltimore City, an ardent suffragist;

Ruby Reese Moone, of Montgomery County, a renowned civil rights activist who marched with Martin Luther King in Selma, Alabama

Nancy K. Welker, of Prince George's County, a physicist and nationally recognized expert in superconducting electronics;

Celeste Revillon Winans (1823 - 1861), of Baltimore City, recognized as Maryland's first philanthropist and perhaps the nation's first female philanthropist.

Biographies of each of these extraordinary women are posted on the website of the [Commission for Women](#).

The Maryland Young Women Leaders Award recognizes extraordinary young women who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to leadership, community service and academic excellence. With a generous donation from the Pai Ping Foundation, the 2021 honorees will receive, for the first time, a \$500 scholastic award. The recipients are: **Esha Ahmad**, Northern High School, Calvert County; **Georgia Hammond**, Hereford High School, Baltimore County; **Elaine Huang**, Altholton High School, Howard County; **Brina Ratangee**, Urbana High School, Frederick County; and **Ashley Thommana**, Montgomery Blair High School, Montgomery County.



AAUW MARYLAND BYLAWS REVISIONS: HIGHLIGHTS PREPARED BY THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Proposed bylaws changes include a definition of what AAUW Maryland is; change the Nominating Committee from four members to three; add new wording that brings AAUW Maryland into conformity with AAUW national standards and state law for non-profit organizations; and provide new bylaws that allow remote attendance and voting at meetings.

Details: [2021 Convention Website](#)

Having completed our initial task, the committee has moved on to a related one. The bylaws are the first section of the AAUW Maryland Handbook, a compilation of policies and position descriptions for the officers. We have revised all sections but the last – Section 6 “Hosting the Annual Convention and Planning the Business Meeting”. We will update that section during the summer. The finished AAUW Maryland Handbook 2021 will be posted on the website and copies available to all officers.

Members of the Bylaws Committee are Janet Crampton (Kensington-Rockville), Terri Massie-Burrell, Eileen Menton, and Christine Schmitz (members of Baltimore branch.)

Diane Roca, Bylaws Chair (Howard County)
dbroca@comcast.net 410-964-3523.

Phishing Alert

AAUW Maryland members have reported receiving messages from "Erin Prangley, President" entitled "URGENT RESPONSE NEEDED." **They are not from Erin!** She will NEVER email you to ask for money or gift cards to be sent to her directly or ask you to contact her immediately without explaining why. Please do not open any emails from strange addresses! If you get an email from Erin, it be from “erin.prangley@gmail.com” or come from an AAUW Maryland account. Unfortunately, it’s difficult to

WOMEN'S HEALTH MATTERS
Getting through COVID

HEALTH ALERT

You are not alone.

In the face of COVID 19, many women are finding it challenging to fulfill their work obligations while carrying increased responsibilities of health, home and caregiving. If you feel overwhelmed, help and support are available.

RECOGNIZE
Physical. Emotional. Behavioral. Cognitive.

Headaches	Sadness
Low Energy	Loneliness
Loss of Appetite	Hopelessness
Insomnia	Feeling Stressed
Fatigue	Irritability
Weight Change	Mood Swings
Rapid Heartbeat	Worrying
Chest Pains	Lack of Focus

RECHARGE

Eat Well	Find Connections	Enjoy Nature	Live With Purpose
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REACH OUT

Maryland Department of Health Behavioral Health Administration:
[1-800-888-1965](tel:1-800-888-1965)

National Suicide Prevention:
[1-800-273-8255](tel:1-800-273-8255)

MD Coalition Against Sexual Assault:
[301-328-7023](tel:301-328-7023)

National Domestic Violence Hotline:
[1-800-799-7233](tel:1-800-799-7233)

ASK FOR HELP
Dial: 2-1-1


stop these attacks. The email accounts in question have not been hacked. Instead, they are being “spoofed” – that is, a fraudulent email account is cleverly configured to look at first glance like a legitimate one. Even if you block the fraudulent email, they will just use another. It’s like playing “whack-a-mole.” If you received one of these messages, *do not click any links, do not open any attachments, and do not reply.* Let Eileen Menton (Ementon@gmail.com) know. In addition, report it as a phishing attempt to your email provider. If you use Google Mail, open the message next to Reply, click More, and click Report phishing.



AAUW's 2020 Annual Report Available


The 2020 [Year in Review website](#) includes the Annual Report, Audited Financial Statements, the IRS Form 990 for public inspection, and AAUW's Annual Budget. Excerpts include the 2020 By the Numbers poster reprinted below. Both revenue and expenses dropped considerably from 2019.

AAUW received a federally guaranteed loan under the Paycheck Protection Program, which the Small Business Administration will forgive if AAUW meets the requirements of the program. AAUW has over \$44 million of donor-restricted funds, the majority of which is earmarked for American Fellowships. Over \$4 million is earmarked for International Fellowships, and over \$7 million must support mission-related activities related to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Over \$1 million is set aside for the Legal Advocacy Fund.




2020 BY THE NUMBERS

Amid a global pandemic that upended every aspect of life, AAUW continued to thrive, finding new ways to work toward our goal of economic security for women and girls.




30,000

People reached by our 35 free webinars featuring career tips, advice on activism, interviews with thought leaders and other educational offerings.




62,400

Letters sent to elected officials urging immediate action on COVID relief, paid leave benefits, voter access and other key AAUW public policy priorities.



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Minority-serving institutions, including 18 Historically Black Colleges and Universities, that now offer AAUW's Start Smart training, bringing the number of colleges and universities hosting the program to 142.




\$3.6million

Awarded to more than 200 recipients for the 2020-21 academic year with the goal of advancing educational opportunities for women around the globe.

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New learning community launched: AAUW's Equity Network offers leadership training to early- and mid-career participants who are committed to social justice.





Registration Form

AAUW-MD Annual Convention – May 22 – 23, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING

Either mail in or online registration is possible. (Online is preferred if it works for you.) To register on-line, go to

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcudOusrTggGNMrZHfwXirW3jii1BTrT-5w>

To register by mail, send this registration form to **Edie Allison, 11224 Troy Road, Rockville, MD 20852.**

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Branch (if member): _____

My current Branch Office _____

My Current State Office _____

___ (Yes or No) I give permission to share my contact information with other attendees.

I plan to attend on ___ Saturday May 22 ___ Sunday May 23

The meeting link will be sent to you with a reminder via email (or phone) before the event.

The virtual program will be presented in two parts: -

Saturday, May 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and

Sunday, May 23, from 2:00 p.m.to 4:45 p.m.

Each day will include both program and business meetings. Elections are scheduled for May 22, and a vote on Bylaws amendments will be May 23. Your participation will be important on both days!



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Our Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Our Vision: Equity for all.

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status.

2021 Calendar

April 24 AAUW MD Webinar – Lisa Maatz discusses voting rights and what’s happening in Washington.

See your email for a link to join the conversation.

May 17 Cast your ballot in **AAUW’s national election** by 5 pm May 17. Find your voting credentials in an April 7 email or request a paper ballot in advance.

May 22-23 AAUW MD Convention and Annual Business Meeting. Check the website for handouts and ongoing updates at <https://aauw-md.aauw.net/>

May 26 NCCWSL Women of Distinction ceremony. Limited free tickets available from Dian Belanger via email.

June 1 Send copy for the Summer Marylander to Susan Wierman

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