

**BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW) SAINT GEORGE BRANCH**

**AAUW MANDATORY BYLAWS ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE I. NAME AND GOVERNANCE**

**Section 1. Name.** The name of the organization shall be the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Saint George Branch, hereinafter known as the “Affiliate.”

**Section 2. Affiliate.** AAUW Saint George Branch is an Affiliate of AAUW as defined in Article V.

**Section 3. Legal Compliance.** The Affiliate shall comply with the requirements of AAUW and federal, state, and local law. The Bylaws of the Affiliate shall in no way conflict with the AAUW Bylaws and/or policies.

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

**Section 1. Purpose.** The purpose of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. The purpose of the Affiliate is to further AAUW purposes and policies.

**Section 2. Policies and Programs.** In keeping with this purpose, the Affiliate shall promote equity, education, and development of opportunities for women and girls that enable them to realize their full potential.

**ARTICLE III. USE OF NAME**

**Section 1. Policies and Programs.** The policies and programs of AAUW shall be binding on all members engaged in AAUW activities, and no member shall use the name of AAUW to oppose such policies or programs.

**Section 2. Proper Use of Name and Logo.** The name and logo of AAUW may be used only by members (as defined below at Article IV, Section 2) and Affiliates (as defined below at Article V, Section 1) only according to policies and procedures established by the AAUW Board of Directors; others may do so only according to written licenses.

**Section 3. Individual Freedom of Speech.** These Bylaws shall not abridge the freedom of speech of any AAUW member to speak an opinion in the member’s own name.

**ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

**Section 1. Composition.** The members of AAUW at present consist of members (“Individual Members”) and college/university members (“College/University Members”).

**Section 2. Basis of Membership.**

a. Individual Members.

(1) Eligibility. An individual holding an associate’s (or equivalent, e.g., RN), bachelor’s, or

higher degree from a higher education institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S Department of Education (an “Accredited Higher Education Institution”) or other qualified educational institution located outside of the United States, as determined by the AAUW Board of Directors, shall be eligible to receive admission to AAUW membership; such membership shall be granted upon payment of AAUW dues. The provisions set forth in this section are the sole requirement for eligibility and admissibility to AAUW membership except that the AAUW Board of Directors may establish a process to assess credentials that are submitted based on degree equivalence.

(2) Appeals of Refusals of Admission to Membership. Any potential Individual Member or College/University Member who claims qualification for membership in AAUW and who has been refused admission to membership may present credentials to the AAUW Board of Directors for review. The decision of the AAUW Board of Directors shall be final.

(3) Saving Clause. No Individual Member shall lose membership due to any change in the status of the higher education institution upon which original qualification for membership was based.

(4) Life Membership.

(a) Paid. An Individual Member may become a life member (a “Life Member”) upon a one-time payment of twenty years’ annual AAUW dues, based on the amount of annual AAUW dues the year the Member elects to become a Life Member. Thereafter, the Life Member shall be exempt from the payment of AAUW national dues.

(b) Fifty-Year Honorary. An Individual Member who has paid AAUW dues for fifty years shall become a Life Member and shall thereafter be exempt from the payment of AAUW national dues.

b. College/University Members. Any Accredited Higher Education Institution or other qualified higher education institution located outside the United States, as determined by the AAUW Board of Directors, that pays annual dues to AAUW shall be eligible to be a College/University Member. Each College/University Member shall appoint one or two representatives who are eligible to be Individual Members and who shall each have the membership benefits of an Individual Member and any other benefits that accrue to representatives of College/University Members, as determined by the AAUW Board of Directors.

Section 3. Student Associates. The AAUW Board of Directors may permit undergraduate students enrolled in Accredited Higher Education Institutions or in other qualified educational institutions located outside the United States, as determined by the AAUW Board of Directors, to associate with AAUW, with fees (if any) and benefits as determined by the AAUW Board of Directors.

#### **Section 4. Dues.**

a. Amount. The annual dues and member benefits for any category of member shall be established by a two-thirds vote of the AAUW Board of Directors. Members shall be notified of

the intent to consider a change in the dues, the proposed amount, and the rationale for the change at least 60 days prior to the vote.

**b. Payment.** Member dues shall be payable in accordance with procedures established by the AAUW Board of Directors.

**Section 5. Severance of Membership.** Any Member may be suspended or removed from membership for any conduct that tends to injure AAUW or to adversely affect its reputation or that is contrary to or destructive of its mission according to these Bylaws, with action taken following policies and procedures adopted by the AAUW Board of Directors. In addition, a College/University Member that is no longer eligible for membership shall be removed from membership as soon as practicable after it loses its eligibility.

#### **Article V. AAUW AFFILIATES**

**Section 1. AAUW Affiliate Defined.** An AAUW Affiliate (“Affiliate”) is an organization affiliated with AAUW for the purpose of supporting AAUW’s mission through Affiliate programs, fundraising, networking, and/or other activities. Affiliates are typically nonprofit membership organizations under state law and may also have been recognized as tax-exempt 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) organizations under the Internal Revenue Code. An Affiliate may use AAUW’s name and/or logo only if approved by the AAUW Board of Directors.

**Section 2. Organization.**

**a. Purpose.** Affiliates shall promote the purposes, programs, and policies of AAUW.

**b. Bylaws.** Affiliates shall develop Bylaws as meet their needs. However, any such Bylaws shall not conflict with AAUW Bylaws or with applicable law.

**c. Structure.** Affiliates may create such leadership structures as meet their needs. Each Affiliate shall provide AAUW with designated contacts for administration and finance.

#### **Section 3. Loss of Recognition of an Affiliate.**

a. The AAUW affiliation status of an Affiliate may be revoked for cause through affiliation review procedures specified by the AAUW Board of Directors.

b. The Affiliate shall have the right to appeal to the AAUW Board of Directors within a designated period.

**Section 4. Property and Assets.** The title to all property, funds, and assets of an Affiliate is vested in the Affiliate. An Affiliate shall have complete control of its property and assets, except that such property and assets shall not be used for any purpose contrary to AAUW’s purposes. In the event of the dissolution of an Affiliate or the termination of an Affiliate’s affiliation with AAUW, all assets of the Affiliate shall be transferred and delivered to AAUW or to another Affiliate designated by AAUW. AAUW may solicit and consider recommendations from local leaders before making a designation.

#### **ARTICLE VI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Affiliate in all instances in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the AAUW Bylaws or with the requirements of AAUW or applicable laws.

**ARTICLE VII. AAUW-MANDATED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS**

AAUW-mandated amendments shall be implemented by the Affiliate's Board of directors without a vote of the Affiliate's membership and as prescribed by the AAUW Board of Directors.

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**ARTICLE VIII. Branch Dues.**

The annual Branch dues for individual members shall be established at the annual meeting of the Branch by two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided notice has been given to the members at least 10 days prior to the scheduled vote.

**ARTICLE IX. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Section 1. Nominations**

- a. A Nominating Committee of at least three members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least three months prior to the annual meeting. The immediate Past President or the Executive Committee designee shall chair this committee.
- b. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be published in the newsletter and sent to every member of the Branch at least 10 days before the annual meeting.
- c. Nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the elections, provided consent of the nominee has been obtained.

**Section 2. Elections**

- a. Elections shall be held at the annual meeting of the Branch.
- b. Election shall be by ballot except that if there is only one nominee for an office, election may be by voice vote.
- c. Election shall be by majority vote of those voting.

**ARTICLE X. OFFICERS**

**Section 1. Elected Officers.** The Branch shall elect one member to serve in each of the following positions: President and Vice President/President Elect. In the event the offices of President and/or Vice President/President Elect are not filled, an Executive Committee of a minimum of 3 current Board members shall assume the roles. Two members will serve as co-officers in each of the following positions: Communications Director, Program Director, Membership Director, Secretary, Finance Officer, and Resource Development Director.

**Section 2.** Terms of Office for Elected Officers. All elected officers shall take office on July 1,

and shall serve for two years or until their successors are elected or appointed and assume office, except that the Vice President/President Elect shall serve one year in that capacity and shall serve the following year as President, so that the terms of office of the President and the Vice President/President Elect are one year each, to be served consecutively. In the event of the establishment of an Executive Committee, said Committee will serve one year minimum as appointed by the Board. No member shall hold the same elected office for more than three consecutive terms unless approved by the current Board of Directors.

**Section 3. Special Provisions for Co-Officers.** The terms of office for co-officers serving in each elected officer position shall be staggered so that one officer is elected for each position each membership year. Unless designated otherwise by the Board of Directors, the co-officer who has held the position longer shall be the senior co-officer in each case. As used herein and except where the context otherwise requires or where senior or junior co-officer is specified, the titles “Program Director,” “Membership Director,” “Secretary,” “Finance Officer,” “Communications Director and Resource Development Director shall be used to refer jointly to both co-officers serving in each such position. In the event that any office is held jointly by two members, each office shall collectively have one vote on the Board of Directors. In any case of disagreement between co-officers serving in a position, the decision of the senior co-officer shall be deemed to be the decision of the office.

**Section 4. Authority and Duties of Elected Officers.** Elected officers shall facilitate and promote the purpose and mission of AAUW, shall have the authority and shall exercise the powers and perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and the Branch Policies and Procedures. In the event of an Executive Committee, the powers and duties of President and Vice President shall be assumed by the members of the Committee.

In addition:

**a. President.** The President serves as the chief executive of the Branch and shall officially represent the Branch in all its activities. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Branch. The President shall be responsible for submitting such reports and forms as required by AAUW of the State of Utah and AAUW.

**b. Vice President/President Elect.** The Vice President/President Elect shall preside at meetings at the direction of the President and in the absence of the President and act in the absence of the President, and shall perform such other duties as are requested by the President or by the Board of Directors. The Vice President/President Elect shall become the President during her second year in office.

**c. Communications Director.** The Communications Director shall oversee communications of the Branch to the membership as well as to the community. Responsibilities shall include oversight of newsletter, website, and publicity, and advising the Board of Directors on related technology.

**d. Program Director.** The Program Director shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President and the Vice President/President Elect and act in the absence of the President and the Vice President/President Elect, and shall perform such other duties as are requested by the President or by the Board of Directors.

**e. Membership Director.** The Membership Director shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President, the Vice President/President Elect and the Program Director, and shall perform such other duties as are requested by the President or by the Board of Directors.

**f. Secretary.** The Secretary shall record minutes of the annual meeting of the Branch and any other meetings of the Branch membership at which Branch business is conducted and shall perform such other duties as the President or Board of Directors shall direct.

**g. Finance Officer.** The Finance Officer shall be responsible for collecting, distributing and accounting for the funds of the Branch, presenting the Branch's books for an annual audit, and filing all tax forms and returns in a timely manner. In addition, the Finance Officer shall present a financial report and budget at the annual meeting of the Branch and at such other times as requested by the Board of Directors.

**h. Resource Development Director.** The Resource Development Director shall oversee all fundraising efforts of the Branch and shall recommend to the Board an overall plan for resource development in support of the Branch's programs.

**Section 5. Removal.** Any officer may be removed for any reason by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Branch will be served thereby.

**Section 6. Vacancies.** A vacancy in any elected office, except that of the President, shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Board of Directors. A vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled by the Vice President/President Elect, or, if the Vice President/President Elect is unable to serve, the office of President shall be filled by the Board of Directors from among the officers then serving. Should a vacancy occur in the office of Vice President/President Elect before October 1 of the membership year, a nominating committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to nominate one or more candidates for the position to be voted on at a special election within 30 days of the vacancy.

**Section 7. Appointed Officers.** The President may appoint such other officers and assistants as she may deem necessary.

## **ARTICLE XI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1. Composition.** The Board of Directors shall include all of the elected officers and the immediate past president of the Branch, who shall be an ex officio member of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors must have a minimum of two separate officers, one responsible for the management of the Branch and one responsible for the financial affairs. In addition, the Branch shall designate a member other than the contacts for administration and finance to record and make available upon request the minutes of each noticed Branch Board meeting.

**Section 2. Administrative Responsibilities.** The Board of Directors shall have the power to administer affairs of the Branch and to carry out its programs and its policies and shall accept the

responsibilities delegated by AAUW. It shall act for the Branch between membership meetings. It shall have fiscal responsibility as outlined in Article IX, Financial Administration, Section 2. It shall have the power to create special committees and task forces as deemed necessary and shall perform such other duties as are specified by these Bylaws.

**Section 3. Meetings.** Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least three (3) times a year at a time and place agreed upon by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the president or shall be called upon written request of four (4) voting members of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Quorum. The quorum for a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be a majority of the voting members. Co-officers shall be considered as one voting member of the Board of Directors.

**Section 6. Voting Between Meetings.** Between meetings of the Board of Directors, a written or electronic vote of the Board of Directors may be taken at the request of the President on any question submitted to the Board of Directors in writing, provided that every voting Board member shall have the opportunity to vote upon the question submitted. If a majority shall vote on any question so submitted, the vote shall be counted and shall have the same effect as if at a Board meeting. The result of the vote shall be in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

## **ARTICLE XII. COMMITTEES**

**Section 1. Establishing Committees.** The President may establish standing and special committees as needed with the consent of the Board of Directors.

**Section 2. Purpose.** With the approval of the Board of Directors, each standing and special committee shall formulate programs and activities to carry out the mission of AAUW.

**Section 3. Chairs.** The chairs of all special and standing committees, except the nominating committee, shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE XIII. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

**Section 1. Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year shall correspond with that of AAUW and shall begin on July 1.

**Section 2. Financial Policies.** The Board of Directors shall set and maintain policies and procedures to control financial records consistent with generally accepted accounting principles and federal, state and local laws including an annual financial review.

**Section 3. Contact.** The Branch will annually provide AAUW with a contact for administration and finance.

**Section 4. Budget.** The Board of Directors shall adopt an annual budget for presentation to the

Branch.

#### **ARTICLE XIV. MEETINGS**

**Section 1. Annual Meeting.** The Branch shall hold an annual meeting to conduct the business of the Branch, including but not limited to, electing officers, establishing dues, amending bylaws and receiving reports. This meeting shall be held during the month of April of each year, subject to modification by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2. Branch Meetings.** The Branch shall hold at least five (5) meetings during the fiscal year. The Branch Board of Directors shall determine the time and place for these meetings.

**Section 3. Special Meetings.** Special meetings may be called by the President or shall be called by the President at the written request of a majority of members of the Board of Directors or four percent (4%) of the Branch membership.

**Section 4. Notice.** Notice of meetings shall be sent to all members of the Branch at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

**Section 5. Quorum.** A quorum shall be twenty percent (20%) of the members of the Branch.

#### **ARTICLE XV. INDEMNIFICATION**

Every Board or Committee member may be indemnified by the Branch against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred or imposed upon such Board or committee members in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding to which the Board or committee member may become involved by reason of being or having been a member of the Board or Committee, or any settlement thereof, unless adjudged therein to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duties. In the event of a settlement the indemnification herein shall apply only when the Branch Board of Directors approves such settlement and reimbursement as being in the best interest of the Branch. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which the member of the Board or committee is entitled.

#### **ARTICLE XVI. MISCELLANEOUS**

**Section 1. Insurance.** By action of the Board of Directors, the Branch may purchase and maintain insurance, in such amounts as the Board may deem appropriate, on behalf of any person indemnified hereunder against any liability asserted against her and incurred by her in her capacity of or arising out of her status as an agent of the Branch, whether or not the Branch would have the power to indemnify her against such liability under applicable provisions of law. The Branch may also purchase and maintain insurance, in such amounts as the Board may deem



appropriate, to insure the Branch against any liability, including without limitation, any liability for the indemnifications provided in these Bylaws.

**Section 2. Conflicts of Interest.** If any person who is a director or officer of the Branch is aware that the Branch is about to enter into any business transaction directly or indirectly with herself, any member of her family, or any entity in which she has any legal, equitable or fiduciary interest or position, including without limitation as a trustee, officer, shareholder, partner, beneficiary or trustee, such person shall (a) immediately inform those charged with approving the transaction on behalf of the corporation of her interest or position, (b) aid the persons charged with making the decision by disclosing any material facts within her knowledge that bear on the advisability of such transaction from the standpoint of the Branch, and (c) not be entitled to vote on the decision to enter into such transaction.

## **ARTICLE XVII. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS**

Provisions of these Bylaws not governed by the AAUW Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at a general, annual or special membership meeting, provided written or electronic notice shall have been given to every member at least ten days prior to the meeting. Branch's Bylaws not mandated by AAUW may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members voting after a quorum is attained. Proposed Bylaws amendments shall be sent to the entire membership at least 10 days prior to the applicable meeting.

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