



National AAUW Vote Information

National AAUW needs your vote to approve some important bylaws changes that will help keep AAUW vital as an organization and enable it to increase its impact in advancing equity for all women and girls.

Voting is open April 25 through June 9 and you are highly encouraged to vote online using your member ID and PIN (which are being sent to you via email or on the mailing label of the print edition of the AAUW Outlook magazine).

Go to AAUW.org and click Read More under the topic Members, Vote Online Today! There are 3 options : VOTE NOW; VOTER GUIDE (Learn about the issues on the ballot); Bylaws Amendment Vote FAQ (related to how to get items on the ballot)

There are only 3 proposed changes : removal of the membership degree requirement, staggered board terms, and opening board service to nonmembers. The issue that has been of most concern for several years is the degree requirement for membership. See page 9 of the Voter Guide (online access as mentioned above) for a detailed explanation of **why it is important to remove the degree requirement** for membership. This relates to attracting younger women and meeting the inclusion requirements of potential funding sources.

Please consider the importance and be ready to vote when you receive your PIN.

Annual DUES are DUE

Payment of dues for the AAUW fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 is requested by the end of June. The national dues have been raised from \$49 to \$59. AAUW Texas dues are still \$13, and we have lowered our branch dues from \$10 to \$3. Thus **full membership will be \$75** (versus \$72 last year), and **life members dues will be \$16**.

Later this month you will receive an email with a **personal link** to the **AAUW online payment** system (thus you do not need your member ID number or a password). You can pay your total dues by credit card and AAUW sends the appropriate payment to the state and branch . If you prefer to pay by check, contact your branch treasurer Penny Ball.

Although our branch does not currently have any active programs, we support the work of national AAUW with our dues. By maintaining a local branch, there will be an organization in place when local women are ready to take a more active role in the AAUW mission.

AAUW Texas & Branch Announcements

AAUW Texas **convention** was held in Houston on April 20-22. Our branch president, Marilyn Barnes, attended and had useful discussions with AAUW area reps. She reports that Margie Poole, Priscilla Mowinkle, and Geogia Kidwell are going to try and get Interbranch started again. She also talked to the AAUW Texas district reps, Barbara Cager and Gloria Long, who offered to help us try and recruit new members.

Our **branch elections** are held in May. President Marilyn Barnes has one more year in her term. Current treasurer Penny Ball was the only member interested in running for the next 2-year term as treasurer, and thus her re-election is now confirmed.

Branch info, newsletters, and future meeting plans are at our website

<http://SWDallas-TX.AAUW.net>

If you would like to receive the newsletters by email, just let me know: Penny@acm.org

Our Branch Officers:

Marilyn Barnes (President);

Penny Ball (Treasurer, newsletter & web site, STEM programs)

Museum of International Cultures (MIC)

The Museum of International Cultures is the site for our branch meetings and also for many interesting programs. See **MICmuseum.org** for information about current events at the Museum. The Museum is located at 411 Hwy 67, Duncanville, 75137 (just south of Danieldale Rd, on the southbound service road.)

4th Saturday Free Events at the Museum of International Cultures

A series of free international-theme events is scheduled for each month. Each event starts at 7:00 p.m. The programs alternate between dinners and films.

The program for 2018 with details about each movie and dinner theme is published on the Museum website at **MICmuseum.org**. The next few events are:

May 26 film “Queen of Katwe” (set in Uganda). Based on a true story: a Ugandan girl’s life changes forever when she discovers she has an amazing talent for chess.

June 23 dinner with a program theme of Uganda. Local woman working with an orphanage in Uganda will speak.

July 28 film “Loving Vincent” . Mystery surrounds the death of famed painter Vincent van Gogh in 1890 France. A film suffused with beauty, every frame is oil painted, creating an amazing work of animation from live action. (It took 7 years to make.)

August 25. dinner South Korea. The subject country was chosen because of the special food available at H Mart and Mozart Bakery in north Dallas area. Now we also have major political events to consider.