

# AAUW Membership Matters

for state and branch leaders

Dear {{FirstName or 'Member Leader'}},

As we navigate a pivotal election year, your dedication and support remain the driving force of our organization.

We hope you find this issue of Membership Matters helpful as we take time to applaud our FY23 Five-Star branches and provide essential updates on the open membership votes, Feb. 1 Count Reports, and other dues-related updates.

Thank you for your continued leadership and dedication to empowering women and promoting equity.

Warm regards,



**Katrina Sun Breese**

Senior Director of Institutional Advancement

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## 2024 NCCWSL Registration Now Open!

AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) will be held at the University of Maryland, College Park, May 30 through June 1, 2024. [Registration is now open!](#)

Did you know making a branch contribution to, or registering a student for NCCWSL helps fulfill your your Five-Star Branch goals?

The conference begins Thursday afternoon with a welcome address and networking event. Workshops and panels begin Friday, May 31, ending with the Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony and reception that evening. We close out NCCWSL with a Saturday morning session guaranteed to delight! New for 2024, NCCWSL features a STEM track of sessions, designed to engage young women interested in STEM throughout the conference.

We're challenging our attendees to step out of their comfort zones to be bold, to be fearless, and to be transformed. We look forward to working with you to

identify amazing college women student leaders to who should [attend NCCWSL](#), and we appreciate your tremendous support of this program!

### **Upcoming Webinar: Busting Myths & Enhancing Support — Advancing Workplace Success for Women**

**What:** A parallel event of the 68th NGO Committee on the Status of Women Forum, this webinar will feature a panel of outstanding AAUW fellowships & grants alumnae moderated by AAUW CEO Gloria L. Blackwell to discuss the critical importance of policies that support advancing work and life, their impact on women in the workforce, and strategies to foster economic well-being for women.

**Who:** Open to public

**When:** March 20, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. ET.

**How:** [Register here](#).

**Questions?** Please reach out to [global@aauw.org](mailto:global@aauw.org).

### **It's My Vote: 2024 Voter Engagement Campaign Launch**

**What:** The AAUW Action Fund is launching our It's My Vote 2024 Voter Engagement Campaign.

**When:** Join the kickoff webinar on Wednesday, March 6, at 7 p.m. ET to learn how AAUW can support voter engagement work around the country. This webinar will provide an overview of our upcoming capacity-building training series and what tools and resources you'll have to lead and contribute to local voter education and registration efforts.

**How:** [Register here](#).

### **AAUW National Elections 2024**

**What:** Your vote counts! This spring AAUW members will be asked to vote on an amendment to the national bylaws recommended by the AAUW Board of Directors and AAUW Governance Committee that would open membership to any individual who supports AAUW's important mission of advancing equity for women and girls.

**When:** Bylaw voting opens April 3. Online voting is encouraged! Voting closes May 15, after which results will be announced online.

**Additional Resources:** You can review the proposed bylaw changes [here](#).

The open membership toolkit can also be reviewed [here](#). Please read our statement on civility and inclusivity [on the website here](#).

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### **Open Membership Vote and Member Civility**

As we prepare for the next open membership vote this spring there are several resources on the AAUW website that can help in your branch or state discussions. The [open membership toolkit](#) includes a PowerPoint and talking points on eliminating the degree requirement for membership and the newly added [civility and member responsibilities information](#) could be useful to highlight in your branch and state newsletters.

### **Count Your Members through January 31**

February 1 Count Reports should arrive in your inboxes mid-March. Please check your counts and report any discrepancies to [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) and

enter "Feb 1 Count 2024 Discrepancy" in the subject line of your email.

### **Celebrate Success: Five-Star Announcements**

We want to, once again, thank all of the many branches that took time to answer our FY23 Branch Impact Survey. As we've shared in previous issues, this survey counted as participation in the [Five-Star Recognition Program](#), and now that the results of the survey have been reviewed we are excited to update our Five-Star program page with the branches that reached their goals.

We know that these stars are a testament to the combined efforts of volunteer leaders and members to hit these Five-Star goals and we hope members from coast to coast join us in celebrating the hard-earned achievements of the branches listed.

### **State and Branch Dues Rates and Reminders for FY25**

Finance officers should review the state and branch dues rates [here](#) along with your choice made by your branch last year to opt-in (Yes) or (Out) of having the national office send email reminders for your members to renew.

Please send an email to [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) by **March 22, 2024 only if you wish to change your preferences from last year**. Enter "Dues Rates and Reminders FY25" in the subject line. FY25 will open April 1st.

### **State and Branch Dues Disbursements**

In early February you received the first automated state and branch disbursement reports to match the amount paid to your state or branch bank accounts for any dues payments received from your members during the month of December 2023. If you received a deposit, but no report or need to change banking information, please email Angela Cooper at [coopera@aauw.org](mailto:coopera@aauw.org).

### **Express Payment Links**

Is your branch eager to support NCCWSL scholarships this year or is your state planning to make a contribution with silent auction proceeds at your upcoming convention? Remember, you can always streamline the giving process by making the donation online.

Please reach out to [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) and share with us the following pieces of information to allow us to assist you with you in setting up a payment request:

- First, be sure to specify the state or branch affiliate you wish to donate on behalf of.
- Next, let us know what fund you wish the donation to be designated to, like NCCWSL scholarships or the Greatest Needs Fund.
- Lastly, let us know the amount of the donation in question. With that information we can create a link that will allow you to complete the transaction with your branch or state's preferred payment method.

Express payment links can also be used to process both branch and individual donations, so it can be a unique method of contributing online for your affiliate

at any time of year.

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