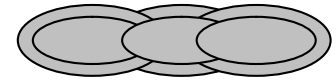




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AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

Simple Traits of Robust Organizations

As Texas AAUW and all the state's branches prepare for the next year, we need to pause and look backwards for a moment. What have we done right...what should we change, and what can be done to improve?

There is a new book, **The Four Pillars of High Performance: How Robust Organizations Achieve Extraordinary Results**, by Paul C. Light that could help us focus. In this book, based on RAND research, he found four traits common to all high-performing organizations.

First is that **robust organizations are alert to changing circumstances**, which can make them vulnerable or provide them opportunities, and focus on the future.

Secondly, they **respond quickly to signs of change and are able to move people and money where needed quickly.**

Next, as the future unfolds, these organizations **experiment with new ways of thinking and doing business.** In short, they do not stick with their original game plan forever.

The fourth trait is **a commitment by organizational leaders to keep their eyes on the mission.** The leaders communicate constantly, set clear goals for high performance and delegate authority for routine decisions. They monitor what is happening inside their organization.

This was written for large corporate and governmental organizations...but it is equally applicable to AAUW at all levels. We must constantly keep in mind these traits, and that our mission is:

The American Association of University Women is the largest, oldest U.S. organization working for the advancement of women and girls, life-long education, and positive societal change. That's what we do!

AAUW is in a time of change. Included in this publication is information that will help you to react successfully to that change. Please share the information with your officers and members. Also, please let the AAUW Texas board know how we can help your branch to be more successful. We are here to be a resource!

Patricia Ross, AAUW Texas President, paross@aol.com

Delegates Vote to Expand Membership

By Linda B. Conger, AAUW TX Membership Vice President

At the Association Convention, delegates voted to expand membership to include graduates who hold an “associate or equivalent” degree, and the bylaw became effective immediately. Caroline Pickens, AAUW Bylaws Chair and Coco Siewert, AAUW Parliamentarian have issued the following clarification to answer your questions about this new membership recruitment opportunity:

What do the AAUW Bylaws now define as the criteria for membership in AAUW?

As amended by the delegates to the 2005 Convention, the AAUW Bylaws now admit to membership “a graduate holding an associate or equivalent...degree from a qualified educational institution.” The Bylaws define qualified institutions as “educational institutions that offer recognized associate, baccalaureate, or higher degrees and that have full regional or appropriate professional association approval.”

What is the definition of an associate degree?

The American Heritage Dictionary defines an associate degree as “an academic degree conferred by a two-year college after the prescribed course of study has been successfully completed.” J.R. Whittstruck in Requirements for Certificates, Diplomas and Associate Degrees (State Higher Education Executive Officers Association, 1985) states, “An associate’s degree is a degree awarded by community colleges, junior colleges and bachelor’s degree-granting colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada upon completion of a course of study equivalent to the first two years in a four-year college or university. It is the lowest in the hierarchy of academic degrees offered in these countries.” The associate degree includes associate of arts (AA), associate of science (AS), associate of applied science (AAS), associate of arts and science (AA&S), and associate of applied arts (AAA, usually in music or commercial art). The most academic are the AA and the AS, and these programs are usually geared toward a student expecting to transfer on to a 4-year college. However, all are qualified associate degrees.

What is the equivalent of an associate degree?

The equivalent of an associate degree is an academic degree or diploma awarded by a qualified institution such as a business college or a hospital, which may not be called “associate degree” but has the same academic requirements or greater. A qualified institution is one that has full regional or appropriate professional association approval. Examples of an equivalent degree are two- or three-year RN diplomas, usually based in a hospital or a community college, and business college/school associate degrees (usually an AAS in business-related fields). A certificate awarded by a business college normally does not qualify. For example, many business colleges offer either an associate degree (usually an AAS but some AA degrees) or a certificate in the same field (common examples are accounting and marketing). However, the course requirement for a certificate is not equal in academic credits to those required for the associate degree, and it is not the equivalent to two years of courses or the common 60 hours as the two-year standard. Furthermore, a certificate is not generally accepted by four-year colleges as equivalent to an associate degree for the purpose

of transfer. Therefore, our conclusion is that “equivalent” is usually going to apply to the RN diploma and to associate degrees awarded by business colleges/schools. The latter are still going to be called “associate degrees.”

Are those with more than two years of college but no degree or diploma as defined in the previous paragraph eligible for AAUW membership?

No. AAUW remains an organization whose members have completed academic work and have been awarded a degree or diploma from a qualified educational institution.

Will those members with AA degrees be eligible for IFUW membership?

No. IFUW members are women with baccalaureate or higher degrees, so just as our male members are not members of IFUW, our members with associate degrees will not be IFUW members.

What happens to student affiliates who receive an associate degree but continue on in their schooling toward a bachelor’s degree?

At the time of receiving an associate degree, student affiliates will have a choice in the way they remain affiliated with AAUW. They can choose to become a full member with the privilege of voting and holding office. Or they can choose to remain a student affiliate if they continue work toward a bachelor’s degree and not have a vote nor be able to hold office.

What if prospective members are not certain if they qualify for membership? Or if a program qualifies as equivalent to an associate degree?

Questions regarding eligibility and qualification can be addressed to MemberCriteria@aauw.org or the AAUW Helpline at 800/326-2289. Queries will be handled by the Membership Department, the Membership chair, the Bylaws chair, or the AAUW parliamentarian as appropriate.

Note: The AAUW Board of Directors approved the Membership Criteria clarification as presented in this document on July 31, 2005.

AAUW Texas Convention- Living The Mission

Plan **NOW** to send several members to the AAUW Texas State Convention at the St. Anthony Hotel in San Antonio May 19-22, 2006. Convention is your opportunity to learn more about AAUW Texas and to shape the future of the organization. Expect an exciting program, officer elections and bylaws changes. Information will be included in UWT! and posted on the website.

Shape the Future Program

AAUW's membership recruitment campaign, Shape the Future, has recruited over 1000 new branch members since its inception in 2000. Here's how it works: Anyone who joins at an AAUW-sponsored community event gets a 50% discount off Association dues.* In addition, branches earn one free Association membership for every two new members-at-large recruited on the spot or after the activity – up to three free memberships in a fiscal year*.

What you need to know:

1. A community event is any to which the public is invited. Therefore, if you announce your regular branch meetings in your local paper, it will qualify as a Shape the Future event. (You will find a contradiction to this on the AAUW website, but AAUW TX has confirmed that this is the case.)
2. You **MUST** use the guest/referral form found on the AAUW website at http://www.aauw.org/member_center/membership_growth/guestlist.cfm.
3. The guest/referral form** and the Association dues must be sent, **within two weeks of your event**, to the Association office: AAUW, P. O. Box 96974, Washington, D. C. 20077-7022
4. If the person joins as a branch member, photocopy the guest/referral form and send, along with local and state dues, to AAUW TX Treasurer Loyce Collenback, 10509 Mount Marcy, San Antonio, TX 78213-1613.

If you have any questions about the Shape The Future program, contact AAUW TX Membership Vice President, Linda Conger.

Food for Thought

In 2004, the National Science Board reported that eighty percent of all occupations require science and engineering skills.

But*

The percentage of girls who say that, given the chance, they would not study math anymore goes from 9% in 4th grade to 15% in 8th grade to 50% in 12th grade (National Center for Educational Statistics, 2000).

A survey of the top 50 universities in the United States reveals that while half of the recipients of a Bachelor of Science degree in math are women, they make up less than 10% of the faculty (Nelson Diversity Survey 2004).

Women and underrepresented minorities are less likely to earn bachelors degrees in science and engineering (Science and Engineering Indicators 2002).

Give A Grad A Gift!

With the Give a Grad a Gift (GGG) program, AAUW members can give a recent grad—a **friend, daughter, granddaughter, or niece**—a free AAUW membership. At no cost to you or her!

Expose her to the power that comes from belonging to a national women-led organization of more than 100,000 members who believe in and advance equity and education for women and girls.

Expand her networking opportunities through career development opportunities and community action projects. She will experience the rewards of working with and learning from successful AAUW mentors.

Keep her current on the events and people that affect her life as she receives AAUW in Action, AAUW Outlook, Get the Facts alerts, and more.

Increase her buying power with access to discounted health and dental insurance, auto insurance, AAUW research reports, education loans, a low-interest-rate credit card, and other members-only benefits.

**Best of all, she will receive a
free one- year AAUW membership
at NO cost to you or her!**

Here's how simple it is:

1. Collect the information you need to fill out the form (attached).
2. Log on to http://www.aauw.org/member_center/programs/gradgift.cfm and complete the form.
3. Submit the form and your graduate will receive a one-year free Association membership (a \$43 value!).
4. You may give as many of the gifts as you wish.
5. The graduate may join a branch at any time and will be responsible for paying state and branch dues.
6. In September and in January, Association sends the names of the GGG recipients to the State Membership VPs who, in turn, send them to the appropriate Branch Membership VPs to recruit for branch membership.

New Branch Recognition Program: Be a STAR

Our new State Recognition Program was unveiled at the AAUW Texas Leadership Conference. It is called "Every Branch is a Star". This was designed by the State Texas Board to make it easier for every branch to be recognized. We all work to support our AAUW mission, how we work toward these goals differs from branch to branch.

The purpose of the Texas Star Program is to recognize the ideas and efforts of branches large and small. It is not a competition, but an opportunity to share. Applications should be sent to Pat Ross, deadline April 1, 2006. Branch STARS will be recognized at the AAUW Texas Convention in San Antonio, May 19-22, 2006. The application is attached and can also be downloaded from the AAUW Texas website.

New AAUW Program Theme

I know that you are all in the process of meeting with your Program Committees, planning mission-based programs for the coming year. We are going to try something new in Texas, so keep it in mind as you plan your programs. In April 2005, the AAUW Educational Foundation Board and the Association Board voted to approve a new programmatic theme for AAUW: **Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security**. In keeping with that theme, we have decided to have an "online" chat book group through the AAUW website. Our first chat will be Oct. 1. Our first book is a New York Times best seller, "Nickel and Dimed", author, Barbara Ehrenreich. Only 25 people can participate at one time, so maybe you could plan a branch meeting on that date so more people could participate. The time will be 8:00 P.M. When you get on the website, go to Member Center using your AAUW #, then type "online meeting". You should get www.aauw.org/member_center/chat2.cfm.

Education Go Get It

The AAUW Texas Board adopted the **Education. Go Get It.** as our state program. AAUW members are enthusiastic about the value of education and are uniquely qualified to share that enthusiasm. A presentation from College for Texans was included at the AAUW Texas Leadership Conference. A CD including presentations and other materials targeted at students and parents of all ages is included in this packet. Use these resources to encourage students of all ages to plan to go to college and to help their parents plan to make it possible. These materials are a great resource for parent workshops at your EYH conference, or as a branch project. You can make presentations available to many different groups...what about your local Girl Scout Troop, your Sunday School class, the local library. This is a great project you can do in collaboration with your local schools or colleges.

Hope things are going well with all. Let me know if I can help in any way.

Lynn Smith

Program VP

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Share Your Branch History

Each branch must take part in the successful telling of our AAUW Texas story.

The American Association of University Women will celebrate 100 years in Texas in 2008. Don't let this birthday pass without your branch being part of the BIG celebration. Preparations must be made now.

Many branches have already sent me histories of their beginnings, their activities, interests, changes, awards, interest groups, and recognized members. Congratulations Abilene, Amarillo, Arlington, Brownfield, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Farmers Branch/Carrollton, Fort Bend, Galveston, Georgetown, Huntsville, Kerrville, Lewisville, Lubbock, Mesquite, Montgomery County, Nacogdoches, Northeast Tarrant County, North Harris County, Polk County, Richardson, San Antonio, Southeast Harris County, Tarrant County, Tyler, Vernon, and Waco. Your herstories now star on our Texas website or soon will!

However, several branches still need to get their stories to me: Alvin, Austin, Ft. Worth, Grand Prairie, Greenville, Harlingen, Houston, Kingsville, Laredo, McAllen, Orange, Plainview, Sherman/Texoma, Southwest Dallas, Stephenville, and Wichita Falls. Please send a two or three page history. Brag as much as you wish but also include your frustrations of the past and your branch's hopes for the future. Be sure to reflect the personality of your unique branch.

I would love to have these sent as an e-mail or as an attachment in Word; however, e-mail, snail mail, or fax will reach me. From the 100-year- old branch down to the branch just formed last year or the ones that will come into existence between now and 2008, each branch has a part in the successful telling of our AAUW Texas story.

Presidents, please assign someone to put this history together and send me the name and e-mail address of that member. Getting to compare activities and interests of branches throughout the state has been fun, and I am looking forward to completing my task. But I really need your help!

Nita Hornbeck, History Taskforce Chair, AAUW Texas; Nhornbeck@aol.com; 217 Bonham Loop, Georgetown, TX 78628; 512-869-2268

Has Your Branch Ever Completed a Grant or Fellowship? Information Is Needed!

If your branch has completed a Research and Project Grant or a Fellowship, AAUW Texas wants to honor the woman for which the R&P or the Fellowship was named. Carol Cushman is putting together information on all of the women of Texas who have been honored by their branches. Please contact her before November 1 with your branch's information.

Carol Cushman can be contacted at momcush1@cox.net

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Public Policy

The Public Policy Committee of the Texas State Board set three main priorities at our November 2004 meeting. They were Public School Finance, Recorded Votes and Campaign Finance Reform. We also monitored legislation that was of interest and fit under the Public Policy Program. The following is a report on those issues:

Public Education Finance- No bill has been passed. Gov. Perry calls another Special Session.

We were successful in keeping private school voucher legislation from being passed. An attempt to put a voucher program in the reauthorization of the TEA failed. We worked with the Coalition for Public Schools and the Texas Freedom Network to monitor all voucher bills that were introduced and sent alerts to Branch Public Policy Chairs and Presidents.

Textbook Censorship – died in Committee

Virtual Charter Schools- died without a floor vote

CHIP- Children's Health Insurance Program- Worked for restoration of funding after 2003 Budget cuts. Dental, vision and mental health benefits were restored but funds were not provided to keep up with the growth in the number of eligible children.

Child Protective Services- CPS/ Foster Care- SB 6 passed increasing funding for CPS and privatizing some services.

Campaign Finance Reform- HB 1348 defeated in the Elections Committee.

Recorded Votes- Legislation only effected this session. No Constitutional amendment legislation was passed that could be submitted to the voters. Many crucial votes were not recorded during the session.

SB 419- Two anti-choice amendments were added to a bill that had nothing to do with abortion. The Governor signed the Bill. One concerns making physicians liable for performing abortions on women in the third trimester of pregnancy except in narrow circumstances. The second changes current law from parental notification before a minor can obtain an abortion to parental consent. Current judicial bypass was not changed.

18 members of the Texas delegation attended Lobby Day during the Association Convention in June. The group met with staff of the two Texas Senators and their own Congressman. The group's messages were "Just Say No to Privatization", and the Reauthorization of the High Education Act.

I alert Branch Public Policy Chairs when action is needed on issues of interest to Texas AAUW. This is done by email. If I have no email address, Grgkdw@yahoo.com / 817-282-0712 I notify the Branch President.

Please inform your members of the names of their representatives and how they can be reached. Then I encourage you to set up an email list, so you can quickly inform your members when you want them to get in touch with their representatives. Both emails and phone calls are effective ways to let your representatives know of your interest in legislation.

Thank you for all you do. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Georgia Kidwell, Grgkdw@yahoo.com 817-282-0712

AAUW Texas Leader- On- Loan Program

Each branch is entitled to one Texas Leader Visit during the biennium. AAUW Texas will pay for transportation and the branch expected to provide room and meals. We love to opportunity to get to know branch leaders and members better.

Many branches ask current or former board members speak at their monthly meetings. We are also available to provide training and/or to work with your branch board or committees to plan for your future. We can provide workshops or facilitate discussions tailored to your branch needs, but some suggestions include:

Strategic Planning (3 hour- all day workshop)

Diversity (1- 2 hour workshop)

Nuts and Bolts of AAUW (45 min- 2 hour workshop)

4 Generations of AAUW Membership

Be a Leader Without Being Exhausted

Know the Rules and Use Them to Your Advantage (Bylaws)

Grow Your Own (Nominating Committees)

Parliamentary Procedure

Contact Patricia Ross paross@aol.com 281-491-5139 to request a Texas Leader visit. Texas Leader on Loan request forms are available in the branch services section of the AAUW Texas website.

AAUW TEXAS “Seeds For The Future” GRANTS

AAUW Texas provides small seed money grants (\$50-\$100) to promote the success of **NEW** community action projects. Projects must promote the AAUW mission. Branches are encouraged to work in partnership with other diverse organizations.

The branch president should send a letter requesting a grant to:

Judy Brownlie, Branch Services Chair

16423 Augusta Ct.

Spring TX 77379

281-655-8046

judy-aauw@houston.rr.com

Funds are available to help cover pre-project costs including, but not limited to printing and postage, advertising, room rental, insurance, etc. A limited number of grants are available. Grants will be awarded based on merit and fund availability. Existing community projects are not eligible for seed money. Branches are limited to one “Seed” grant a year.

Donations to Educational Foundation

If your branch is not currently supporting a Research and Development Grant or a Fellowship, the AAUW Board of Texas is asking that all contributions be sent to the Barbara Jordan Fellowship. The Barbara Jordan Fellowship number is 4115. The number is not necessary as only the name on the contribution forms will get the funds applied correctly.

This is an opportunity to show women of color that AAUW Texas supports all women.

If you have any questions about EF, please contact me at kduboise@sbcglobal.net or at 817-577-3713.

Mary DuBoise, EF-VP

Educational Foundation Fund Raiser at Convention

Convention is several months off but planning is being done now by members of the Board. The Educational Foundation has done an auction as a fund raiser at several conventions. I am planning to do an auction again at the 2006 convention.

The branch **bringing** the goodies, the treasures, and the wonderful things to be auctioned will receive credit from Association for the money that is received for the item. This is a way to raise money to meet your branch's goal for the EF for the 2006 year. Start planning now for what your branch would like to bring to the auction for the May 2006 convention. Details for the auction will be provided later.

If you have any concerns about the auction, please contact me at kduboise@sbcglobal.net or 817-577-3713.

Mary DuBoise, EF-VP

LAF - Sylvia Newman Giving Circle

The AAUW State Board created the Sylvia Newman LAF Giving Circle in July 2004. On the website, there is a branch presentation with pictures of Sylvia. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 by July 2006 to fund Project In Equity awards.. The State Board requests that all branches direct their fund raising toward this goal There are current contribution forms on the state website. Simply write fund #3095 or Sylvia Newman Giving Circle on the form. You may send the form directly to the Association address, but please copy me.

As you know, Sylvia Newman was a dual member in Sweetwater and Abilene, as well as serving in a number of state and national AAUW offices. She was LAF president 1999-2003. She lost her long and courageous battle with cancer on March 25, 2004. We are proud to be honoring her life.

Veronica Johnson, LAF VP, AAUW Texas 512-338-1254 veronicajj@aol.com

BRANCH OFFICER CHANGES

No sooner do you have all the positions filled, when a change occurs! Or perhaps, you just found the perfect member to serve in a previously unfilled position. You already submitted your Branch Officer Report (BOR) form. Now what?

Your answer is on the AAUW website, www.aauw.org. When you get there, go to the member center and click on 'forms' in the list on the left. Under Branch Forms, find Officer Change Form. **Make sure it reads Officer Change Form at the top**, not Branch Officer Form. You can complete the form on-line or open it as a MS Word document. If you have difficulty, contact your district director or the state branch services chair for assistance.

You're not done yet! Make sure to send a copy to state president, Pat Ross, to your district director, and to the state administrator, Miriam Tormollan. (State Officer Contact Form attached)

Judy Brownlie, Branch Services

AAUW Texas Display Board

If your branch would like to use the AAUW Texas Display Board for an event, please contact Patricia Ross, paross@aol.com, 281-491-5139. AAUW Texas will have the board shipped to you. You would pay only to have the board shipped back to AAUW TX or to the next branch that has requested it.

Congratulations!! Texas 21st Century Award Winners

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Abilene
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Every Branch Is A STAR

(State Terrific Achievements Recognition)

We have great news! AAUW-TX has created a new and easier way for your branch to be recognized. We all work to support the AAUW mission: gender equity, lifelong education, and positive societal change. How we work toward those goals differs from branch to branch.

The purpose of the **Texas STAR Program** is to recognize the ideas and efforts of branches large and small. It is not a competition, but it is a opportunity to share your best ideas and be honored for your accomplishments. **Tell us what YOU are proud of!**

The application consists of two sections. The first requirement is a copy of your strategic or action plan (What are your goals and how are you planning to accomplish them). The second section is comprised of seven categories and an optional category which allows you to celebrate something we have not thought to ask about. Share your best ideas and accomplishments in any that apply to your branch. **You do not need to complete all the categories to be recognized.** Each section has both simple fill in the blank answers and short answer questions which allow you to explain your plans and programs. You may attach an additional sheet if needed. The information you provide will be used for recognition and also to develop a listing of best practices/ideas to share with other branches. Awards will be presented for good ideas or programs in each category.

Applications should be sent to the AAUW-TX President by the deadline of **April 1, 2006** (*electronic submission is preferred, but either attachments or the entire form can be submitted by mail*).

[Patricia Ross](#)

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281-491-5139

**Branch STARS will be recognized at the AAUW Texas Convention in
San Antonio, May 19-22, 2006.**

TEXAS STAR Application Form

Branch Name: _____

Contact Person Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/e-mail: _____

**1. Send us a copy of your branch strategic or action plan.
What do you want to accomplish and how are you going to do it?**

2. Complete any of the following sections that apply to the branch:

A. Membership

Branch membership Feb.1, 2005 _____ Branch Membership Feb.1, 2006 _____

1. Do your branch members use the Give A Grad a Gift program? yes no
2. Does your branch sponsor a Student Affiliate Group? yes no
3. Does your branch use the Shape the Future program as a recruiting tool? yes no
4. What does your branch do to attract new members?

5. What plan does your branch have to retain members?

B. Visibility

1. Does the branch have a plan to achieve visibility in the community? yes no
2. Briefly explain how you achieved visibility for AAUW and the branch.

And/Or attach documentation such as news clipping, branch brochure, flyers, posters, media release, media kit, etc.

3. Does your branch have a website **or** web-page on the AAUW Texas website that is maintained with current branch contact information? yes no
4. Are your branch programs listed? yes no

5. Does your website (if branch has one) have a link to AAUW's *Two Minute Activist*? yes no

C. Mission Based Programs

1. In 2005-2006 our branch planned programs highlighting:

| Topic | Program Description/Speaker if applicable |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Education | |
| Public Policy | |
| Educational Foundation/LAF | |
| International Relations | |
| Women's Economic Security | |
| Community Affairs | |
| Other | |

2. The branch sponsors study/interest groups that appeal to a range of interests? yes no
List examples.

D. Community Outreach or Action

1. The branch has a community project. Briefly describe.

2. List any groups you partner with.

E. Public Policy Advocacy

1. Has the branch educated members on AAUW Public Policy issues by sharing *AAUW Action Network* messages yes no

2. Have you taken action on an AAUW issue? yes no

3. Has the branch encouraged members to contact legislators asking them to support AAUW Public Policy Issues yes no

4. The branch lobbies legislators in support of AAUW priorities. yes no

5. Is your branch identifying and addressing local public policy issues which affect women in your community? yes no Which issues?

6. Our branch has an action project related to AAUW's Public Policy Priorities (Voter Education, Candidate Forums, Voter Registration, etc). Briefly describe.

F. Financial Support to Help Women Achieve Their Goals.

1. AAUW Educational Foundation (EF):

The branch has given an average \$25 contribution per member to EF

OR has increased total branch support.

Total EF Contribution for 2005 \$ _____
2004 total _____

How do you raise funds for EF?

2. AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)

The branch has given an average \$5 contribution per member

OR has increased total branch support

Total LAF Contribution for 2005 \$ _____
2004 total _____

How do you raise funds for LAF ?

3. The branch contributes \$ _____ to Local Scholarships

And/Or \$ _____ Community programs

G. Leadership Development (Check all that apply)

1. The branch was represented at: Association Convention, Washington D.C. 2005

Leadership Conference, Brookhaven College 2005

AAUW Texas State Convention, San Antonio 2006

2. The branch conducted or participated in Leadership Training and Development (includes Interbranch training, Leadership Conference, branch orientation, community-based programs, etc.).

List Leadership Training opportunities branch utilized.

3. The branch has job descriptions (samples available on AAUW website) that are routinely updated and shared with potential leaders. yes no

4. The branch has a plan to develop new leaders. Briefly describe.

VIII. Is There Something Else? (optional)

The Branch is proud of this but it isn't covered elsewhere in the application. Describe briefly.

