



SPECIAL VOTING EDITION

On Saturday, May 6, 2017, we are holding our Annual Business Meeting
to vote for

new AAUW of Santa Fe Board Members,
By-Law Changes, and a Dues Increase

and also to enjoy each other's company, have tea and desserts, hear from our Gender Pay Gap Essay Winners, and thank our current Board members.



Annual Business Meeting

- When: Saturday, May 6, 2017 1 to 3pm
- Where: Santa Fe University of Art and Design, Southwest Annex Building, 1600 St. Michael's Drive, Santa Fe



Calendar

May, 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 30	May 1 • 1pm Knitting Group	2	3 • 12:30 to 2 Board Meeting	4	5	6 AAUW Business Meeting/ VOTING / Tea • 1-3pm

We Are Voting!

The AAUW fiscal year goes from July 1 to June 31 each year. Every year there is an election for various AAUW Board officers, insuring a continual mix of new ideas and new persons directing the activities of our branch organization.

At voting time, in addition to officer nominations, there are often other Branch issues to discuss and vote upon. This year, we are voting on AAUW of Santa Fe By-Law changes and an increase in our dues.

According to our branch Bylaws, we elect the following four offices in the odd-numbered years, to serve for two years on the AAUW of Santa Fe Board: President, Program First Vice President, Finance Chair, and Public Policy Chair.

In even years, we elect the following four officers: Membership Second Vice President, Secretary, Funds Chair, and AAUW UNM Scholarship Endowment Chair.

The Nominating Committee this year was made up of several members including Co-President Jeanne Patrick. The Committee is pleased to nominate the following women who have agreed to serve the Santa Fe Branch as officers and members of the Board.

- President: [Lynn Hefferon](#)
- Program First Vice-President: [Melanie Buchleiter](#)
- Finance Chair: [Carol Heppenstall](#)
- Public Policy Chair: [Cynthia Dobson](#)

Nominee Bios

Lynn Hefferon, for President

Lynn Gardner Heffron was most recently the Co-Founder and President of Diversity Spectrum, a Washington D.C. based corporation which helped build and enhance diversity and inclusion programs in multiple Fortune 500 industry sectors including finance, manufacturing, computing, construction, utilities, and entertainment. Her company also led multiple US trade missions to Spain and Lithuania on behalf of US minority owned companies. She has been honored with many awards for her support of women in the workplace and creating innovative management strategies.

Lynn has spoken on diversity and inclusion subjects to a number of organizations including the US Coast Guard, Conference Board, World Bank, National Guard, and the US Department of Homeland Security. Since 2008, Lynn has been a guest speaker at “The Best Workplace for Women” award ceremonies in Budapest, Hungary hosted by the Association for Women’s Career Development, which honored her in 2009 with their award. She currently represents this NGO as a delegate to the United Nations, Commission on the Status of Women. She is also an advisor to the EU’s Older Women’s Network.



Lynn was honored by President Barak Obama with “The President’s Volunteer Service Award” in 2011 for her efforts to help make the World Children’s Art Festival a success. And since moving to Santa Fe three years ago, and through her affiliation with the Interfaith Coalition for Public Education, she has organized and managed volunteer tutors in multiple subjects at SFHS and Mandela IBS.

Additional work background includes VP, Athenium Inc., a software company specializing in collaborative communications, eLearning, and 21st century instructional strategies; Engineering Project Director, Lockheed, and Vice-President of Professional Development for the Lockheed Management Association; and adjunct professor of ELL at the University of California, Santa Barbara and Santa Barbara City College. For further information, go to diversityspectrum.org.

Education:

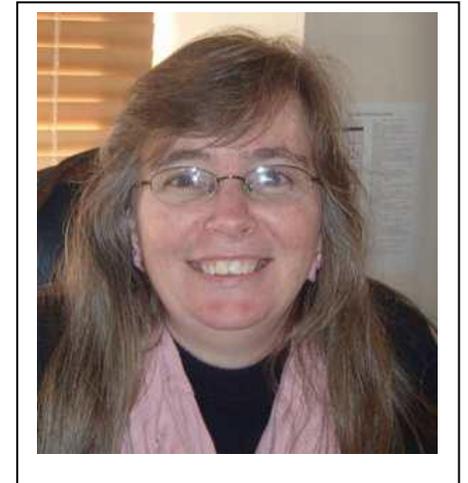
M.B.A. Pepperdine University; M.A. Catholic University; B.A. Longwood University
TESOL Certified, University of California at Santa Barbara.

Melanie Buchleiter, for Program First Vice-President

Melanie Buchleiter has been working in nonprofit administration and fundraising for more than 20 years. As a native New Mexican, she understands the unique opportunities and challenges that organizations in Santa Fe have.

While living in Oklahoma for a few years, Melanie earned dual bachelor's degrees in Business Administration and Management of Human Resources, with an emphasis in nonprofit administration. Before returning home to New Mexico, Melanie also earned her MBA, again with an emphasis in nonprofit administration. Back in New Mexico, Melanie spends her non-work time with family bicycling, studying music, cooking and baking, reading, pursuing photography, and enjoying the cultural and artistic treasures found in and around Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

Melanie was first elected as Program First Vice President in May, 2015. She has done an excellent job and has graciously agreed to be nominated again for this position.



Carol Heppenstall, for Finance Chair

Carol was born and raised in Winnipeg, Canada and her first college degree was in Nursing. She moved with her husband and son Mark to Philadelphia in 1969, and her daughter Darcy was born shortly after their arrival in the United States. While raising her children, she earned her BA in Art History, graduating from the University of Pennsylvania Cum Laude in 1985.

After opening a gallery specializing in Canadian Inuit and First Nations Art, she continued her studies and received an MA in Museum Studies at the University of the Arts in 1995.

Carol left Philadelphia in 1997 and took a position as Director of Arts and Culture for an eco-tour company in Toronto, Adventure Canada. She remained there for 22 years, designing and implementing small art tours to the Pacific Northwest and the Canadian Arctic. She also facilitated the company's cruises on the coasts of Canada, specializing in the Arctic coast and Northwest Passage.

During her days of leading tours, Carol additionally brought groups to Santa Fe for many years. She came to know that Santa Fe was where she wanted to retire. In 2008, she moved here; and in 2012, she retired.



Cynthia Dobson, for Public Policy Chair

Cynthia Dobson holds a MA in Multicultural Education from the University of the Americas in Puebla, Mexico. She has taught in Mexico, Canada, and New Mexico and moved to Santa Fe a few years ago when she retired from teaching. She is also a professional and accomplished storyteller and has presented programs in schools, camps, nursing homes, and festivals. Cynthia's love of tales has taken her to collect and tell stories from around the world. Her degree, teaching experience, and travels have given her a unique perspective, not only on the differences but more importantly on the similarities in cultures.

In May, 2014, as a new member to AAUW, Cynthia was elected as the new Public Policy Chair. In May, 2015, Cynthia was nominated to continue her service in Public Policy. She has done an excellent job, keeping us all informed of all the goings-on in the peculiar culture of the Roundhouse and with AAUW policy. Cynthia has gratefully agreed to be nominated once more for this position.



Proposed BY-LAW Changes

The proposed changes will be sent to members in a separate document. Highlights of the proposed changes include eliminating voting-by-proxy, lowering the quorum for voting at meetings from 20% to 15%, as well as changes to bring us into line with national and New Mexico state legal mandates.

Dues Increase

Our yearly AAUW of Santa Fe Branch dues are \$16/year. The Board is proposing increasing our Branch dues \$7, to a total of \$23 per year.

Additional Program Highlights !

In addition to coffee, tea, and desserts on this voting day, we will also have the pleasure of having our **Gender Pay-Gap Essay Contest winners** attend our meeting and read their essays to us. We want to give these girls a warm welcome and our sincere congratulations for both entering our Contest and writing such provocative essays.

And, finally, we will be drawing the winner of our beautiful quilt on this day.



Our Quilt Raffle benefits our **STEM** initiatives for girls.

The quilt is a beautiful handmade coverlet, valued at \$600, which was donated by the New Mexico Quilters' Association.

The quilt is in a traditional maple leaf pattern and measures 77" x 101", lovely for either a king or queen sized bed.

Tickets may be purchased at the meeting. The tickets are at **\$5.00 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.00.**

**YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THIS IMPORTANT YEARLY
MEETING IS IMPORTANT. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!**