

Bylaws Amendment Vote

National encourages debate and discussion at branch level.

We encourage you to engage in respectful debate that has always been a hallmark of the AAUW.

Decisions are made by every member of AAUW across the nation . . .

One Member – One Vote

Please direct any questions or concerns to **Shannon Wolfe** at wolfes@aauw.org

or talk to her at **Oregon's State Convention April 20-22, 2018.**

She is featured speaker on Sunday and a part of Town Hall where you can ask questions.

AAUW National Board of Directors voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership for a vote between April 25, 2018, through June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. ET.

The National Board strongly supports the proposed amendments that we believe will help keep AAUW vital as an organization and enable AAUW to increase our impact in advancing equity for women and girls.

The proposed amendments address . . .

- **creating three-year staggered board terms and**
- **opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership**

First two proposals would bring board governance structure more in line with nationally accepted nonprofit best practices and the needs of the organization.

- **eliminating the degree requirement for membership**

This proposal has come before the membership for vote a number of times. The board feels strongly that, while the degree requirement made perfect sense at AAUW's inception, this requirement is now perceived by many as counter to our mission and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization.

While rationale and details for each proposed amendment can be found on the AAUW website, the overarching motivation for these changes at this time is to uphold and advance AAUW's mission and ensure optimal execution at the national board level.The National Board