

## STANDING RULES

1. Branch funds will not be used for token contributions to various worthy organizations. Branch members, as individuals, may give to the support of local and national charitable organizations.
2. A memorial gift of \$25.00 to the AAUW Educational Foundation may be made upon the death of a Visalia-Sequoia Branch.
3. No part of the principal of the development funds may ever be spent as income. Income from investments shall not be committed through pledges covering periods longer than one year.
4. Priorities, in keeping with the bylaws, for development funds income disbursement, will be to support people through individual sponsorship and to support worthwhile projects of organizations which also meet the goals of AAUW.
5. Board members are expected to attend monthly board meetings.
6. Outgoing officers will turn over the files, or any other materials, of their office to incoming officers at the last board meeting of the year.
7. All publicity releases shall be handled by the branch public relations officer. Publicity is a form of action, and the name of the branch may be committed through this means.
8. No Visalia-Sequoia Branch yearbooks shall be given to anyone who is not a member of AAUW without board approval.
9. Sections may be formed upon approval of the Board. Section members shall elect their own leaders. Guests at section meetings shall be limited to houseguests or prospective members. Prospective AAUW members may attend no more than two meetings of a given section before joining the branch. Any exceptions shall be by Board approval.
10. Study-action groups may be formed upon approval of the Board. Their area of study must be in keeping with the national and state objective of AAUW. Study-action groups may be opened to community members not eligible for AAUW membership. However, in a study group, AAUW members must remain in the majority.
11. The report of study-action group must be presented to the Board for approval before any action that may lead to public use of the name of Visalia-Sequoia Branch is taken.
12. No branch property shall be loaned to individuals or organizations. It can be rented at the discretion of the hospitality chairperson.
13. Each year, upon presentation of the budget, the Board shall decide whether or not a

scholarship award(s) shall be given, and if so, set the amount of the award(s). This award(s) shall be presented to a person with promise of scholastic achievement who is planning to complete their education for an approved degree at an AAUW accredited college. The recipient(s) shall be chosen by a revolving committee of three members one of whom shall be appointed by the president each year to serve a three year term. The member serving their third year shall be the chairperson.

14. The delegate(s) to AAUW conventions or conferences selected by the branch to have their expenses paid, all or in part, shall be chosen from the membership in the following order.

1) president, 2) president-elect, 3) first vice presidents, 4) second vice-presidents, 5) AAUW-CA committee members, 6) area representatives, 7) topic chairpersons, 8) treasurer, 9) secretary, 10) directors, 11) and any member of the branch.