

Missouri in Motion



Finding a Path Forward . . . NOW is the Time!

AAUW MO State Conference
May 3, 2025 — via ZOOM
9:00 a.m. — Noon

Sue Shineman and the entire AAUW MO board invite you to spend Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. — noon, with AAUW members from across the state as we work to find new paths forward in these changing times. NOW is the time to gather, review, discuss, and make our plans. The May conference will be via Zoom to help save time and expenses.

We are encouraging branches to gather together in Pathway Parties to share the event (see box below). There is NO registration fee. Just sign up when the registration link comes through your email in early April, so you can receive the Zoom link and the e-packet of handouts that will be sent the week of the conference. Even if you are attending a Pathway Party, you need to register individually prior to the event.

Meet The Speakers

Dr. Amber Bengte — Education has always been a hallmark concern for AAUW. As we look for paths forward in this area, we will be briefed by Amber Bengte, Ed.D., a dedicated educator, advocate, and leader whose career embodies an unwavering commitment to equity and justice. Beginning as a middle school science teacher, today, she serves as the Co-Executive Director of the Missouri Equity Education Partnership, championing educational equity throughout the state.



Amber Bengte, Ed.D.



Katrina Sun Breese

We will also have with us AAUW Senior Director of Institutional Advancement, **Katrina Sun Breese**. Institutional Advancement covers membership and fund-raising, both vital for AAUW. With membership always a concern, Katrina will focus on this timely issue and bring us ideas for paths forward as well as update us on AAUW national issues. We look forward to welcoming Katrina to Missouri!

The business meeting and elections follow these timely presentations. The Star Awards (due April 1) and the AAUW Fund Awards will be made to branches in recognition of their mission-based activities and their support of the AAUW Fund. The Outstanding Members and Woman of Distinction awardees will be announced. (see agenda on reverse side).

Save the date, plan your Pathway Party, and get ready to make some new paths! NOW is the time!

Notes from Parkville Branch: "We organized a watch party last year for our members so we could all experience the state conference together," said Deb McArthur. "The setting was simple—a large oval table where everyone could see the projector screen, a camera so members could be seen, and someone with expertise in Zooming." Member homes, the library, a church meeting room, or similar space will work. We want to see your group on the Zoom screen. Provide refreshments and comfortable chairs and be prepared to enjoy a great AAUW gathering! If funds for facility rental are needed, consider an application for an Opportunity Grant. Contact Carol Cox at 660-888-8200 or cjc_51@yahoo.com.



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Proposed Agenda

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Via ZOOM — Pathway Parties and Individuals

Sue Shineman, AAUW MO President

8:30-9:00	Zoom link open; members sign in	Sue Shineman / Tech Team
9:00-9:10	Welcome and Overview of Meeting	Sue Shineman
9:10-9:50	Keynote AAUW Speaker - Katrina Sun Breese; AAUW Advancement Vice President TOPIC: 'AAUW TODAY - Membership & More' / Q&A Time	Intro by Diane B. Ludwig
9:50-10:30	Issues Speaker - Amber Bengte, Ed.D., Co-Executive Director, MO Equity Education Partnership TOPIC: 'The Education Climate in Missouri' / Q&A	Intro by Su Bacon
10:30-10:35	BREAK	
10:35-11:30	Business Meeting Call to order Credentials Report/Quorum/Standing Rules Approval of Agenda Appointment of Readers for Minutes Approval of 2024 State Meeting Minutes Finance Report / Adoption of 2025-2026 Budget Elections: Presentation of Slate of Officers/Elections /Installation of Officers Legacy Circle Recognitions Missouri STAR Awards (Branch Action Plans) AAUW Fund Awards Top Branches/Totals/Per Capitas Century Club & Century Club Plus Opportunity Grants State Awards Outstanding Member Woman of Distinction	Sue Shineman Marianne Fues Sue S. / All Sue S. Sue S. / Diana Curry-McQuirk Sue S. / Lois Domsch Lynne Roney Sue S.— Elections; Installation Sue Barley Su Bacon/Diane B. Ludwig Sage Taber/Sue Barley Carol Cox Susie Watson Karen Francis
11:30-11:40	New Business Recognition of Retiring Officers Announcements	Sue Shineman Sue S. / All

Register for the AAUW MO State Conference by responding to the special email to be sent in early April.

Each person must register to receive the conference e-packet of materials prior to the conference and the Zoom link. Those attending Branch Pathway Parties still need to register individually. Questions? Contact Diane B. Ludwig, Co-Program VP, 573-642-4664 or dbludwig22@aol.com or Su Bacon, Co-Program VP, 816-746-1222 or pigsuabacon@aol.com.