

Lower Connecticut Valley AAUW

Board Meeting

November 3, 2025

Members present: Jeannette Santovasi, Mary Jane Peterson, Deb DeHertogh, Margie Rice, MaryAnn Iadarola, Deb Herskowitz, Carole Otto, Penny Hein, Elaine Quayle, Loraine Cortese-Costa

Absent: Barbara Dimberg, Sharon Howell, Elaine Quayle, Jan Furman, Kate Hannon, Deb Zurka

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by President Jeannette Santovasi

Approval of minutes for the October 7, 2025 meeting

Carole Otto moved to approve the minutes of October 7, 2025. Mary Ann Iadarola seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Barb Dimberg was absent. The October Treasurer's report will be reviewed at the December board meeting.

Membership

Membership Co-chair Margie Rice, noted that LCV now has 105 members. Three new members have taken advantage of the Shape the Future memberships. There are now no new Shape the Future memberships available. After the November general meeting, Co-chair Deb Herskowitz will mail any booklets that have not yet been picked up.

The Shoreline AAUW group is in the process of disbanding. They had their last meeting on November 1, 2025. Jeannette will call Shoreline President Carol Geiser to extend an invitation to her members to join our LCV group. If interested.

Programs

President Jeannette Santovasi noted that the November Holiday meeting will include the annual White Elephant sale. Linda Frigon will get the tickets and members will be asked to sell them. This fundraiser benefits AAUW National. Jeannette requested that board members come at 6 pm to setup for the November meeting.

New Business

Adding a new Board member

Loraine Cortese-Cortez noted that preparing the Newsletter AND posting on the website has become too big a job for one person. The board agreed that an additional person needs to be added for the Communications board position. That person would be responsible receiving items for posting from LCV and ESP board members and then contacting National to post those to the website.

LCV and ESP relationships

There was a discussion regarding the exchange of information between ESP and LCV Boards.

Before a board meeting, Judith will send the ESP agenda to the LCV board. Mary Jane Peterson, LCV Secretary, will send her initial draft of the board minutes to the LCV officers for review. Before a board meeting, Jeannette Santovasi, the LCV President, will send out the LCV agenda and the minutes from the previous board meeting. The Treasurers of both boards will send out their reports separately to the board members. The Secretaries will send the minutes of the board and general meetings to the designated Communications board member (presently Loraine Cortese-Costa) to be posted to the website. The Treasurers of both groups will do the same.

The ESP and LCV structure and board relations were also discussed, as follows:

- Linda Frigon noted that the ESP bylaws were revised and redefined this past summer.
- It was agreed that good communication between the two boards was very important to the entire AAUW LCV.

- Olga Saubermann noted that there can be no commingling of funds between the two groups due to the 501(c)(3). Therefore, the LCV board cannot dictate amounts of the scholarship awards.
- Gloria Gery pointed out that both boards should have a standard process for replacing board members.
- It was agreed that the bylaws of both groups need to be revised to formalize that the past Director of ESP should sit on both boards. This will ensure optimum communication between the two boards.
- Linda Frigon will incorporate the clarifications to the “ESP and LCV Structure and Board Relationships” and send them out to the board members.
- It was re-emphasized that all members of the ESP board are also LCV members.

Carole Otto moved the adjourn the meeting. Deborah DeHertogh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Peterson

Secretary

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 1:00 pm on Tuesday, December 2 at the Acton Public Library.