



**Join us on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am via zoom**  
“Women Architects Who Built our City” presentation  
from Chicago Women Architects

**The zoom program will be presented by Susan King, LEED AP BD+C, LFA Principal, Housing Studio Leadership Harley Ellis Devereaux (HED)**

Register in advance for this meeting via zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMoc-CgqT4tGtK9nnOPm1ZqM64UcALxZjxb>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Susan King is a Principal at HED where she oversees the firm’s housing work across the Midwest. An unrelenting advocate for attainable housing, social justice, and issues of diversity, much of her work focuses on community-based housing access for people across all ages and socioeconomic status. She was recently involved with reimagining the historic portion of Lathrop, one of the last Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) Transformation Plans, converting it into a new mixed income community. Other recent projects include high density transit oriented high rise, Lake Street Studios, and new affordable assisted senior living developments in nearby Indiana.

As just the 18th named female Fellow of the AIA in Illinois, she has served as a visible leader in the Chicago design community and as the editor of the *Muse*, Chicago Women in Architecture's (CWA) publication. The writing and research she conducted during her many years as editor laid the groundwork for her essay entitled “Only Girl Architect Lonely” which was published in the book, “Chicago Architecture: Histories, Revisions, Alternatives” in 2007. This essay traces the 100-year history of women architects organizing in the Chicago area.

Ms. King is currently serving on two Boards, the Illinois Housing Council (IHC) and the Chicago Women in Architecture Foundation. (CWAf). She was also recognized by Green Building & Design Magazine with a Women in Sustainability Leadership Award in 2016.

## *Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics*

April 23-24  
June

AAUW-IL Regional Virtual Convention  
Cliff Dwellers Annual Meeting or location TBD time - TBD



### *Thank you*

Thank you to Pamela Sanner, Helen Elkiss and Barbara Harris for organizing the zoom program with IL Rep. Congresswoman Robin Kelly's office. Branch members and guests heard from Nicole Varner, regarding the Voting Act of 2019. Her overview of pending legislation regarding voting rights and answers to specific questions helped us understand the importance of getting this legislation passed.

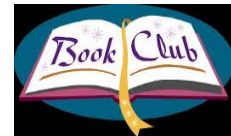
### *Looking Ahead to June*

We are working to plan our branch annual meeting for June. It looks like the state will be moving to Stage 5 in the coming weeks as more people are vaccinated after April 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have any suggestions, please let us know. We are looking to meet outside or in a private space.



### *Evening Book Club*

The Evening Book Club is on hiatus as the Conrad Sultzer Regional Library is not accepting in person group meetings due to COVID-19. As soon as it is safe to meet, we will share the updated book list and dates. The group usually meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7pm. All are welcome as the book club is free and open to the public. Please contact Megan Moser for more info on dates and locations of the book club. [meganmoser@hotmail.com](mailto:meganmoser@hotmail.com)



### *Daytime Book Club next meeting – no meeting in April*

Do you like to read? If so, join us for daytime book club on May 19<sup>th</sup> via zoom. We will be meeting at 1:00pm. **Wed, May 19 we will discuss Valentine: A Novel by Elizabeth Wetmore**

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwudOurpjIqEtzAkHrGC4OCWv6-wRR-A8Z5>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Feel free to attend online even if you don't have time to read and bring some suggestions for future books. If you have any questions or are interested please contact our book club chair, Lori Switzer [chicagoaauw@hotmail.com](mailto:chicagoaauw@hotmail.com)



## **Report of the Nominating Committee**

According to the Chicago Branch bylaws, secretary, VP Programs, and two directors-at-large shall be elected in the odd numbered years. To follow is the proposed slate for the 2031-2023 term.

VP Programs - TBD  
Secretary – Barbara Harris  
Director at Large – Donna Zimmerman  
Director at Large – Lori Switzer

The proposed slate of nominees will be presented for a vote at the April Branch event.

### **AAUW-IL District 5 - Educational Opportunities Fund 14th Annual Fellows Presentation Saturday, April 17, 2021 1:00 p.m.**

*If you missed our November Fellows program, District 5 is hosting a 2020-2021 Fellows and Grantees program on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars and watch for further information.*

*· Marquitta Dorsey, American Fellowship, Loyola University, Social Work, a Publication Grant focusing on elevating the voices of Black adolescent females about sexual health and sexual activity.*

*· Kate Brunk, Director, YWCA McLean County, Community Action Grant: YW Strive Program for women who have experienced incarceration, providing skills and education to reduce barriers to gainful employment*

*· Kelly Fair, Director, Reflections Foundation. Community Action Grant: Pink Hard Hats. Mentoring program for low-income African-American and Latina girls.*

*· Michelle Friedner, American Fellowship, U of Chicago, Anthropology and Archaeology. Postdoctoral program. Project focusing on Becoming Normal: Deafness, Cochlear Implants, and Sensory infrastructures in India.*

### **AAUW-IL State Online Convention - Friday, April 23 – Saturday, April 24**

Our Illinois State Convention is going virtual! The global pandemic robbed us of so much in 2020, including the experience of attending the much-anticipated Regional Conference. On April 23-24, using the Zoom platform, we will be able to gather to hear wonderful speakers and have our annual business meeting with no hotel booking or travel. The meeting theme will revolve around reframing our future and focusing for impact to achieve AAUW goals. Speakers will be on topics of STEM, Female Engineers, Diversity, and Pay Equity. Guests include a member of the State legislature and Ida B Wells Granddaughter.

Nothing can replace the joy of a face-to-face AAUW meeting. But I hope all members will attend our virtual experience. Details will follow in the spring edition of *The Link* due out shortly.

### **STATE BOARD VOTES FOR OPEN MEMBERSHIP**

The AAUW National Board issued a statement that strongly supports the elimination of the degree requirement for membership and will put the requirement up for membership vote April 7 - May 17. All eligible voters will receive an email that will provide an individual link to vote. Voters without a valid email on file will be sent voting instructions via snail mail.

Please view this webinar discussion for more information on the topic that was recently held last month.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=911N-YLsnD4&feature=youtu.be>

It answers a lot of questions has changed quite a few members minds on their feeling for open membership. 50-year life member Kathie Mallow watched the webinar and is now in favor of open membership. As much as she values her degree and the work she put into graduating from college, she is going to vote for open membership. And for those of us who know Kathie, this is a big decision and big change from her thinking for the past 50 years.

While AAUW is fiercely committed to the educational attainment of all women, given our commitment to inclusion, this is simply the right thing to do. The AAUW-IL., Inc. Board of Directors has unanimously voted to support approval of the proposed amendment. We welcome questions and discussion and urge all members to exercise their right to vote! Lisa Cherry, President – AAUW-IL

**2021-2022 Branch membership renewal opens April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Please see attached form for your membership renewal for the 2021-2022 program year. There is a National dues increase of \$3- for the year that was voted on by the AAUW national Board of Directors in the fall. The national dues are now \$62- (with \$59- tax deductible) and then branch and state of IL dues are \$32-. Please let Anita or Ruth know if you have any questions regarding membership and renewals.

***The Chicago Edition by Lori Switzer***

Is there something you want to see in the newsletter? It is your newsletter. Articles for the May/June Chicago Edition newsletter are due April 15th. Thanks -Lori Switzer 773/230-1063 or [ChicagoAAUW@hotmail.com](mailto:ChicagoAAUW@hotmail.com)



# Chicago, IL. Inc. Branch 2021-2022 Membership Form

The AAUW membership year begins July 1, 2021 and ends June 30, 2022. Annual membership dues are **\$94.00** (\$62.00 for Association, \$22.00 for Chicago Branch, and \$10.00 for AAUW – Illinois). For Association Life members, dues are **\$32.00** (\$22.00 for Chicago Branch and \$10.00 for AAUW – Illinois).

**Please check your type of Membership:**

- Annual \$94-**       **Association Life \$32-**       **Undergraduate Student Affiliate \$31.81**

**Please make your check payable to AAUW Chicago Inc. Branch**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

First/Middle/Last \_\_\_\_\_ (spouse)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_, IL Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (Month/Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

**College/Universities attended                      Degrees Earned                      Major/Field of Study**

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**Please check to assist with these committees or branch activities:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Program planning
- \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Volunteer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Public Policy and Legislative Efforts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Community Service
- \_\_\_\_\_ Website/Social Media

**SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TO:  
Ruth Holst 645 Kingsbury St., Apt 1709 Chicago, IL 60654**

To guarantee listing in the Chicago, Illinois Branch, Inc. Membership Directory, your renewal must be received by **Wednesday, September 1, 2021.**

**Mission Statement of AAUW:** AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

**Value Promise:** By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance.

**Vision Statement:** AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

AAUW membership is open to any graduate who holds an associate or equivalent degree from a qualified educational institution or a baccalaureate of higher degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

AAUW's **Legal Advocacy Fund** provides funding and support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

AAUW National website: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

AAUW-IL website: [www.aauw-il.org](http://www.aauw-il.org)

Chicago branch website: <http://chicago-il.aauw.net>

For more information, contact us: [chicagoaauw@hotmail.com](mailto:chicagoaauw@hotmail.com)

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*Address correction requested*

*Chicago, IL branch was founded in 1889. This is our 131th year!!*