

Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW

In Touch



November 2022

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November 3rd
Thursday
1:00 p.m.

November Board Meeting
Community Resource Center

November 10th
Thursday
1:00 p.m.

General Meeting

Program: Marianne McGarry-Bloom presents "How to Teach" at the Camano City Schoolhouse

993 Orchid Road, Camano Island

Enter at Chapman Road entrance

November 29th
Giving Tuesday

Donate to our project: "Science & Technology Camp for Girls"



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Message from the President

Nancy Voelckers

I want to begin my month of Thanksgiving by first giving a huge "thank you" to our Candidate & Issues Forum Team! Elaine Richards, Anne Milton, Nancy Roberts, Jackie DeFazio and many others put together another successful Forum. Elaine had many obstacles to overcome this year, but she and her team stepped up and made it happen. Because I was able to attend the webinar, I felt well informed and ready to cast my vote. It is already in the ballot drop box. If you have not done so, please remember to vote by November 8.

I am also thankful for all of you ladies. Your hard work and dedication to serving the youth of our community and to supporting each other inspires me to do the same. Collectively we can get so much done and have fun at the same time.

I hope you find one or more of our November events fit into your calendar. We have our leadership meeting and book group the first week of November. Then there will be a General Meeting (November 10) and the SC Give campaign (November 29). And at the state level, there is another great Fall Webinar (November 15); be sure to sign up:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aauw-wa-fall-webinar-series-tickets-401674127127>.

Have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving holiday with family, friends, or maybe friends you call family.

November - Camano City Schoolhouse

Rose Olson

Our November General Meeting will be held at the 1906 Camano City Schoolhouse on Thursday, November 10. Social Half Hour at 12:30 p.m. with program at 1:00 p.m. In keeping with the schoolhouse setting and referencing the book, All Quiet on the Western Front which the Book Group just read, branch member Marianne McGarry-Bloom* will present, "How to Teach". She will highlight our different learning styles. Our branch business meeting will follow the program.

The Camano City Schoolhouse is located at 993 Orchid Road, Camano Island (please access Orchid Road via Chapman Road) – see you there!

For more from Marianne, plan to attend her storytelling presentation, "All Quiet On The Western Front ~ A Tribute To Our Veterans", also on November 10 at the Camano City Schoolhouse from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

We will begin taking RSVP's at the November meeting for the AAUW Holiday Luncheon to be held on Thursday, December 15 at Cama Beach Café. More details will be provided at the meeting and by email.



Future Events

December 1st

Thursday

1:00 p.m.

December Board Meeting
Community Resource Center

December 15th

Thursday

12:00 p.m.

Holiday Luncheon at

Cama Beach Café

*RSVPs will be accepted at
November 10 general meeting*



Visit our branch website for
forms, newsletters, and
upcoming events.

www.aauwsc.org

Public Policy

Go to:
AAUW Washington to keep
up with happenings in the
current legislative session
and to learn about areas
for action.

www.aauw-wa.org

AAUW Action Network
for Congressional items
regarding the national
issues for action.

[http://capwiz.com/
aauw/home/](http://capwiz.com/aauw/home/)



Candidate & Issues Forum Webinar Report

Elaine Richards

The Candidate & Issues Forum webinar held on October 12 was quite a success. 131 individuals registered to participate in the webinar that evening and many more have viewed the Forum since. The total of 22

candidates participated, and we had a presentation on Proposition 1 for Stanwood.

If you missed the webinar and would like to view the recording please go to <https://aauwsc.org/candidateforum2022> and click on the "watch the recording" button. Presentation begins at minute 4:11 and runs about 2.5 hours.

Ballots have been mailed and are due on or before Tuesday, November 8. Washington is a "mail only" state so it is very safe and convenient. All members are encouraged to vote as it's a critical part of our democracy.

Vote...vote....vote.....

Giving Tuesday is November 29. Our local SC Give, Stanwood-Camano Give AAUW project is "Science and Technology Camp for Girls". Our goal is to raise \$2200 for our AAUW Tech Trek Program.



You have two opportunities to help:

#1 Follow our project at www.facebook.com/stanwoodcamanoaauw for prize announcements and incentives throughout the day then share on your news feed to spread the word.

#2 Get the word out before the event by sharing with friends and family around the country, even the world. Friends everywhere can donate online at www.scgive.org.

SCGive offers four opportunities to make your on line donation go further while adding a little spice to your day if you choose.

Pop-Up Prizes - \$100 prizes given during 5 surprise 15-minute windows to the project that receives the most individual donation transactions from different donors during that time. Provided by RUBUMCO PAINTING.

Early Bird Prize - 12 a.m.-8 a.m. - The first 20 - \$50 donations from different donors given between midnight and 8 a.m. will be matched by RE/MAX ELEVATE.

Golden Ticket Prizes - 8 a.m.-8 p.m. - \$100 prizes given each hour from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (skipping other prize hours) to the project that receives the most donation dollars for that hour. Provided by WINDERMERE REAL ESTATE.

Philanthropist Hour Prize - 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. - The first 10 - \$100 donations from different donors given between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. will be matched by LENZ ENTERPRISES.

Afternoon Delight Prizes - 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. - The first \$1000 donations of any amount up to \$500 from different donors given between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. will be matched by BOX OF GOOD - KLESICK'S FARM.

Happy Hour Prize - 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. - The first 5 donations of \$250 from different donors given between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. will be matched by COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK.

Night Owl Prize - 9 p.m. to midnight - The first \$1000 in donations between of \$100 and \$250 from different donors given between 9 p.m. and midnight will be matched by EAGLES LANDING.

If you have any questions contact Georgi Proulx or Mary Raymond.

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* Appointed position, shares vote with VP

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Stanwood-Camano Give

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Newsletter Team

Georgi Proulx, Martha Huyler

A Successful 2022 Camp Year

Mary Chesney

I begin this monthly update with both good news and a message of caution. Although a camp director and program director have been identified, meaning camp for 2023 will happen, we will NOT be able to send more than 7 girls unless we do one of the following. We provide someone who is an AAUW member to help at camp or be part of the statewide planning committee. Remember all the money we raised? We won't be able to spend it unless someone steps forward to help. This is critical and according to Karen Manelis, the Program director for Tech Trek camp, it will be enforced.

2022 celebrated ten years of Tech Trek camp. The return to the residential camp resulted in two sessions with a total of 92 campers from 17 branches.

Here are some interesting facts about camp:

- ◆ 49.1% of campers identified as multiracial (including Hispanic, African-American, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native American, Multiracial, Other).
- ◆ Camper capacity overall increased from 50 (2013) to 89 (2014) to 144 (2015, PLU & EWU combined), to 150 (2016, combined), to 192 (2017 combined), 177 (2018 combined), and 191 (2019, combined) due to generous donors.
- ◆ Core classes this year included Bodies by Design (human body systems), Environmental Detectives and Thinkabit Wearable Tech; CyberSecurity was offered the first week (Camp Dunbar) and Robotics was offered the second week (Camp McClintock).
- ◆ Afternoon labs-workshops offered campers the opportunity to participate in subject areas different from their core study area. They included Rebops (genetic traits), DNA extraction, shellfish biology, elements of the stars, Mars rovers, defying gravity, cryptography, engineering challenges, scratch coding and app inventor.
- ◆ Midweek the campers could take a field trip either to Harbor WildWatch (Gig Harbor) or Northwest Trek (Eatonville).
- ◆ All campers participated in a financial literacy activity where they were assigned a fictitious career, salary and a list of things they needed to budget for using their salary.
- ◆ Cost for 2023 cannot be determined until we receive costs from the universities for 2023 summer programs. We anticipate that the cost of sponsorships and family fee will remain the same as 2022 (\$1100 and \$50, respectively).

At this point in time, the actual cost of camp cannot be determined until Eastern Washington University and Pacific Lutheran University notify the Tech Trek planning committee of the cost for holding camp on their campuses.



DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) Spotlight

Katie Farrey

Definition:

Inclusion means everyone (individual and group) is a fully participating member. Differences are embraced and all are welcomed, respected, valued, and supported.

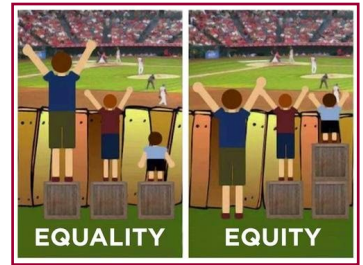
Upcoming Opportunities:

November is Native American Indian Heritage Month. The following link has some great information and access to some online opportunities provided by a few of our national institutions and museums: <https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/>

November 7, 5:00 p.m., *Addressing Ableism, Cultivating Pride, and Dreaming Possibility for Inclusive Disability Pedagogy* with Leah Kelley, Ed.D. This is an online opportunity to learn about disability inclusion in our community, sponsored by the Community Resource Center Stanwood-Camano and Ed Wiley Autism Acceptance Library. <http://tinyurl.com/leahkelleyconversations>

Book Recommendation:

How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning With the History of Slavery Across America by Clint Smith. I found this to be a very interesting read as the author explores our history through visits to Monticello, The Whitney Plantation, Angola Prison, Blandford Cemetery, Galveston Island, New York City, and Goree Island.



AAUW Announces 2022-23 Fellowships & Grants Recipients

Jackie DeFazio

AAUW has announced the recipients of its 2022-23 fellowships and grants. Over \$6 million dollars have been awarded to 320 women and community projects for the 2022-23 academic year. Two recipients are pursuing their projects here in WA state—Soyoung Kang and Karissa Braxton.

Soyoung Kang has been awarded an American Fellowship at the University of Washington in the discipline of Mechanical Engineering. Her project is entitled *Innovations in Remote Teaching of Engineering Design*. As the executive director of engineering innovation in health, she will oversee a yearlong interdisciplinary program that partners undergraduate and graduate engineering students with health professionals to develop technical solutions to pressing health challenges. The goal is to foster an ecosystem of training and support for students and to develop innovative teaching practices focused on team- and project-based learning.

Karissa Braxton has been awarded a Career Development Grant at the University of Washington. Her degree/specialization is public administration/social policy. Braxton describes herself as “a mission- and purpose-driven woman dedicated to making a positive change in this world through systemic and cultural transformation. She currently serves as the director of communication and strategy for the Seattle Office of Economic Development and is a graduate of Howard University. As a public servant, she works to contribute to system change, the development of equitable antiracist policies and programs, and the empowerment of communities that are disproportionately burdened.

Funding for AAUW’s Fellowships & Grants program is provided in part by contributions from local AAUW branches across the country through local fundraising projects like *Purses with Purpose* and from contributions from individual AAUW members—something to keep in mind as you plan your end-of-year giving.

Public Policy: Pay Equity

Anne Milton

Our Washington State AAUW Lobby Day is around the corner. Kindly mark your calendars for Monday January 30. This will be a Zoom seminar and a robust turnout is anticipated.

Pay Equity is still a major priority. According to WA AAUW, Washington State has been a leader in establishing equal pay laws. It doesn’t mean we are close to equal pay. The gender pay gap in our state was 82% in 2019 with a range of 67% to 87%. For every dollar a man makes; a woman makes 82 cents. In some districts, it is 67 cents. AAUW has a checklist of legislation needed for each state to reach equal pay.

There will be a new 2023 bill that will need bipartisan support (SB 5761) and it requires employers to provide wage and salary information to applicants for employment. AAUW proposes asking your state Legislator: “*What factors do you think contribute to the gender pay gap? Do you support passage of legislation to strengthen and improve the effectiveness of existing civil right laws aimed at closing the pay gap between men and women?*”

Although Washington legislators did pass the “salary history ban bill” in 2021 and “the wage and salary transparency” law in 2022, there has been an alarming trend showing that a majority of state legislators are opposing new equal pay legislation. (51 legislators opposed the transparency bill.) The contention is that equal pay laws hurt small businesses despite WA state’s exemption for small business. Our awareness and communications to our new legislators is needed to advocate for equal pay in our state.

Special Branch Activities

Day Trippers

An informal gathering of members with time and interest to participate in a variety of outings.

Lynda Buehring
Jill Johnstone

Movie Group

Movie Group has begun and we hope you will join us for lunch and a movie. Watch for an email invitation. Suggestions are encouraged.

Anne Milton
Georgi Proulx

Book Group

Open to all members. Join us for lively conversation if you've read the book or if you just want to come join the discussion.

Katie Farrey
Marianne McGarry-Bloom



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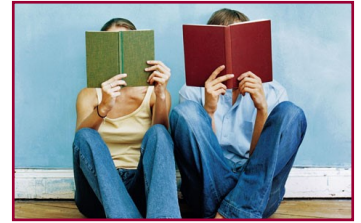


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Book Group

Katie Farrey, Marianne McGarry-Bloom

All members are invited to join the Book Group whether you have read the book or just want to join the conversation. Please contact Katie Farrey if you want to be added to the email list.



November 7th, 2:00 p.m. at the Home of Marianne McGarry-Bloom

All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque

Depicts the experiences of a group of young German soldiers fighting and suffering during the last days of World War I.

December 5th, 2:00 p.m. (location to be announced)

Harry's Trees by Jon Cohen

"When you climb a tree, the first thing you do is to hold on tight...Thirty-four-year-old Harry Crane works as an analyst for the US Forest Service. When his wife dies suddenly, he is unable to cope. Leaving his job and his old life behind, Harry makes his way to the remote woods of northeastern Pennsylvania's Endless Mountains, determined to lose himself. But fate intervenes in the form of a fiercely determined young girl named Oriana. She and her mother, Amanda, are struggling to pick up the pieces from their own tragedy--Amanda stoically holding it together while Oriana roams the forest searching for answers. And in Oriana's magical, willful mind, she believes that Harry is the key to righting her world. Now it's time for Harry to let go...Harry's Trees is an uplifting story about the redeeming power of friendship and love and the magic to be found in life's most surprising adventures"

January 2nd, 2:00 p.m. (location to be announced)

Call Us What We Carry by Amanda Gorman

The presidential inaugural poet--and unforgettable new voice in American poetry--presents a collection of poems that includes the stirring poem read at the inauguration of the 46th President of the United States.

For more information, contact Katie Farrey or Marianne McGarry-Bloom.

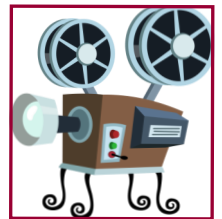
See You At the Movies!

Georgi Proulx

The movie schedules are checked routinely as we await a worthy release. Suggestions are encouraged by Anne Milton or Georgi Proulx. Traditionally we meet for lunch then attend a movie, but the early afternoon matinee slot doesn't seem to be available anywhere. We have considered attending the 3:00-ish showing then going to Happy Hour to discuss the movie. Your comments and remarks are welcome.

Want company at a movie? Let us know and we'll make every effort to make it happen.

Hope to "see you at the movies."



October 13 Tour of Stanwood High School

Georgi Proulx

Thank you to Rose Olson and her program team for arranging the tour of Stanwood High School on October 13. Principal, Christine Del Pozo and two of her education staff provided a personal tour of the new building for 15 of our members and 1 guest. Highlights were the "secure" foyer with doors that locked when school began and late students enter through the admissions office then through to the classrooms, push-of-a-button locking system for emergencies, the computer center complete with green screen for CGI (Computer Generated Imager), the state-of-the-art science classrooms, hallway alternative meeting spaces, new cafeteria and creative eating venues, the new gym, and new auditorium. Creatively, they incorporated the 50 year old basketball court floor as wall paneling on the first and second floors of the gymnasium. Our students are fortunate to have access to this remarkable newly upgraded and remodeled high school.



Left: Green Screen for students to learn CGI - Shooting with a green screen involves filming a person or adding visual effects in front of a solid color. Then, by digitally removing or "keying out" that color, you can drop that scene onto the background of your choice in post-production. How fun is that!

Right: Repurposed 50 year old basketball court floor as wall paneling

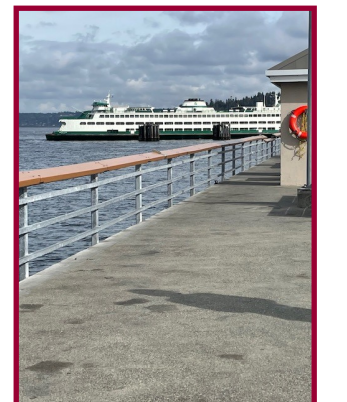


Day Trippers to Edmonds

Day Trippers 2022-2023 inaugural event was a wonderful day in Edmonds visiting the Edmonds Waterfront Center and the Cascadia Art Museum. Photos of the day courtesy of Joyce Leak. Watch for the next Day Tripper outing in the early spring.



Left to right: Helen Smith, Guest: Jodie Brand, Lynda Buehring, Guest: Jennie Al-Shaffie, Jill Johnstone, Joyce Leak



AAUW-WA Top 10 - October 2022 - Good Information from our State Leadership

1. National has extended the membership renewal grace period deadline in Community Hub through November 30th. This ensures continuity of membership for those that are still renewing, but does not change their expiration date for 2023 (ie: if you have an expiration date of 6/30/22 and you renew on 11/1/22, your expiration date will be 6/30/23 - if you renew 12/30/22, which is past the grace period, your expiration date will be 12/29/23).
2. Take a minute now before the end of the year craziness begins to sign up for National's TWO MINUTE ACTIVIST. An easy way to do it is to find the form at the bottom of the Get Empowered webpage: <https://www.aauw.org/get-empowered/>
3. Our State Senate and Congressional District Voter Guides are posted on the national website: <https://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/voter-guides/>
4. Nadia Daghistani will be leading the work on Major and Planned Giving, including oversight of our Champions and Legacy Circle programs. Her email address is: daghistanin@aauw.org
5. National's annual Matching Gift Campaign for Board, National Committee Members and Staff is beginning. It has a goal this year of \$80,000.
6. National is sponsoring a webinar to which all are invited on Tuesday, October 18, at 2:00 p.m. ET. Learn more about Dr. Keisha Blain's most recent book, *Until I Am Free*. This book challenges us to grapple with contemporary concerns of race, inequality and social justice. Register https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1Hwg3J46RiicA_k0t9EOA?emci=f2cbc3b4-ad3a-ed11-a27c-281878b83d8a&emdi=8217a161-503b-ed11-a27c-281878b83d8a&ceid=928777
7. All AAUW-affiliated entities must file a tax return with the IRS each year. If your annual gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less, you can file Form 990-N. National can do this on your behalf, but you must complete the group exemption form in Community Hub now through October 15.
8. Barbara Sando is the State Board Member who has taken on the humungous task of coordinating Community Hub issues. If you have a question, please contact Barbara.
9. Our Fall Webinar Series, The Economy Matters, continues on November 15 and December 13. The first two have proven to be excellent. Whether there is a webinar kickoff in June and a fall series next year depends in large part on whether our attendance reflects membership interest.
10. Tech Trek needs our support. Each participating branch should be discussing how we can work together to provide stability and sustainability. Watch for a summit meeting soon.

General Meeting Minutes - October 13, 2022

Program: Tour of newly remodeled Stanwood High School.

Attendance: (17) Nancy Voelckers, Judy Trammell (Z), Joanne Drewsen, Rose Olson, Georgi Proulx, Cheryl Allen, Lynda Buehring, Gay Campbell, Jackie DeFazio, Katie Farrey, Joyce Leak, Anne Milton, Mary O'Connor, Mary Pilkington, Mary Raymond, Doris Taylor (Z), Karen Van Lier. Guest: (1) Sharon Frampton

Call to Order: Nancy Voelckers called meeting to order at 3:41 p.m. and introduced new members and guests:

Secretary: Georgi Proulx presented September 8 minutes for approval as printed in the October newsletter. Motion to approve: Mary Raymond moved, Jackie DeFazio seconded; motion approved.

Treasurer: Judy Trammell reviewed the financial reports for September. Operating account had \$4465.53. Total assets are \$84,134.76. Mary Pilkington moved to accept the financials; Anne Milton seconded; financials accepted.

Membership: Joanne Drewsen shared we have about 50 members; the team is still contacting members regarding renewals. They have also been contacting the branches that have greater success with membership to discover what they are doing differently and put in place some of these new ideas. The Phone Tree has been reactivated; expect a monthly call from the board and leadership team.

Candidate Forum: Anne Milton offered many thanks and congratulations to Elaine Richards for an excellent Candidate Forum. Elaine had self-trained for the event and did a fabulous job. Approximately 115 people had signed in at the beginning; Anne thought many more entered once the webinar began. Anne started the webinar promptly at 6:30 p.m. and it ended just before 9:00 p.m. "Thank you" also to Jackie DeFazio and Nancy Roberts for their behind-the-scenes help. Anne also described this event as an example of Public Policy at work; watch for an email regarding state public policy status for Lobby Day in January.

Programs: Rose Olson announced the following upcoming schedule:

November 10 will be a presentation by Marianne McGarry-Bloom titled "How to Teach" at the Camano City School House. Mary Raymond sent a sign-up sheet around for refreshments.

December 15 at noon is our Holiday Luncheon at Cama Beach Café. Watch for information regarding tickets.

January 12 will be a virtual presentation by poet laureate, Rena Priest, for our in person meeting at the Camano Library. This is a public event requiring publicity and a good opportunity for recruitment. Doris Taylor remarked that on October 18, 6:00 – 7 p.m. there is a "read and conversation" with Rena Priest. If you are interested email Doris for how to register.

SC Give: Mary Raymond and Georgi Proulx shared the status of our project; we will be ready to go November 29 with Facebook posts in November and Giving Tuesday strategy.

DEI: Katie Farrey informed the group of a presentation on October 18 by Keisha Blaine from National AAUW; Georgi will distribute the registration email.

Tech Trek: Nancy Voelckers reported that volunteers for camp leadership positions are stepping up and 2023 camp will happen. Tech Trek administration has announced that branches must send one volunteer for every seven campers. It was suggested that we contact past campers and high school STEM scholars as to their interest in being peer counselors.

High School STEM: Nancy Voelckers shared that Kathy Cunningham had to resign from this leadership position, and we're currently looking for a new leader or co-leaders for this valuable position. Georgi will contact Kathy for a timeline of responsibilities and forward with the position description to the board.

Activity Group Reports:

Book Group: Katie Farrey reported the books for this year have been selected and scheduled. Hosts are needed but they'll be flexible and use Zoom if necessary

Movie Group: Anne Milton and Georgi Proulx shared that the 1:00 p.m. matinee doesn't seem to be offered in the local theaters and asked if the 3:00 p.m. time slot works for everyone. It was suggested that we go to the late afternoon movie followed by Happy Hour to discuss the movie. The team is watching out for good movies; suggestions welcome.

Day Trippers: Lynda Buehring asked for RSVPs to our October 26 outing to Edmonds by October 15. Bring a guest.

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Mobile Phone Format for Newsletter: Georgi Proulx inquired as to the interest of the membership to have a newsletter available in a format more easily read on mobile phones. Interest was minimal but she'll work on this additional format for the November newsletter and test the reactions.

For the Good of the Order: Mary Pilkington shared her participation in the veterans' "Wreaths Across America" placing Christmas wreaths on each veteran's grave at Anderson Cemetery this December 17. If this year is successful they will add another cemetery in 2023. Cost per wreath is \$15; so far they've raised funds for approximately 300. Volunteers are needed to help place the wreaths. If you would like to donate or help contact Mary Pilkington. There is additional information in the Crab Cracker. Deadline to donate is November 28.

Adjourn: Mary Raymond moved to adjourn the meeting; Lynda Buehring seconded; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Georgi Proulx
Secretary

