

You are invited to join us at the AAUW Rocky Mountain Regional Conference June 22 – 24, 2018, in Salt Lake City, Utah to discuss Women Unlimited and Undaunted

As AAUW women we continually address the issues of our time by:

- Finding and using our political voice, running for elected office, and winning;
- Challenging and speaking out about bad actors in the public arena;
- Standing against sexual assault and the diminishing of women;
- Challenging attacks on Title IX that attempt to diminish protections;
- Standing up for civil rights, reproductive rights, voting rights, protection of dreamers' rights;
- Working for economic security, fair pay, equitable pay, paid leave, family leave, sick leave;
- Exerting influence in the business world, pressing for equality in pay and treatment;
- Focusing on equity in education, in STEM fields, and on ending student debt.

We are excited to hear AAUW's national voice from **CEO Kim Churches; Board Chair, Julia Brown**, New Mexico; **Director and Board Finance Chair, Janet Bunger**, Utah. We will also hear from **Susan Landino**, **formerly Susan Burhans**, a successful LAF plaintiff who took a stand against Yale University's policies on Title IX and won. Her case is on the AAUW website.

What important issues have been addressed in your states and branches that you would like to share with the conference? If you have an outstanding member or program that we should all hear, please let us know. You may want to present a 30 minute program from your state, or a 5 to 10 minute report. In addition, individuals from your state may like to participate in a panel discussion on issues of mutual interest. Please let our program chair hear from you (see below).

Topics definitely on the agenda:

- Encouraging women to run for elected office and supporting those who do run. AAUW is on the board of Real Women Run of Utah, which provides such training and mentoring.
- Standing against sexual assault and its effects, and the attacks against Title IX protections. LAF speaker Susan Landino and others can speak on these issues.
- Working within coalitions and supportive groups to achieve a larger voice for women.
- Supporting & funding STEM training for girls, and efforts of working women to return to school.

A visit to our Utah Women Artists Exhibition will be available for those interested. It is sure to inspire!

Our venue is the Radisson Downtown, close to important and interesting sites in Salt Lake City and on the TRAX line for easy access to locations further away. (More on hotel and conference costs soon.)

We were inspired and enthusiastic after the AAUW Convention in Washington D.C. We are looking forward to the comraderie of again joining with AAUW members in the Rocky Mountain Region.

On behalf of AAUW of Utah Board of Directors.

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