

# Quarterly Newsletter

## Letter from the Head



### COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC)

As March starts, we are entering an important period for the Commission on the Status of Women with four key dates over the next month. First, International Women’s Day is coming up next week. Then, April 1 marks the deadline for AEJMC paper submission. And regarding awards, we have extended the nomination deadline for three of our awards to March 15, with the nomination deadline for the 2026 AEJMC Lillian Lodge Kopenhagen Outstanding Early Career Woman Scholar Award, a month later on April 15th.

In 1977, the United Nations officially embraced March 8 as International Women’s Day for the first time. They called for women’s achievements to be celebrated and affirmed their commitment to gender equality. If my math is right, this year is a milestone: the 50th International Women’s Day since the UN recognition. We should, of course, celebrate progress made, but the holiday is also an opportunity to reflect on the continued challenges and the work that lies ahead in building more inclusive environments for all.

In the spirit of this important day, CSW will be participating in online giving initiatives, and I invite you to support our mission here: <https://aejmc2.wufoo.com/forms/aejmc-csw-contribution-form>. Your contributions directly fuel our commission, which, among other things, funds multiple awards recognizing the work of women and non-binary scholars in mass communication. Several of these awards have an extended deadline until March 15, so scroll down to p. 3 to read the call.



**CSW Head Dr. Roxane Coche**  
**University of Florida**

The infamous April 1 AEJMC deadline looms soon after, and I am excited for another great conference—this time in New Orleans. Though we obviously don’t know the research paper competition’s outcome yet and we must await a full program announcement from AEJMC in a couple of months, I can already share that the CSW-sponsored panels will address a range of critical topics promising a rich programming.

Expect engaging and empowering conversations around the challenges and opportunities facing women journalists in the US and abroad, including the Global South. I can’t wait to see you there!

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# Community Updates

## **Congratulations to Ashley Jost and Kelsey Mesmer for their recent publication in *Journalism & Media*!**

Jost, A., & Mesmer, K. R. (2026). Covering student death by suicide: A case study on college student newspapers navigating the news and its aftermath. *Journalism & Media*, 7(1), 42.

<https://doi.org/10.3390/journalmedia7010042>

**Ashley Jost is Associate Director of Provost Communications at University of Chicago and a master's student at Saint Louis University, while Kelsey Mesmer serves as an Assistant Professor and Graduate Program Coordinator in the Department of Communication at Saint Louis University.**

## **Congratulations to Teri Finneman!**

University of Kansas Professor Teri Finneman's article, "Making Mamie: How a Presidential Library Reinvented a First Lady's Collective Memory," has been accepted for the inaugural issue of the *Journal of First Ladies Studies*.

## **Congratulations to Teri Finneman, Tyler Nagel, Bella Walters, and Payton Delisle-Miller!**

Finneman and Tyler Nagel (Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, Canada) had their article, "Perceptions of rural newspapers among Generation Z: Understanding resistance to small-town employment," accepted for publication in *News Research Journal*. They co-authored with students Bella Waters and Payton Delisle-Miller.

# Congrats!

## **Congratulations to Laura Willis (Quinnipiac University), Kim O'Neill (Quinnipiac University), and Nicole Cushman (Charley) for their pedagogical article focused on the abortion access AI chatbot, Charley, published last October.**

<https://digitalcommons.calpoly.edu/feministpedagogy/vol6/iss3/7/>

Willis, L. E., O'Neill, K., & Cushman, N. (2025). Teaching about abortion access with Charley the Chatbot. *Feminist Pedagogy*, 6(3), 7.

### **Abstract**

Following the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization (2022) decision which countermanded federal abortion protections, artificial intelligence (AI) can be used to identify, monitor, and track people seeking medical treatment. The teaching activity presented here asks students to consider data privacy concerns and the role of AI in seeking abortion care, before introducing them to Charley the Chatbot, an AI interface designed to protect and inform abortion seekers. Students interact with the chatbot based on a series of fictional vignettes about abortion seekers in various stages of pregnancy and geographic locations. Following peer discussions, students examine both how restrictive state-level policies impact individuals seeking abortion care and how an AI-powered tool can provide them with tailored, private, and up-to-date information.

# Select AEJMC Commission on the Status of Women 2026 Award Calls **Extended (1/2)**

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EXTENDED awards call!

**New Deadlines: March 15, 2026**

We're extending the awards call for these three CSW awards until March 15. Please reach out to Kelsey Mesmer (kelsey.mesmer@slu.edu) with any questions.

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## 1. Mary Ann Yodelis Smith Award for Undergraduate Feminist Scholarship

Undergraduate students who conduct research on women in journalism, mass communication, or feminist communication are invited to apply for the Mary Ann Yodelis Smith Undergraduate Research Award. The award is designed to recognize research that has the potential to make a contribution to the scholarship on women and journalism, mass communication, or feminist communication. The award honors Mary Ann Yodelis Smith, a past president of AEJMC and long-time advocate for women in the academy.

In order to be considered for the award, undergraduates must fill out [this form](#) and upload in a single PDF file:

- An explanation of the article's contribution to the field (300-500 words)
- A letter of recommendation from their mentor/faculty about the work's potential to impact the academy.
- A digital copy of the article

A panel of three judges will evaluate all submissions based on the expected contribution to feminist scholarship, ability to improve on the project, and potential for the applicant to influence the academy.

Projects that include either a solo-authored undergraduate researcher, undergraduate student research team, or (an) undergraduate student(s) and a faculty mentor will be considered for the award. However, an undergraduate researcher must be the first author.

The winning submission will receive \$500 and winners will be recognized at the AEJMC Commission on the Status of Women meeting in August.

# Select AEJMC Commission on the Status of Women 2026 Award Calls **Extended (2/2)**

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## **New Deadlines: March 15, 2026**

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## 2. Donna Allen Award for Feminist Advocacy

The Donna Allen Award recognizes feminist advocacy by a woman or non-binary person or group. This award honors Donna Allen, founder of the Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press in Washington, D.C. Nominations should be between 3-5 pages and demonstrate how the nominee's feminist media activism promotes the rights and freedoms of women and minorities across the world. Nominees need not be AEJMC members.

Applications should be submitted via [this form](#).

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## 3. Outstanding Woman in Journalism & Mass Communication Award

This award honors a woman or non-binary scholar who has supported women well through excellence in scholarship that explores gender in mass communication, mentorship, and high standards for collaboration.

Nomination letters, each between one and four pages, must detail that individual's contributions to journalism and mass communication education. Applicants may submit multiple letters from multiple people for this nomination packet. The more support a person has from a variety of people, including administrators, colleagues, and students, the more convincing an application.

Applications should be submitted via [this form](#).

In recognition of **International Women's Day on March 8th**, please consider **donating to CSW**. Our commission's primary goal is to advocate for the improvement of the status of women and non-binary scholars in journalism and mass communication education, as well as in the workforce. This includes promoting feminist scholarship in these fields and planning and presenting programs that support and advance the role of women and non-binary individuals in journalism and mass communication.

[Contribute Here!!](#)

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ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN HONOR OF



# International Women's Day

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# Call for Nominations: 2026 AEJMC Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver Outstanding Early Career Woman Scholar Award

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## **Nomination Deadline: April 15, 2026**

Nominate an Outstanding Early-Career Woman Scholar for the 2026 Kopenhaver Award

Do you know an early-career woman scholar doing exceptional research in journalism and mass communication? Now is the time to recognize her work.

Nominations are open for the 2026 Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver Outstanding Early-Career Woman Scholar Award, presented jointly by the Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver Center for the Advancement of Women in Communication at Florida International University and the AEJMC Commission on the Status of Women. The award honors a woman-identifying faculty member who demonstrates outstanding research and shows strong promise for future scholarship.

**Who Qualifies?** Eligible nominees are early-career faculty who have earned a Ph.D. but have not yet received tenure. Candidates are preferably on the tenure track, though scholars with no more than five years of college or university teaching experience may also be considered. All nominees must be current AEJMC members. Scholars from diverse cultural backgrounds and international institutions are strongly encouraged.

**How to Nominate:** Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged! To submit a nomination, upload a single PDF file containing:

- A letter outlining the nominee's qualifications
- A one-page summary of the nominee's research agenda
- The nominee's CV

Submit your nomination here: <https://forms.gle/tybhJfYdHcB6and28>

Because outstanding scholarship takes many forms, nomination letters and research statements should highlight each candidate's unique strengths — both quantity and quality of scholarship will be considered.

The Award: The winner will receive a \$250 cash award and a plaque, presented by Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver, dean emeritus and professor at FIU's School of Journalism and Mass Communication, at the AEJMC annual conference in New Orleans in August 2026.

**Questions? Contact award committee chair Dr. Deborah J. Danuser at [deborah.danuser@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.danuser@gmail.com).**

The deadline to submit nominations is April 15, 2026. Don't miss the opportunity to celebrate a deserving scholar in our field!

# Empowering Women in Academia —Today and Tomorrow

## Women Faculty Moving Forward: Pathways to Success

### Pre-Convention Workshop



Association for Education in Journalism  
and Mass Communication Convention  
New Orleans, August 4, 2026

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### Application Deadline: June 15, 2026

The Women Faculty Moving Forward (WFMF) Workshop is a transformative program designed to empower tenure-track women faculty members in academia. Through personalized mentoring, robust networking opportunities, and strategic preparation for tenure, administration, or other leadership roles, this initiative equips participants to excel in their careers and break barriers in academic leadership.

Aligned with the Kopenhaver Center's mission to amplify women's voices and foster advancement in academia, this program embodies the center's core values of innovation, creativity, and leadership. Participants benefit from access to a dynamic community of scholars and professionals who share expertise and foster growth. The workshop integrates cutting-edge strategies that prepare women and faculty to lead with confidence and vision.  
Empowering Women in Academia—Today and Tomorrow

Sponsored by the AEJMC Commission on the Status of Women, the Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver Center for the Advancement of Women in Communication at Florida International University, and the AEJMC Council of Affiliates, this 14th annual workshop, Women Faculty Moving Forward, is designed to help junior women faculty members move forward in their careers through mentoring, networking, and preparing for tenure and promotion and administration or other leadership positions. The program, which features senior women professors and administrators, is designed for tenure-track women, but some exceptions may be made. We are seeking a cohort for our pre-conference workshop on August 4, 2026, 1-5 p.m. at the AEJMC annual conference in New Orleans. Applicants must be AEJMC members.

Speakers, panelists, and roundtable leaders include senior scholars and administrators and amazing women colleagues who have achieved significant leadership positions in their careers. Keynote speaker for the workshop is Tracy Lucht, interim dean, Greenlee College of Journalism and Communication, Iowa State. Panelists: Lisa Margaretha Geertsema-Sligh, Professor of Journalism and Director of Graduate Studies in the College of Communication, Butler University, Indianapolis, Jaime Loke, Associate Professor of Journalism, Texas Christian University; Jeannine Relly, Professor and Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Advancement, University of Arizona; Celeste Gonzales de Bustamante, founding Director of the Center for Global Change and Media and Mary Gibbs Jones Centennial Chair in Communication in the Moody College of Communication at the University of Texas at Austin; Ingrid Bachmann, Associate Professor in the School of Communications at Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile and director of the Millennium Nucleus on Digital Inequalities and Opportunities, a research project funded by Chile's National Agency for Research and Development

In addition to the training and networking at this workshop, participants, who will be designated Kopenhaver Center Fellows, will be invited to take part in activities of both the CSW and the Kopenhaver Center during the year and receive communications and invitations from both groups. They will also be invited to reunite with new and previous fellows in a networking session following the workshop at each conference each year.

The deadline for applications is June 15, 2026. If you have any questions, contact Carla Zensen at [czensen@fiu.edu](mailto:czensen@fiu.edu)

[Application Link - WFMF Application 2026](#)

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# 2026 CSW Conference Paper Call (1/2)

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**Commission on the Status of Women, PAPER CALL FOR 2026 AEJMC Conference (New Orleans, LA. August 5-8). Submissions must be uploaded as a single file to the AEJMC site no later than 11:59 P.M. (Central Daylight Time) on Wednesday, April 1, 2026.**

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) invites students and faculty to submit original research for competitive paper sessions that discuss gender representation, identity, or performativity in the context of journalism, media, and communication. Please consult the AEJMC 2026 Paper Competition Uniform Call (<https://www.aejmc.org/aejmc-events/conference/paper-competition>) for information about paper formatting, submission deadline, and other requirements.

**More details:** CSW invites projects that use a variety of methodological approaches, including but not limited to critical, empirical, ethnographic, historical, legal, and semiotic analyses. It is expected that papers will employ feminist theoretical frameworks or will be grounded in the extant literature on issues of gender equality and intersectionality.

The Commission encourages research that shows awareness of how gender intersects with class, race, disability, sexual orientation, and other sociocultural markers. Past papers presented to the CSW have explored topics such as representations of girls and women in the news; the role of gender in newsrooms or classrooms; effects of media on women and girls; feminist approaches to teaching and communication; girls' and women's use of/production of media; gender equality in the profession or the academy; how gender influences or matters in health, risk, and crisis public relations campaigns, etc.

However, the CSW is open to papers that address issues beyond the scope of these traditional topics and are grounded in recent developments in feminist and gender-related scholarship. **The suggested paper length is 25 pages (double-spaced, 12-point type), excluding tables, references, figures, or illustrations. We especially encourage submissions by undergraduate and graduate students. Awards will be given to the top faculty paper, top faculty-student paper, top graduate student paper, and, if applicable, top undergraduate student paper (with or without their advisor).**

**Undergraduate students must write "Undergraduate Student Paper" on the cover sheet of their submission.**

The authors of the top papers will be recognized in the conference program and at the CSW business meeting at the conference. This paper call is part of the overall AEJMC call for research papers; **all submissions must adhere to the general guidelines put forth by AEJMC. Please note that papers containing any identifying author information will be disqualified. Authors are encouraged to take every precaution to ensure that their self-citations (if any) do not reveal their identity.**

Please forward any questions or queries to the CSW Research Co-chairs: Mimi Perreault, [mfwperreault@gmail.com](mailto:mfwperreault@gmail.com) and Andrea Baker, [andrea.baker@monash.edu](mailto:andrea.baker@monash.edu).

# 2026 CSW Conference Paper Call (2/2)

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**Research in Progress.** The CSW will accept Research in Progress submissions for the 2026 conference. The format is suitable for authors who are sufficiently along in the research process to address the content elements described below but have not had sufficient time to prepare a full paper. Submissions must be uploaded as a single file to the AEJMC site **no later than 11:59 P.M. (Central Daylight Time), Wednesday, April 1, 2026.**

Research in Progress research may be submitted to only one division or interest group. To preserve the value of fully developed research papers, extended abstracts will not be eligible for division or AEJMC conferencewide awards. Research in Progress submissions should contain all the same content sections/elements that would normally be used in a paper submission. The main difference, however, is the length of the submission format.

For authors considering the extended abstract option, **data collection and analysis must be sufficiently advanced to allow for a meaningful reporting of tentative findings and conclusions; abstracts that do not report preliminary findings may be rejected.**

Authors should clearly report how far along the data collection and analysis phases are, respectively, and explain what steps remain and the anticipated value/contribution of these steps, so that reviewers can assess the foundations on which conclusions are based. Research in Progress will be reviewed and scored using evaluation criteria specific to the RIP submissions and not the same as those used for full papers. Research in Progress submissions should adhere to the best practices of diversity and inclusion in scholarly research.

**Notes:** When submitting in this format, authors must select the “Research in Progress” option in All Academic AND include the words “Research in Progress” at the start of their paper title (e.g., “Research in Progress: [Your paper title]”). Authors should clearly indicate the same on the title page of their submission. Submissions that are not appropriately labeled may be rejected.

When creating the file for upload, please insert the 75 word summary of the abstract at the beginning of the extended abstract, so that this is what readers and reviewers see first.

**Please ensure all identifying author information has been removed for extended abstract submissions and that title pages do not contain author information. Please reference the AEJMC Uniform Paper Call for information about how to ensure this information is removed to ensure an anonymized review. Other than the Research in Progress format (including length differences) and ineligibility for award competitions, all other 2026 AEJMC Uniform Paper Guidelines apply.**

Please forward any questions or queries to the CSW Research Co-chairs: Mimi Perreault, [mfwperreault@gmail.com](mailto:mfwperreault@gmail.com) and Andrea Baker, [andrea.baker@monash.edu](mailto:andrea.baker@monash.edu).

# CSW Reviewer Call – AEJMC Main Conference 2026

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We are looking for reviewers for the 109th Annual AEJMC Conference paper competition for the Commission of the Status of Women (CSW). We know that this is a major undertaking, and we appreciate your willingness to review or judge papers this year.

**Please be sure to**

**1. Select our CSW DIG when completing the newly implemented AEJMC signup form (Due by March 16th):** [Reviewer Signup for 2026 AEJMC Annual Paper Competition](#)

**2. Let us know more particulars about your ability to review on our CSW reviewer survey:** [AEJMC CSW Main Conference \(2026\) Reviewer Interest Form](#).

Thank you for assisting the Commission of the Status of Women of AEJMC. Your input is invaluable. If you have questions about the form or about the review process, please contact the CSW Research Co-chairs: Mimi Perreault, [mfwperreault@gmail.com](mailto:mfwperreault@gmail.com) and Andrea Baker, [andrea.baker@monash.edu](mailto:andrea.baker@monash.edu).

“AEJMC now uses a single account for submitting, reviewing, and downloading papers, making it easier than ever to participate. After assignments are made, your papers will appear in your member portal. Thank you for considering this opportunity to give back to the AEJMC community.” -[Samantha Higgins, AEJMC Staff](#)

**“How to Be an Effective Academic Paper Reviewer:  
Core Principles of Effective Reviewing”**

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**“How to Be an Effective Academic Paper Reviewer:  
Best Practices for Writing Reviews”**

The articles above are available in our  
spring 2025 newsletter. [See here.](#)

# Notes from 2/6 Officer Meeting (1/3)

2/6/26 CSW Officers meeting

In attendance: Roxane Coche, Laura Willis, Kelsey Mesmer, Amal Bakry, Yelena Dzhanova, Andrea Baker, Deborah Danuser, Paromita Pain

Roxane: Thank you all for being flexible with the changed meeting date – some people couldn't make it today because of conflicts with the new date so it's a smaller group.

Laura: Panel updates - Every panel is co-sponsored and we are the lead on four of the six.

- Teaching Panel w/ Commission on the Status of Minorities

- Research Panel w/ Broadcast Division

- PF&R panel w/ Sports Com

- Teaching w/ LGBTQ+ and Mass Com

- Two other co-sponsored panels

Amal: Midwinter updates — Program is sent out, with three paper sessions and two panels. We are still missing discussants and chairs but we do have some possible names. Dinfin cannot attend and Amal is unsure if she will get approved to go because of travel restrictions. If no midwinter chairs can attend Tracy might be able to assist.

Roxane: An update on Southeast from Mimi — the program is still in flux, 2 papers and 5 abstracts were accepted

Our research paper call still isn't out and the April 1 deadline is approaching, so we need to get that out quickly.

We need to plan the social after the business meeting if we want to continue that. Ideally, we would join forces with another division for the social might be worth it in terms of attendance and funding. Are we OK with starting that process quickly and are there any specific divisions or interest groups that might be best?

Paro: LGBTQ+ interest group is directly aligned with what we do and would be a good fit

Amal: The minority interest group or activism division could be good fits as well

Roxane: Are we open for a lunch option, if that is a possibility? ... consensus is yes, whatever gets us a co-sponsor

# Notes from 2/6 Officer Meeting (2/3)

Kelsey: Awards update — The call is out and Paro is helping to push it out on socials and the listserv, the deadline is Feb. 27. No submissions yet but it's early and a lot of email inquiries have been coming in. I've been reaching out to faculty around New Orleans to encourage submissions as well. The deadline is also early enough that we can extend the deadline if needed.

Roxane: Accounts is the bill update for today – we met with AEJMC leadership to get a better handle on our finances. Related to awards, a few years back we received a donation in what was called an “Old Broads Award” - we have just over \$10,000 in that account, which was renamed the Oukrop-Rush Fellowship for Feminist Research fund. Right now that fund would just be used up, or we have the option to Endow it which would mean it would grow interest and continue on. We need to vote on that, though, and we don't have half the board here so we'll have to vote via a link.

Kelsey: When this was re-named, did we create a description or criteria for awarding the fellowship? [no one recalls that being discussed] so this will have to be part of the to-do list moving forward.

Roxane: Last year in terms of interest for endowed accounts we had:

\$342 for Donna Allen

\$614 for Mary Gardner (will gain more this year after combining accounts)

\$1,038 MAYS

The total in the accounts is:

MAYS - \$25,248 (\$700 award/year)

Donna Allen - \$8,448 (\$500 award/year)

Mary Gardner - \$26,600 (\$500 award/year for each undergrad and grad)

We could combine awards or use money from a different pot to fund the Donna Allen award for a while so that that fund gets back up over \$10k to help it gain more interest and prevent us from losing money in that account each year.

Other things we'll want to do is think about funding moving forward for the awards.

Paro: We could base the award amounts based on the interest in the accounts each year. The interest hits in December so timing could get tricky.

Roxane/Paro: Need for transparency if we decide to have varying amounts each year.

## Notes from 2/6 Officer Meeting (3/3)

Laura: We could base the amount based on the previous year's interest so the amount could be built into the awards call.

Roxane: Another aspect of finances is fundraising, and do we want to do something for International Women's Day? We could do a dine-to-donate? Does anyone have other ideas? If you are able to help on a local level at your universities, let me know and we could coordinate something for Women's Day.

We could also get a direct link to have people donate to the Commission.

Laura: I can make a Canva so that we can post that on socials. [general support of this approach]

Roxane: We did not get many submissions for a virtual book panel, which was a couple weeks ago. We only got one book: Journalism and Gender, A Global Perspective. We'd like to have more than one book.

Kelsey: I have a colleague who has a book coming out in late Spring, and I could ask her if she would participate.

Paro: PF&R update – are you receiving the emails I'm sending out? There is a link in those emails with a survey asking for suggestions of activities and please fill that out.

Roxane: Any new business? [no] ... Thank you all for being here.

# Notes from 2/27 Officer Meeting (1/3)

2/27/26 CSW Officers meeting

In attendance: Laura Willis, Kelsey Mesmer, Mimi Perreault, Amal Bakry, Deborah Danuser, Yerlena Dzhanova, Paromita Pain, Abby Mayer, Dinfin Mulupi

Laura: Welcome! Roxane is unable to be here today because of a family emergency, She's fine, but I'm going to lead the meeting.

An update on the main conference - Panel info is due to the main conference organizers by March 16, so we've reached out to all panel chairs for final panel information and Roxane has started conversations with other interest groups

Amal: Midwinter program is finalized, but neither co-chair is able to get travel approved for neither will be at the Midwinter conference.

Mimi: Southeast Colloquium update - we have coverage for moderators and chairs, and a panel on women's health. I'll plan to send photos for the newsletter.

I have three undergraduate research students who have questions about the MAYS undergraduate award - do they have to present at AEJMC or have published research or is presenting at a regional conference good enough to qualify for the award?

Kelsey: There aren't specific requirements and we don't have any nominations for that award yet, so my inclination is to tell them to submit! We might postpone the call, that is going to be part of my update for the awards in a minute.

So far we have:

Donna Allen - 0 nominations

MAYS - 4 nominations

MAYS Undergrad - 0 nominations

Mary Gardner - 10 nominations

Outstanding Woman - 0 nominations

I did some outreach and emailed 7-8 people at universities around New Orleans, plugging the Donna Allen and Outstanding Woman award and a couple people said they would apply, so those might still come in by the end of the day. I'm inclined to extend the call for the three awards with no nominations but not the other two. I'm just unsure of the new deadline.

Mimi: Can we at least push it to after the regional conferences, in case more undergrads would like to apply? So March 15?

Paro: Once you have the new details I'm happy to help any way you need, in reviewing and spreading the word.

Kelsey: Thank you, Paro. OK, so we'll extend until March 15 and I'll send a little blurb for the newsletter, socials and the listserve.

# Notes from 2/27 Officer Meeting (2/3)

Laura: Before we move forward we have a question about the social from Mimi in the chat asking if it's going to be in the evening.

Mimi: Yeah, that timing in the past has been tough because it overlaps with other socials and also for people with young kids, they have to pick up from daycare or it's dinner of just too late. Could we do a lunch or something?

Laura: The Top Paper session is already planned for the evening but it's all still in flux, maybe we can figure something out.

Abby: So far we have two updates to share in the newsletter, but just an observation is that less and less people are sending in updates and willing to put themselves out there in the newsletter. I'm waiting on Roxane's letter and then hopefully will get the newsletter out by March 1 or 2. I plan on putting guidelines for reviewing and links to resources in there so people have those. I look forward to photos (thanks Mimi) and I'll wait for everyone to send me the remaining of the newsletter pieces.

Do we have an update on the book event we had discussed before so we can put it in the newsletter if necessary?

Laura: We are going to postpone because we only had one person apply for it.

OK, we have a couple things to vote on and we have a quorum today so we can vote on this. We'll need a motion and formal movements to vote.

- The "old broads" money became the Oukrop-Rush fellowship, and we want to vote to endow that account so that it build interest. Do we have a motion? - Kelsey make the motion, Paro seconds it, Vote: 7 in favor and no one opposed, motion passes
- Donna Allen has less than \$8,500 in the account, so we are losing money every time we give that award out. We want to be able to build that up, so we need a motion to use other accounts to fund the Donna Allen for up to three years (the Mary Gardner and/or MAYS accounts) until the Donna Allen account is above the \$10,000 amount. Do we have a motion? - Abby makes a motion and Kelsey seconds the motion. Vote: 7 in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

# Notes from 2/27 Officer Meeting (3/3)

OK, again we're going to cancel the virtual book event and plan on recruiting people for that event next year instead.

The last thing on our agenda is that there are several award calls still open including the PF&REquity and Diversity Award with an April 15 deadline, and we've been asked to help out with the reviews of that award. Do we have any volunteers?

Abby, Kelsey and Yelena raise hands and are all willing to help (Yelena if they will accept graduate student help) we'll send those names to Ingrid Sturgis.

Call for new business:

Kelsey: Should we do a reminder for everyone to push out the fundraiser for International Women's Day?

Laura: Yes, that link is shared in the chat and we're sharing that in the newsletter and on socials starting March 1.

Abby: Requesting abstract award winners from regional conferences to put in the newsletter.

Laura: OK, anything else...? Alright, well thank you everyone we got our most important work done and just encourage people to submit to our awards that are being extended, donate to the fundraiser and have a happy International Women's Day!