

We Won't See You July 13-15 in Harrisburg Update on the 2020 Pennsylvania State Convention

The AAUW Pennsylvania Board has been monitoring events and advisories related to the COVID-19 pandemic. As you know, our first action was to delay our 2020 Convention from April until July in the hopes that we could bring to fruition our plans for an amazing celebration of 100 years of women's suffrage.

After conversations among the Board, and with the Central Hotel and Conference Center in Harrisburg, we have come to the sad conclusion that we must cancel the face-to-face 2020 Convention in Harrisburg in order to ensure the health and safety of our members and attendees.

BUT, AS THEY SAY ON LATE-NIGHT TELEVISION, "BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE!"

We are pursuing a number of options that could allow you to access some of the planned content from the 2020 Convention in other formats: webinars, recorded presentations, and/or interactive video-conferenced sessions, for example. As we said in our last message, We Are Persistent Women! And we are putting our collective energies together in search of creative ways to connect with AAUW members across Pennsylvania.

For now, here are some logistical details about the cancellation:

If your hotel reservation was made through the reserved block of rooms, your reservation has been canceled by the Hotel. If you made a reservation elsewhere or made a reservation outside the designated block of rooms, you'll need to cancel those arrangements yourself.

The Central Hotel has agreed to release us from our contractual obligations for the Convention, so you will be receiving a full refund of your 2020 Convention registration fee. You will be reimbursed using the same method with which you paid. If you sent a check, you will receive a check. If you paid through PayPal, you will receive a credit. Refunds will be processed in the next two weeks. Contact Mary Jo Buckwalter, Finance Officer, with questions at aauwpafinance@gmail.com.

We'd also like to ask that you consider converting your 2020 Convention registration fee to a (non-tax deductible) contribution to AAUW Pennsylvania. The coronavirus has further [exposed existing gender inequities](#), and there is more important work to do on behalf of Pennsylvania women and girls. If you wish to help out in this way, please contact Mary Jo Buckwalter before **Friday, May 8, 2020**, when she will be sending out refunds.