



Auburn Area Democratic Club

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AADC E-Board Meeting – July 17th, 2026

Officers Present: President Cindy Engen, Vice-President Don Ferguson, Controller Emily Gaber
Committee Chairs and CoChairs Present: Susan Roughgarden, Chair (Communications Committee); Sandy Floyd and Edlene McKenzie, Co-Chairs (Membership Committee); Gail Bartlow and Leslie Moonshine, Co-Chairs (Voter Registration and Outreach Committee)
Absent: Secretary Joan Jernegan

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:35.

II: Introduction

- Cindy Engen, President
 - Welcome & Housekeeping

President Cindy Engen welcomed everyone and noted Secretary Joan Jernegan was absent.

III: Approval of Minutes

- June 2026 E-Board Minutes

Gail Bartlow moved and Don Ferguson seconded to accept the June Executive Board minutes. Minutes were approved by a voice vote.

IV: Officer Updates

- President- Cindy Engen
 - Opinions of last Monthly Membership Meeting

President Engen reported on success of the recent July Monthly Membership Meeting which was intended to (1) communicate the important work of the AADC Standing Committees; (2) recruit more volunteers, and (3) inspire members to consider a leadership position in the future. She thanked Susan Roughgarden for preparing the small group activity during the “breakout” session.

- Speakers for August Monthly Membership meeting

Communication Chair Susan Roughgarden is working with Julann Brown to get Ami Bera to either attend the AADC Monthly Membership Meeting, in person or on zoom before the election. Roughgarden will also invite down ballot candidates for local offices to a future meeting, as well as to the annual AADC picnic on Aug 29.

Roughgarden also reported that PCDCC is arranging to host events for individual candidates at Gomez center throughout the campaign season.

- Vice-President – Don Ferguson
 - Volunteer List

Vice-President Ferguson reported on the difficulty of getting volunteers to commit and suggested on a focus of getting people to do one specific task.

- Takeaways from Coffee and Conversation

Ferguson reported that attendance at Coffee and Conversation (C&C) remains steady with 12-15 people weekly. He also reported that his recently completed guide on writing to elected officers (and others) came directly from suggestions made at C&C.
(The guide will be added to the AADC website for all to use.)

- Emily Gaber – Controller
 - Summation AADC finances

Controller Emily Gaber reviewed the monthly financial report, noting cancellation of Canva subscription and outstanding obligations for Peace Camp scholarships (in memory of Leslye Janusz and Millie Livingston) and one of the two college scholarships awarded for 2026.

V: Committee Updates

- Communications – Chair Susan Roughgarden

Chair Susan Roughgarden reviewed members of the Communications Committee and clarified that Emily Gaber remains on all distribution lists for this committee for purposes of keeping the AADC website up to date.

Chair Roughgarden requested updates to website concerning time-sensitive posts, such as in Memorial notices, award recipients, and the August picnic flyer. Roughgarden encouraged recruiting another person with website skills for continuity's sake and to serve as backup when Emily Gaber is unavailable.

- Membership – CoChairs Sandy Floyd and Edlene McKenzie

Floyd reported that 44 AADC members and 1 guest attended the July 9 Monthly Membership Meeting.

Floyd provided a summary of Membership renewal efforts for the 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 membership year: The current AADC roster (July 17, 2026), contains 169 members. On 30 June 2026, (the close of the previous membership year), there were 246 members; 80 members have not renewed, despite email reminders and phone calls. The Membership Committee will contact non-renewing members one more time, reminding them of the importance of our membership count for the upcoming Assembly Delegates convention for the 2028 election cycle. Chair Floyd sent thank you notes to recurring members who contribute monthly.

- Voter Registration and Outreach – CoChairs Gail Bartlow and Leslie Moonshine

Co-Chair Gail Bartlow reported on attempts to schedule a meeting of the committee to determine future leaders/co-leaders for Sierra College Tuesday team. The Voter Registration teams will return to Sierra College the week of August 17.

Bartlow also reported that 20 potential volunteers have signed up to help staff the Vote Center for the November election. Information on fingerprinting and training will be sent once received from Placer County Elections Office.

- Fundraising – (vacant) President Cindy Engen, reporting

President Cindy Engen reported that, so far, she has received no responses to the follow up emails sent to members who participated in in the small group “fundraising” discussion at the recent Monthly Membership meeting. Engen indicated that fundraising pressures have eased due to the successful fundraising so far and the upcoming picnic and November Vote Center.

- Community Engagement (vacant) President Cindy Engen & Communications Chair Susan Roughgarden reporting

No report at this time.

VI. Old Business

- Planning for August 29th Picnic
 - Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee – Don Ferguson, Susan Roughgarden, Cindy Engen, Tim Holocek. and Charlie Engen.

President Engen reported on the recent Ad Hoc Picnic Committee meeting that completed the picnic’s framework, including food from Costco, games, and music.

Susan Roughgarden shared that local artists have offered to donate art. She inquired about holding a silent art auction in conjunction with the picnic, but due to logistics, the art auction will be considered for a separate event after election season.

- Currently Promoting on Website & What’s Happening

The picnic flyer has been posted on the website and FB page, as well as included in the weekly *What's Happening* email blast.

- Sign ups so far

Only 8 people have signed up so far.

- What's Next?

Engen stated the Picnic Committee will meet in August to assign specific tasks to people.

VII. New Business

- Campaign Signs

President Cindy Engen shared an opportunity for AADC to purchase campaign signs in sets of 10 through the Placer County Democratic Central Committee (PCDCC) for local Congressional candidate (Ami Bera) and gubernatorial candidate (Xavier Becera) for \$10 per sign. She reported AADC would be allowed to keep any donations collected from distribution of these signs. Former Treasurer Gail Bartlow shared cost analysis of purchasing through PCDCC versus having our own signs made and benefits of participating in PCDCC offer.

Leslie Moonshine moved and Cindy Engen seconded for AADC to purchase 30 signs for each candidate, Xavier Becera and Ami Bera. The motion passed with 7 yeas and 1 abstention.

- Help need at office for election season

Leslie Moonshine provided overview of “office staffing” for 2024 campaign season and suggested maintaining office hours for sign and postcard distribution on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 10-1, once campaign signs arrive. She will forward information on procedures designed in 2024. Gail Bartlow will forward inventory sheets for tracking signs and donations.

President Cindy Engen requested more information on canvassing operations. The discussion was tabled until more information and direction is shared from PCDCC and individual campaigns.

Susan Roughgarden shared information on Neighbor-to-Neighbor program that provides an opportunity to converse directly with one's own neighbors, similar to canvassing. The Executive Board asked her to arrange a speaker from this program for September's Monthly Membership Meeting.

VIII. Adjournment:

Without objection the meeting adjourned at 2:03 PM.