

Alison Mackenzie

Alison Mackenzie joined AAUW in 2013, as she was planning to retire in 2014. An important fact: she has held a position since the first year she joined OML. (Take note of that new members!) Being told that she would meet many members if she joined hospitality, she made lots of coffee those first two years. She then served as AAUW Fund CO-VP for one year with Jan Cushman. She says she really met everyone when she served as Membership Co-VP for 3 years with Mary Levey. Working at the name-tag table is highly recommended as a way to learn names with faces. Alison accepted the position of Co-President-Elect with Marielle and served for a year and a half.

Alison's major OML involvement is with Burckhalter where she works in the library for 2 mornings a week, before COVID-19, and is hoping to return in some capacity this school year. She wants you to know that one does not have to be a librarian or a teacher to work at Burckhalter.

Alison is an attorney and her longest and last job was 35 years as an Administrative Law Judge with the California Department of Social Services doing administrative hearings. Because of this experience, Alison gave a talk, at her second OML meeting after joining, on the new Affordable Care Act, as one of her responsibilities when she was working was to train people in the new law.

Alison realizes this year will be a tough year and hopes we will be able to get together in person in 2021. Her primary goal is that while we are apart we can maintain connection through interesting and involving meetings and groups even though we have to do it by Zoom. She wants every member to feel a part of the group and wants to lend a hand wherever needed to further our mission of improving the lives of women and girls.