Public Policy:

Trivia Time!

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You never know when you might need to use the following information!

1. Why is 2025 a special year in the world?

2025 is a special year—not just because of world events or personal milestones, but mathematically! It's a perfect square: $45 \times 45 = 2025$. Perfect square years are rare, and given typical human lifespans, 2025 is likely the only one most people alive today will experience to prove they themselves are not square!

2. Which date is the 100th day of the year?

April 10 is the 100th day of the year (101st in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar; 265 days remain until the end of the year. Remember the 100th day celebrations in kindergartens celebrating the fact that 4-5-6 year olds had counted to 100? Fun times.

Google aauw-first 100-days-fact-sheet

3. Who are the elected Public Policy Directors at the State level?

A shoutout to Amy Hom and Melissa (Missy) Maceyko, co-chair directors reelected to serve for two more years. They keep us up to date on all things that apply to Public Policy at both National and State levels. A HUGE workload!

4. Are there new Public Priorities for 2025-2027?

NO, but, the wording of some items was changed to make the priorities more specific.

Priority 1. Economic Security for All Women no changes

Priority 2. Equal Access to Quality Public Education for all Students, including:

Vigorous enforcement of Title IX (New Wording: provisions that protect against discrimination on the basis of sex in any educational progress or activities).

(New Wording: Increased support for and protection of STEM programs for girls and women)

Opposition to (New Wording: **diversion**) of public funds to nonpublic elementary and secondary schools and charter schools that do not meet public school civil rights and accountability standards.

Priority 3. Social and Racial Justice for ALL Members of Society, including:

Equal access to quality affordable housing, a healthy environment (New Wording: and health care, including gender affirming care)

Guarantee of civil and constitutional right for all, including all forms of gender identity and expression, and all family structures; (New Wording: support for efforts to resist anti-immigrant policies which infringe on those rights, including protection of students from privacy violations and immigration raids on campus).

Priority 4. Increased Representation of Women in Leadership Roles no Changes

Google AAUW CA Public Policy Priorities revised to view the full document

5. What is our Mission Statement?

If you have forgotten, practice right now: "AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy."

6. WELL DONE!