

**AAUW North Carolina
Annual Spring Board Meeting Minutes
4:30 PM March 25, 2011
High Point, NC**

Karla Atkinson and Lill Van Order shared the meeting and recording. Lill called the meeting to order 4:30pm with a welcome. We also announced some last minute room changes for the next day.

Karla called the roll and declared a quorum present.

Fifteen of twenty branches were represented by the president or the president's delegate to the Board meeting: Asheville, Brevard, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Gaston Regional, Greensboro, Hendersonville, High Country, Raleigh-Wake County, Sandhills-Southern Pines, Statesville, Tar Heel Branch, Tryon Area, Wilmington and WinstonSalem.

Absent were Bryson City, Eden, Jacksonville Regional, Salisbury and Twin Rivers branches.

The minutes of the April 2010 board meeting were summarized. Peg Holmes moved and Denny McGuire seconded the approval of these minutes.

Mary Fran Schickedantz presented the financial review and proposed budget. This was approved with corrected dates.

A reading committee for these minutes was appointed. The readers are Doris Bernlohr, Grace Knechtel, and Peg Holmes.

Brief Updates: The rest of the board meeting consisted of brief updates and discussion of various aspects of AAUW-NC.

Mary Fran Schikedantz reported on the **Mini Grants** and some comments were made by branch presidents present.

An opportunity to discuss **branch programs** followed the mini grant discussion. Branch representatives that spoke were Wilmington, Chapel Hill, Twin Rivers, Greensboro, and Brevard.

There was a very brief discussion of the new structure. Much of this discussion had taken place in the branches.

Tar Heel News discussion: Nancy Shoemaker talked a bit about an AAUWNC weekly email list that members can subscribe to. It has everything that is posted to the state facebook page but loads like an e-newsletter. It also collects weekly headlines.

Nancy also mentioned that there are newsletter systems, but we still need an editor for the THN. We publish 1-2 newsletters in paper format a year. In between we have weekly or bi-monthly bulletin. For a statewide newsletter we have to have an editor. An appeal went out to the branches for someone to learn and be willing to do that.

Public Policy Updates: We are fairly well informed about national public policy thanks to national and members of various branches who keep us informed. The emphasis of this discussion was state public policy. Karla handed out "Contact Information for Legislative Updates in North Carolina". These websites are helpful to keep abreast of upcoming legislature. She also had a "North Carolina Public Policy Update (March 2011)" that listed bills that would come before the session shortly. This spurred a conversation about how we can help members become more in tune with the state legislature.

Susan Penfold from Tryon suggested that branches "adopt a bill" and follow it. The adopting branch could keep the rest of us informed. We would create a system of "public policy watchers"- this needs more discussion. Susan Penfold, Nancy Shoemaker, Denny McGuire and Mary Peterson formed an ad hoc committee to discuss this further.

AAUW National Election Overview: Karla gave a review and timeline of the upcoming first time "one member one vote" at the national level.

Branch President Council: (Note: the Branch Advocate VP would work with this group. It is a new concept which forms a group for the branch presidents that can connect and work together.) This discussion was started to get ideas flowing about this new area.

A lot could be done by conference calls.

How will it be organized? Branch Advocate VP sets expectations Branch Advocate VP knowledgeable of branches and can help link people We need ongoing communication among branches Keep a flow of communication between this council and the state board Get to know people and their talents At first be a little like an ad hoc committee but needs structure as well. Meet more than once a year- perhaps regionally or thematic meetings Meetings can also be webinars Meetings are an opportunity to try new technology Meetings be welcoming

The discussions and meeting was adjourned at 6pm.

Submitted by Lill Van Order and Karla Atkinson (Appointed Recorders)

Committees formed at this meeting: Reading Committee: Doris Bernlohr, Grace Knechtel, and Peg Holmes. State Public Policy Ad Hoc committee: Susan Penfold, Nancy Shoemaker, Denny McGuire and Mary Peterson