

AAUW NC Convention Business Meeting
April 1, 2006
New Bern, North Carolina

President Joanne Hill called the meeting to order at 1: 45 PM.

On behalf of host branches Jacksonville Regional and Twin Rivers/New Bern, Twin Rivers President Ellen Govesky welcomed the group to the convention weekend. Several announcements were made regarding the weekend schedule and events.

The roll was called.

Branches Present/Representatives

Asheville/Shirley Quisenberry, Proxy
Brevard/Barbara Wolfe, President Elect
Chapel Hill/Mary Paterson, President
Charlotte/Diane Johnson, President
Franklin County/Etta Alston, President
Gaston Regional/D'Ann Vance, Member
Greensboro/Sue Metz, Proxy
Hendersonville/Rusty Bradke, Proxy
High Point/Mary Stephens, President
Jacksonville Regional/JoAnn Hall, President
Raleigh/Wake/Barbara White, Member
SandHills/Southern Pines/Lois McCarthy, President
Statesville/Pat Abell, President
Twin Rivers/New Bern/Ellie Govesky, President
Wilmington/Phyllis Guberman, President
Winston Salem/Ellen Morris, President

Total Number of Branches Represented: 16

Total Number of Branches NOT Represented: 6

Officers and Committees Represented:

Joanne Hill, President
Judy Atkinson, Program Vp
Evelyn Mercer, Membership; VP
Millie Hoffler-Foushee, Treasurer
Karla Atkinson, Secretary
Rusty Bradke, EF
Barbara Ann Hughes, State PP
Mary Stephens, Federal PP
Marty Folsom, Communications
Queen Thompson, Diversity
Lil van Order, LAF
Shirley Quisenberry, International
Lois Ward, Parliamentarian
Joanne Hall, Finance
Lola Jackson, College/University Relations
Nancy Shoemaker, President Elect
Evelyn Lynge, Corresponding Secretary
Elizabeth Laney, Resolutions
Grace Knechtel, Nominating Committee

Total Number of Officers/Committees Represented: 19
Total Number of Officers/Committees NOT Represented: 4

The minutes of the Spring Convention in Asheville on April 16-17, 2005 were adopted as presented.

A reading committee was appointed which included Lois Ward, Etta Allston and Phyllis Guberman.

Joanne Hill offered greetings from SAR Director Leslie Henderson. No special guests or coalition partners were present.

Credential Committee Report - Evelyn Lange

Officers	6
Branch presidents	12
Branch representatives	15
Board members	18
Delegates	17
First time attendees	13
Past presidents	4
General members	23
Guests	<u>11</u>
TOTAL:	91

Parliamentarian Lois Ward read the meeting rules which were adopted.

NOTE: All committee reports in this business meeting were identical to the reports given at the Board meeting the previous night (March 31), except where additional details are noted in these business minutes.

President's Report - Joanne Hill

Joanne indicated she had wanted to have more time to visit individual branches during her term in office.

The results of Association's Every Member Poll are now available. Joanne will post highlights of these findings on the AAUW NC list serve, since she received them just a day ago from Association.

President Elect's Report - Nancy Shoemaker

Nancy summarized a few of the highlights from the poll which AAUW NC conducted among its branches. Six branches have been removed from the roll. Membership has been declining over the last few years. The results from the poll will be used by the Board to identify what branches have specific skills to share and what branches may be weak in some skill areas. Twelve of 18 branches reported they are doing good-to-well in the technology area. Nancy commented that all branches are composed primarily of older members which points to a need to diversify by age,

The new committee structure will be designed around six areas: advocacy, events, communications, fundraising, membership/leadership development and administration. She noted that the new committee structure is a "work in progress" that will succeed only if board members take responsibility for the health of AAUW NC.

More information on the committee structure, its purpose, design, etc. will be forthcoming, as will details about the results from the recent poll among branches

Treasurer's Report - Millie Hoffler-Foushee

\$900 was spent for the mini grant program,. The CDs have matured and been reinvested. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

Membership Report - Evelyn Mercer

Two 50-year members were added to the AAUW NC membership: Mary Lou Howell and Dorothy Roerke.

Nomination and Election of Officers - Grace Knechtel

The nominating committee proposed a slate of officers to include Barbara White as Membership VP and Karla Atkinson, Secretary. The motion to accept the slate was offered, seconded and approved. President Hill called for other nominations from the floor, Hearing none, she asked that the slate be approved by acclamation. The membership agreed by consensus and by voice vote, the slate was approved.

Appointment of a Nominating Committee

Etta Allston (Franklin County) and Pat Abell (Statesville) were appointed to the nominating committee. Additional appointments to the nominating committee will be made tomorrow at the second business meeting session, to bring the total number on this committee to 5 appointees. The committee will be making nominations for the offices of president elect, treasurer and program vice president.

Finance Committee Report - JoAnn Hall

JoAnn reviewed the budget which the Board approved at their meeting on March 31, 2006 (see earlier notes).

Bylaws - Joanne Hill

See earlier notes.

IFUW - Shirley Quisenberry

Shirley reviewed briefly the history of the relationship between Association and IFUW. AAUW dues to IFUW have been in arrears for the last few years because of Association's tenuous financial situation and the financial restructuring which Association has been undertaking. Negotiations are ongoing between IFUW and Association to determine how Association might honor its dues payments to IFUW. Currently Association has stated it will not conduct a specific fundraising campaign to pay past IFUW dues of \$300,000. Instead Association is willing to encourage individual contributions to IFUW but is not willing to incur any significant administrative expense to promote such a campaign.

Shirley moved that "education about AAUW's history with the International Federation of University Women and its current relationship with IFUW be included in branch programming and newsletters to help AAUW NC members respond to AAUW's possible new role within international women's issues." The motion was seconded.

Discussion centered briefly on the willingness of branches to send contributions to IFUW through Association, given Association's financial history.

The motion then carried with no dissenting votes.

Diversity - Queen Thompson

Queen reiterated her position that branches should have a program of study or activity which continues discussions of diversity. To that end, Queen moved that "AAUW NC adopt Tim Tyson's book, Blood Done Sign My Name, as a statewide branch book read and discussion for 2006-2007. The motion was seconded. Discussion emphasized that each branch can design its own program to use this book as a venue for programming and/or discussion. The motion then carried with one dissenting vote.

EF - Rusty Bradke

Approximately \$450 has been donated to date through the sale of raffle tickets for the branch baskets at convention.

LAF - Lil van Order

Association is trying to find ways to streamline giving to LAF, now that EF and LAF have merged. More information will be forthcoming.

College/University Relations - Lola Jackson

No report.

Federal Public Policy - Mary Stephens

See earlier notes. Mary Peterson urged people to watch the budget negotiations at the federal level and warned that budget allocations for programs which are AAUW priorities are being cut.

State Public Policy - Barbara Ann Hughes

See earlier notes.

21st Century Recognition Programs - Nancy Shoemaker

Platinum awards were given to the Greensboro, Brevard, Bryson City and Winston Salem branches. All other AAUW NC branches received gold recognition.

Corresponding Secretary - Evelyn Lange

Evelyn suggested that conference participation might be increased at next year's convention if branch host members could offer accommodations to convention attendees.

Resolutions - Elizabeth Laney

No report.

Communications - Marty Folsom

See earlier notes.

21st Century Recognition - Nancy Shoemaker

Nancy announced that 5 branches had received mini grant funds this year: Franklin County, Sandhills., Greensboro, Brevard and High Country (new branch). She thanked the judges who reviewed the mini-grant applications.

She announced that power point presentations from Association would be shown tomorrow at the second session of the business meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3: 20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karla Atkinson, Secretary