

AAUW NC Winter Board Meeting
Minutes of March 31, 2006
New Bern, North Carolina

President Joanne Hill called the meeting to order at 7:28 PM.

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

The roll was called.

Branches Present/Representatives

Brevard/Barbara Wolfe, President Elect
Chapel Hill/Mary Paterson, President
Charlotte/Diane Johnson, President
Franklin County/Etta Alston, President
Gaston Regional/Bernie Carpenter, President
Greensboro/Lola Jackson, Member
Hendersonville/Rusty Bradke, Proxy
High Point/Mary Stephens, President
Jacksonville Regional/Joanne Hall, President
SandHills/Southern Pines/Lois McCarthy, President
Statesville/Pat Abell, President
Wilmington/Phyllis Guberman, President
Winston Salem/Ellen Morris, President

Total Number of Branches Represented: 13

Total Number of Branches NOT Represented: 9

*Total Number of Branches NOT INCLUDED in Final Count: 8

Total Number of Branches INCLUDED in Final Count: 14

* These branches have not been represented at the last 3 Board meetings and therefore will not be included in future Board meetings to determine a final count for a quorum: Asheville, Bryson City, Cherokee County, Eden, Kinston, Salisbury, Tryon and Twin Rivers/New Bern. Any of these branches that are represented at future Board meetings will then be included in the quorum count.

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
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: 18
Total Number of Officers/Committees NOT Represented: 5

The minutes of the October 29, 2005 Board meeting were adopted as presented.

A reading committee was appointed which included Lois Ward, Etta Allston and Pat Abell.

President's Report - Joanne Hill

Joanne commented on the success of initiatives which were instituted during the past year: the AAUW NC 100 Club, scholarships for college women to attend the June 2006 conference in Washington, strategic planning sessions which focused on ReConnection Committee goals, and Association's adoption of a new program theme and sexual harassment programs begun on college campuses throughout the state.

President Elect's Report - Nancy Shoemaker

Nancy invited all AAUW NC members to feel comfortable offering any new ideas on "the way things are done" throughout her upcoming term as president. She noted that new additions to the web site will provide a forum for doing so.

She explained that the new Board structure which relies on six committees was designed to support the branches as well as support Board members as they carry out the vision of AAUW.

She briefly reviewed summary findings from the branch surveys which were conducted a few months ago and stated that the new structure will rely on these findings to better match the needs of the branches with support activities of AAUW NC.

Treasurer's Report - Millie Hoffler-Foushee

Millie noted that her report was a budget update, rather than an official treasurer's report. To date \$12,933 of the projected \$16,490 income for 205-2006 has been received. Total expenses to date are \$7,335, with significant convention expenses expected to be received before the end of the year. Currently \$15,778 is in the checking account and \$12,256 is in the checking account. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Program - Judy Atkinson

Judy gave special thanks to Queen Thompson who played a key role in planning the convention program, and to Mary Peterson and Joanne Hill for their assistance as host branches for the convention.

She announced that Winston Salem is already at work in planning to host next year's convention in April 2007.

She urged the Board to reconsider next year's allocation for the Program VP budget. She stated that the funds available this year were barely adequate to cover all the program costs associated with convention.

Membership - Evelyn Mercer

Evelyn reviewed the recent changes in AAUW membership requirements which were passed at the national convention in June. Dues for the upcoming year are \$45.

AAUW NC lost 4 members last year, dropping from 1007 members in 2005 to 1003 members this year. A new branch in the Boone area (High Country Branch) is in the process of gathering information to be formally recognized as a AAUW NC branch.

Three branches were removed from the state roles: Wilson, Rocky Mount and

Alamance.

A membership committee was appointed this year, with a representative from each of the five clusters in the state. Membership awards for increasing or maintaining branch membership will be given at the banquet tomorrow night.

Coalition Representatives

No coalition representatives were present, although Barbara Ann Hughes gave a report and distributed legislative information on behalf of the NC Coalition on Aging to which she is the AAUW NC liaison.

Finance - Joanne Hill

Joanne presented the proposed budget for 2006-2007. Two of six points which she outlined in a handout on the budget were discussed at length.

The need for convention to make a profit was stressed, as was the point that registration fees for future conventions may need to be increased to cover convention costs. Other options to insure a convention profit included efforts to increase the participation rate of attendees.

The second point of discussion was the need to identify more creative ways to raise funds, especially for program activities. Discussion centered on the possibility of hosting conventions every other year (rather than annually) and identifying exactly what the expected purposes of convention were.

A few members suggested that the budget should be balanced, rather than showing a deficit as the 2006-2007 budget outlined.

The motion to approve the 2006-2007 budget as presented was offered, seconded and approved.

Bylaws - Joanne Hill

The Bylaws position is currently vacant. Joanne reported that she has requested that all NC branches make the necessary changes to their bylaws which Association requires and send a copy of the corrected bylaws to her as soon as possible. Association requires that each state maintain such records and document that branches have made these changes by March 31, 2006.

International Affairs - Joanne Hill

Joanne reported that communications are continuing between IFUW and Association to see if some compromise can be reached on Association's dues to IFUW which are currently in arrears.

Diversity - Queen Thompson

Queen distributed a packet of information which outlined several ideas for addressing diversity at the state and branch level. She emphasized the importance of identifying a statewide efforts which branches could adopt, especially activities which would encourage branches to collaborate at the local level. Among the ideas suggested were branch surveys, community book reads, attention to nontraditional vocational careers for women, international community festivals, career fairs and kits which develop business/finance skills for students in schools.

Queen will propose a statewide project at tomorrow's business meeting.

EF - Rusty Bradke

AAUW NC raised more funds for EF this year compared to last year. Over \$32,000 was sent to EF from the state.

This year AAUW NC supported the Ann Chipley Fund (\$7000) and the Research/Project Grant of the Charlotte branch (\$4000). She encouraged branches to continue giving to these funds. Branches will be honored at the banquet tomorrow evening

for their gifts to EF.

LAF -Lil Van Order

AAUW NC raised more funds for LAF this year compared to last year. \$7818 was sent to LAF from the state. Nineteen of 23 branches gave to LAF this year.

AAUW NC again received a LAF travel grant this year which allowed an LAF plaintiff to attend and speak at this year's LAF breakfast.

Lil reminded the Board that LAF and EF are now merged at the national level. She also noted that the sexual harassment publication has received strong publicity at the state and national level.

College/University Relations - Lola Jackson

No report.

Federal :Public Policy - Mary Stephens

Mary distributed a packet of information which detailed several important public policy issues. These included, among other issues, policies on children of immigrants, women's health issues, sexual harassment on campus and the National Women's History Museum.

State Public Policy - Barbara Ann Hughes

Barbara updated the Board on other organizations' activities for whom she is the AAUW NC liaison. North Carolina Women United has a report card which she made available to convention attendees. June 20 is Advocacy Day. The Covenant with North Carolina also has updated information on their legislative efforts. Democracy North Carolina is urging support of public finance reform initiatives.

Corresponding Secretary - Evelyn Lynge

No report.

Communications - Marty Folsom

Marty reviewed an outline of a proposal to redesign the format of the Tar Heel News and save publication expenses for the paper. She asked branches to take the proposal back for consideration and further discussion at the summer Board meeting. She is also looking at more options to download the THN from the internet. Deadlines were announced for the next summer issue.

Nominating Committee - Grace Knechtel

Grace thanked the nominating committee and on behalf of the committee, recommended Barbara White as Membership VP Elect and Karla Atkinson as Secretary.

Resolutions - Elizabeth Laney

No report.

21st Century Recognition Program

AAUW NC will be applying for recognition from Association by the April 12 deadline. She reminded the Board of the new telephone line which is available to those who do not want to go on line for AAUW NC information. She announced that some of the business of the summer board meeting should be aimed at beginning to work on aligning the policies with the new bylaws. She gave an update on the status of the efforts in the Boone area to formally organize as the High Country branch.

LAF Applications

Queen Thompson raised the issue of LAF and its applicability to areas other than

sex discrimination in higher education. She asked the group if branches might be more supportive of LAF if the program was tied to sex discrimination in the (general) work force.

Important Upcoming Dates

SAR/SEC Regional Meeting in Birmingham , AL	June 9-11, 2006
AAUW NC Summer Board in Sandhills, NC	July 14-15, 2006
AAUW NC Fall Board in Statesville	TBA
AAUW NC Convention in Winston Salem	April 20-22, 2007

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karla Attkinson, Secretary