

AAUW NC Convention Business Meeting
Saturday April 21, 2007
Winston Salem, NC

President Nancy Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM. She noted that the reading committee for the minutes of this meeting was appointed last evening at the Board meeting.

She called the roll and noted the anniversary date of each branch present: A quorum was present. These branches were represented:

Brevard
Chapel Hill
Charlotte
Eden
Gaston Regional
Greensboro
High Country
High Point
Jacksonville Regional
Raleigh/Wake
Salisbury
Sand Hills/Southern Pines
Statesville
Tryon
Twin Rivers/New Bern
Wilmington
Winston Salem

Total number of branches represented: 17

Total number of branches NOT represented: 4

Report of Credentials Committee

Pat Tilley reported the following for the Committee:

18 Chairs of Delegations
14 Delegates
19 Other leadership position delegates
1 College/university delegate

The report was accepted as filed.

A motion to accept the proposed meeting rules was offered, seconded and approved.

Nancy thanked all the Board members for their work this past year, especially outgoing Program VP Judy Atkinson, Treasurer Millie Hoffler-Foushee and retiring Parliamentarian Lois Ward.

A motion to amend the agenda by shortening the Reports/Award section by fifteen minutes was offered, seconded and approved.

Minutes of Last Convention Business Meeting

The April 1-2, 2006 minutes from the New Bern meeting were amended to correct the spelling of Evelyn Lyng and Mary Louise Hile. A motion to accept these minutes as amended was offered, seconded and approved.

All committee reports as filed were accepted by consensus.

Financial Statements

Millie Hoffler-Foushee presented the financial statement for the 2006 fiscal year and thanked Betty Runion of Brevard for assisting with the outside review of this document.

Nancy noted that the March 2007 treasurer's report and budget worksheet has been discussed at last night's Board meeting. Branch presidents should receive a final copy of the 2007-2008 budget by June 1, 2007.

Nominating Committee Report

Pat Abell, Chair of the Nominating Committee, thanked the committee members who included Connie Ocshe, Geline Lineberger, Elizabeth Laney and Etta Alston.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate for the membership's consideration.

President Elect - Millie Hoffler-Foushee

Treasurer - Mary Fran Schickedantz

Program Co Vice Presidents - Lou Dean Howard, Etta Alston

Two candidates (Hoffler-Foushee and Schickedantz) made a few remarks and a note from Etta Alston was read.

The Program Vice Presidents and Treasurer will serve a two-year term. The President Elect will serve for one year, then for two years as President.

Nancy called for nominations from the floor for each position. Hearing none, she declared the nominations closed.

A motion to accept the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee was offered, seconded and approved.

Appointment of New Nominating Committee

The bylaws call for the appointment of a five member Nominating Committee: Four women volunteered to serve on the committee: Elizabeth Laney/High Country, Janet Weber/Raleigh-Wake, Pat Tilley/Winston Salem and Mary Stephens/High Point.

A motion to approve the appointment of these four committee members was offered, seconded and approved.

A motion to "empower the Executive Committee to fill the fifth vacancy on the Nominating Committee" was offered, seconded and approved.

Bylaws Amendments

Two amendments to the Bylaws were proposed.

One proposed amendment would add a paragraph to Article X: Board of Directors, Section 2 Powers and Duties. The paragraph would read:

b. Branch Supervision

(3) Special support to one branch. The state Board of Directors may give special support to one branch which is established to serve the entire state. This support may include appointing members of the State to fill branch positions required by the Association.

This support shall be accord with the bylaws of the branch. Those members appointed by the State to serve in branch roles shall be required to join the branch.

Discussion focused on the the payment of dues for members of such a branch, development of their bylaws and membership requirements. Nancy noted that the greatest advantage of adopting this bylaw amendment is that MALs could join AAUW NC, assume a "low profile" yet still enjoy the privilege of using the AAUW name in their local community.

A motion to accept this first bylaws amendment as presented was offered, seconded and approved.

A second amendment would empower AAUW NC to set dues for MALs. The amendment would read:

Article V: Membership

Section 2 Members at Large: A member-at-large of the Association may become a member-at-large of the state upon payment of state dues...

AND

Article VI; Fiscal Affairs

Section 2. Dues.

- a. The annual state dues for branch members shall be fixed by a two-thirds vote of the state convention upon recommendation of the State Board of Directors, provided...

AND

- d. A member-at-large belonging to the state shall pay the current annual state dues for at-large members which includes an annual subscription to the state publication. State dues for at-large members shall be established by the State Board of Directors. Dues are payable on...

A motion to accept this second proposed bylaws change as presented was offered, seconded and approved.

New Business and Resolutions

Mary Peterson reviewed the support which the advocacy leadership team continues to receive from two organizations which provide updated information, materials, etc. to herself and team members. She suggested that AAUW NC express their thanks to the NC Justice Center and Action for Children North Carolina.

A motion "to make a \$75 donation this year to the NC Justice Center" was offered, seconded and approved,

A motion to " send \$50 in 2007 to Action for Children North Carolina to support their legislative updates on bills in the General Assembly" was offered, seconded and approved.

A resolution to commend Clara Allen for her years of service and leadership to AAUW NC was read by Elizabeth Laney. The motion to accept this resolution was offered, seconded and approved. The resolution will be sent to Clara Allen along with birthday greetings from the state.

Legislative Issues

Mary Peterson reported that Advocacy Day will be held at the capitol on May 22, 2007 beginning at 9:30 am. The event will have speakers, a press conference and appointments with state legislators.

Tuesday, April 24, is Equal Pay Day. Association's latest release of the report, "Behind the Pay Gap," will be helpful to branches to promote awareness of this issue. Sample press releases are available on the web site.

Awards

Barbara White distributed several awards to branches which have demonstrated at least a 5% increase in membership in one year.

Lil Vanorder presented awards to branches which made significant branch and per capita contributions of Association, EF and LAF.

100 Club Information

Nancy Shoemaker reviewed the criteria for joining the 100 Club. Four branches were cited for having won at least one membership award, one fundraising award and being a member of the 100 Club: Brevard, Greensboro, Statesville and Wilmington.

Noteworthy Branch Projects

Several branches gave an overview of their project(s) which have proved successful and given the branch more visibility. These included:

Brevard: "Dollars and Sense" - a three part seminar teaching women financial skills.

Greensboro: Bennett Middle College - a collaboration with Bennett College to work with and support at-risk young women.

Raleigh/Wake: "Moms Turn to Learn" - an outreach program to provide information on options for women's college education.

Gaston Regional "Music Through the Centuries - a community event which tells the story of the roles of women in music throughout history.

Tryon: Nonpartisan Voter Guide and scholarships for girls to attend science summer camp at Clemson University.

Charlotte: "Cooking by Degrees" - publication of a cookbook with recipes from other branch members as a fundraiser.

Convention in 2008

Special guest "Flossie Fontaine from Alabama" made a dramatic entrance before issuing a formal invitation from the Greensboro branch for all AAUW NC members to attend the convention in Greensboro on April 18-19, 2008.

Nancy asked for a show of hands by those planning to attend Association convention in Phoenix in June. Other Presidential remarks were waived.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 pm until tomorrow morning.

Sunday April 22 Business Wrap-Up

Advocacy Leadership Team Report

Following Board discussion on Friday night, Mary Peterson announced that the Ad Hoc Committee had answered the Board questions and that minor revisions in the document had been suggested and were approved.

She proposed that AAUW NC submit an impact grant and that \$800 be allocated to support the printing of the Youth Advocacy Tool Kit. Nancy and Shelia Bossopo-Moyo will review the final draft of the materials.

Given the time constraints on Sunday morning, and the fact that no quorum could be established at that time, those present at the business meeting agreed that the AAUW NC Board should make a final decision to approve or disapprove the proposal/motion. (Polling the Board electronically to take a vote is an approved process in the AAUW

NC Bylaws.)

Installation of Officers

Leslie Henderson, SAR Director, installed the following officers: President Elect - Millie Hoffler-Foushee; Treasurer - Mary Fran Schickedantz; and Program Co Vice Presidents - Lou Dean Howard and Etta Alston.

Continuing officers Barbara White, Nancy Shoemaker and Karla Atkinson were thanked and encouraged to support the incoming officers.

Nancy ended the meeting at 10:50 am by thanking everyone for attending and encouraged people to go to Phoenix for Association convention.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karla Atkinson, Secretary