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Dear Branch President,

Spring! A busy season for AAUW! Enjoy your luncheons, school visits, and fundraisers and I do hope to see you in Winston-Salem!

I hope to see many of you at Convention. If you have to miss the April 20-22 event in Winston-Salem, please consider asking a proxy to represent you at the Friday evening board meeting. This proxy can be someone from another branch. If you won't be at the Saturday business session, someone else in your branch may be the delegation chair at the business meeting on Saturday, and your branch is allocated additional delegates based on the number of members as of February 1. Every branch gets at least two votes at the AAUW NC convention (the branch president/delegation chair and one additional vote for every 25 members or major fraction).

We depend on the branches to help set the direction for AAUW NC, and this is done primarily at the board meetings. As an example, there have been few applications for the mini-grants. As a branch president, you have a voice at the AAUW NC board table where decisions are made on how to spend AAUW NC money. If you have other ideas (travelships for the AAUW convention in Phoenix?) please bring them to the April 20 board meeting or contact me.

Finally, we have no special "pool" of volunteers for AAUW NC. We depend on the branches to encourage their members to take a turn at helping to run the state organization. If anyone in your branch would be interested in serving on the 2007-2008 board or any of our teams, please have them contact me about opportunities. We are also looking for volunteers to be nominated for election to the 2007-2008 nominating committee – those who will find candidates for membership vice president and secretary for 2008-2010. Those willing to serve should contact me.

All the best,

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### **Convention reminders**

- Do consider bringing a **display about your best branch project**. If nothing else, please bring 40 copies of a newsletter article about the project to share with the other branches and board members.
- The **public policy brochure** has been delivered to your NC legislators. For more information, see the 3/18 news item.
- Don't forget we'll **be raffling branch baskets** at convention. Cards like the one enclosed will allow you to designate the raffle funds associated with your basket.
- **Convention rate is available at the hotel until March 21**. Call the Hawthorne at 877-777-3099 to reserve a room.
- Please review the attached **proposed bylaws changes and ensure all your branch delegates have copies**. Please contact me if you have comments or questions.
- Do encourage your active members to consider documenting their AAUW hours and joining **the 100 Club**. The form and pictures of the premiums for those who join with a \$100 donation are attached. For more information see the 3/18 news item.
- Check the enclosed **membership and donation reports** and let me know if there are any errors. They will be the basis for awards at Convention.

### **Other notes**

- Please return **the program and diversity survey** soon to help your state board understand what's happening in the branches.
- The branch recognition program form is due May 15.

### **Additional highlights from <http://news.aauwnc.org> since December**

- **A new section on Girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math** – <http://www.aauw-nc.org/wp/category/stem/> - with additional info on the NGCP project (see page 12 of the Tar Heel News)
- **Equal Pay Day is coming: April 24** (03/07/2007) Info on the Pay Equity Resource kit and other ideas.
- **Financial Literacy Materials** (02/15/2007) - Information on branch/state programs dealing with financial literacy as distributed on the AAUW Theme Team mailing list.
- **Report from NC Conference for Women** (01/03/2007) results of those polls (which parallel, to some degree, the votes in the Women's Agenda Assembly) are now available
- **International Affairs Teleseminar Announced** (12/22/2006) – Check out the International “program in a box”.
- **Next steps for Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security** (12/19/2006) Read about the latest research on “Planning for an Economically Secure Future” and the campus action projects that will extend the initial research.