

AAUW NC Board Meeting

Conference Call, January 25, 2017

Meeting Notes

Jean D'Addario, AAUW NC Co-President, called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM on January 25, 2017. Participants were Sandra McLaurin, JoAnn Hall, Karla Atkinson, Peg Holmes, Diane Schneider, Nancy Shoemaker, Cherrie Wheaton and Denny McGuire.

Jean D'Addario welcomed Diane Schneider to the Board as a replacement for Donna Wilson as the Branch Advocate. She also announced that Ellen Garbarino had resigned from the board as the STEM advocate for personal reasons.

A Finance Report by State Treasurer JoAnn Hall followed. As of June 30, 2016, AAUW NC had \$34,346.33 on hand. The budget for 2016-17 estimated Income of \$12,733.00 with estimated expenditures of \$22,350.00. The approved budget is higher than normal due to two factors. The Board approved an allocation of \$3500 for the Ann Chipley fund if needed to complete the fund. Second, 2017 includes an allocation for attending the national convention in Washington DC in June 2017. Note: Most income for the state is received in the June to July time frame as members pay their dues. The heaviest period of expenditures is around the Annual Meeting in the spring and with the printing and mailing of the Tar Heel News.

Board Liaison/Branch Reports were next on the agenda. Most of the discussion concerned Branch By-Laws. Jean has been working with both national staff and branch presidents to get all required changes made to local by-laws and to get final versions posted to the AAUW national web site. The changes should be completed by January 31, 2017. If they are not completed, a branch must submit a written request for an extension. Jean asked each member to follow up with their assigned local branches to ensure our completion of this task. Cherrie reported that the Greensboro branch has completed its transformation into a formal IRS approved 501-C3 non-profit. Jill Birdwhistell of the national staff acted as a consultant to the Greensboro branch in this change. It should help Greensboro seek funds from the Triad business community for its on-going STEM and other programs.

There was additional discussion about the value of having Board members serve as formal liaisons with individual branches. Nancy Shoemaker proposed sending a survey to the Branch Presidents prior to the Annual Meeting. (Jean said that since we had focused on a president's survey last year, we would be focusing this year at the President's Council meeting on communications and suggested that the new board follow up on this after this year's annual meeting.)

Diane Schneider, representing the President's Council and the Nominating Committee presented a proposed slate of officers for 20-17-19. The nominees are: Cherrie Wheaton and Jane Terwillinger as Co-Presidents and Diane Schneider as Branch Advocate. Note: Both JoAnn Hall and Peg Holmes have one year remaining in their terms of office.

Policies Update: In the past few years, several Committees have been involved in trying to bring AAUW NC's Board Operating Policies up to date. They are now ready for approval. Jean asked members of the Board to do a final review of the draft policies and to get her any recommended changes by **February**

10. Another conference call will be held to discuss any changes if needed. The intent of the Board is to have new policies posted by the annual meeting.

Annual Meeting Discussion: Draft agendas for both Friday March 31 and Saturday April 1 had been distributed prior to the conference call and were reviewed very favorably by the board members. Several items still required discussion. They included a decision on a restaurant for Friday evening's dinner. The Under Current restaurant is in easy walking distance from the hotel, would provide a private meeting room and a select menu but would charge \$100 for the use of the room. The second restaurant (Liberty Oaks) is a bit further away and would provide a select menu but no private meeting room. The Board chose the second option of the Liberty Oaks restaurant.

The second discussion item was the registration cost for the meeting itself. The annual meeting has needed additional financial support from the state budget, especially as the cost of meals and support for guests (AAUW National staff or board contacts and Scholarship Fellows in North Carolina) has increased. One option is to continue support in order to keep registration fees low in order to promote attendance. Another option was to start increasing the registration amount so as not to have a sudden increase in member's costs if the AAUW NC treasury is unable to continue supporting the meeting. A third option was to make the annual meeting self-supporting. There was very little support for increasing the registration fees at this time. Registration costs will be \$25.00 with a lunch cost of \$30.00 for the March-April 2017 meeting. Support was voiced for having a lower fee for student affiliates.

A third meeting discussion item was the author presentation and the provision of the award winning Juvenile Literature Award books. In the first years of donating books, a decision was made that the State Board would not mail books—they had to be picked up at the meeting. If a branch was not represented at the meeting, no copy of the book would be purchased for that branch. Several members of the board thought that it was time to change the process. All branches will be given one copy of the award winning book. As in the past, additional copies can be ordered at a reduced price. Jean reported that the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association was changing their category to Young People's Literature Award. She recommended that we change from Juvenile Literature Award to Young People's Literature Award. The board approved by acclamation. This name change will begin in the 2017-2018 award year.

The meeting concluded at approximately 5:15 PM.

Submitted by Denny McGuire