

**AAUWNC SUMMER BOARD MEETING  
JULY 29, 2016  
UNCG ALUMNAE HOUSE**

Those Present: Jean D’Addario, Sandra McLaurin, Peg Holmes, Donna Wilson, JoAnn Hall, Denny McGuire,  
Ellen Garbarino, Nancy Shoemaker, Karla Atkinson, Cherrie Wheaton

Peg Holmes was appointed Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Co President Jean D’Addario at 12:40 PM.

Jean thanked Peg for securing the use of the beautiful board room in the Alumni House at UNCG.

Jean reported that AAUWNC had met the AAUW deadline for the required ByLaws Updates. (See Attached) She also reported that 14 of the 18 Branches have submitted their Bylaws. She is working with 2 or 3 to assist with the needed updates. The updated Bylaws are on the Website.

**The Policies Committee** Mary Fran Schickedantz, Virginia Adamson, Jean D’Addario and Lill Van Order are current members of the committee. Lill and Jean Reviewed and updated the State Policies and included all of the recommendations of the previous committee. The committee incorporated the past Policies and Appendix A, meeting rules, and B, annual meeting; Appendix C was added to include the Juvenile Book Award. Jean acknowledged Lil Van Order for her assistance in updating the policies. The board suggested that in the policies the word “will” be changed to the word “shall”. If anyone has suggestions or comments/regarding the policy changes, contact Jean by September 15<sup>th</sup>. No action was required.

**Treasurer’s Report** was presented by JoAnn Hall and Co-President Sandra McLaurin. Much discussion ensued with changes to the recommendations reflected in the revised budget which is attached.

Budget was approved.

Sandra Reported on The State of Women Conference. A one-day conference was held by the White House – just about women for women. The speakers included: Vice President Joe Biden, Nancy Pelosi, Loretta Lynch, President Obama, Oprea Winfre, and Michelle Obama. The focus was “what can men do to help women”.

Sandra also reported that she also had visited and toured the new AAUW Headquarters Building. Lilly Ledbetter made a presentation.

It was brought to our attention that the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals has overturned some important parts of the North Carolina’s Voter Law, but not all of it.

Sandra presented us with reimbursement forms to fill out. The Board will be reimbursed as follows:

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| Annual Meeting            | \$60  |
| Semi Annual Board Meeting | \$50  |
| Total                     | \$110 |

**Branch Advocate**, Donna Wilson reported on the results of the President's Survey (2016 Annual Meeting) that was sent to all Branch Presidents. The major question was "How can we better communicate with you?" (President's survey results of Annual Meeting 2016 sent out with agenda.) Jean asked that we pay special attention to the comments made starting on page 3 related to questions numbered 6,7,9,10,11,12, especially the comments made at the end of the survey.

**STEM** Ellen Garbarino The STEM Committee has established goals for 2016 – 2017.

1. January 1, 2017 all branches report their anticipated STEM projects.  
July 1, 2017 report follow up on the status of their STEM project.
2. Improve communication with all branches about STEM.
3. By Spring 2017 all branches with successful STEM projects will share with other branches and post ideas on the state website.

Comments were made regarding the challenge of uploading bylaws and posting branch officers on the AAUW website. It was recommended that we encourage all branch presidents to list the new officers by the June 30 deadline.

#### **State Planning**

The board voted affirmatively on creating a Board/Branch Liaison for each branch to keep open the lines of communication. Sandra stated that she would make the board/branch assignments.. Each Board member will be given the names of two branches. More information will follow.

It has been suggested that there be a meeting of all the small branches. Denny is working on this. A comment was made about the cost of programs from AAUW (expensive) It was suggested that branches could use a mini grant for a Program in a Box.

**Public Policy** Denny reported the following:

Vouchers for Schools – funds are being made available for Muslim School (second largest group).

Christian Schools are the largest group.

Poorest and lowest performing are merging to become Charter Schools

Other topics that Denny mentioned: House Bill 2  
ERA NC Alliance – Denny to continue on this Board.

She also mentioned that 38 states have approved this Amendment (spa) 3 more states are needed for approve this amendment(spa). If it is not approved, the whole process will need to be repeated.

Women's Vote

Sandra moved and Peg seconded the motion to approve Denny's report.

### **Additional Public Policy**

Harassment and Bullying – Numbers are questionable; letters need to be sent to the Governors, DPI, a and State Superintendents. The numbers are available on the computer...2013 – 2014 ZERO reports of Bullying and Harassment. Many more states also reported zero. This information from State Superintendents. AAUW has sent letters to State School Superintendents.

### **Ann Chipley Fund**

\$9,000 is needed to complete the Fund. We need to work with the Branches for them to designate money for the Ann Chipley Fund. Branches need to be encouraged to contribute to the Ann Chipley Fund and to honor of members this year by contributing to the Ann Chipley Fund. In the President's Newsletter a note will be included about this to the Branches.

It was noted that 2 former AAUWNC presidents had passed away – Mary Jo Preble (Hendersonville) and Sandra Champion (Gaston Regional). It was moved by Sandra and seconded by Denny that AAUWNC send \$500 each for the two deceased past presidents with the money designated for the Ann Chipley Fund.

### **Annual Meeting**

The dates for the Annual State Meeting will be March 31 and April 1 in Greensboro. Cherrie made a presentation of four potential venues for the meeting. The Board will review the information and make a decision as to the venue.

Needing to vacate the building, the Meeting was adjourned at 5:18. All board members went to dinner and many attended the Bennet V Conference at Bennett College on Saturday, July 30.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Holmes, Secretary pro tem