

AAUW of North Carolina
Minutes of the Board Meeting
October 31, 2008
Hampton Inn, Chapel Hill, NC

- I. **Call to Order:** President Millie Hoffler Foushee convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** A quorum was present. [See attendee list, attached.]
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the July 25, 2008 Board meeting were posted on the web. A correction was made to reflect that NCCU will help with the Princeville project and not Chapel Hill. The minutes were approved as corrected. Etta Alston (Raleigh/Wake County), JoAnn Hall (Jacksonville) and Nancy Shoemaker (Raleigh/Wake County) volunteered to be on the reading committee for this meeting.
- IV. **Committee Reports:**
 - Finance Committee: Mary Fran Schickedantz gave the Treasurer's report. As of October 31, 2008 the total income was \$9,110.22 and total expenses was \$2,984.83. The checking account was \$20,989.20 and savings was \$13,503.22. Total assets \$34,492.42. Nancy Shoemaker reported the report is posted on the website.
 - Nominating Committee: Nancy Shoemaker provided information regarding the search for officers for President Elect, Treasurer, and Program Vice President this year. The full report is on the website.
 - Membership Committee: Sheila Bassoppo-Moyo gave the report update about college student members, and recruitment efforts of other branches around the state. She requested a copy of each branch's yearbook. She mentioned activities of some of the branches. The Association provided a list of all the members-at-large in the state and the list was offered to each branch to help with their recruitment efforts. Bassoppo-Moyo gave an update for Princeville/Tarboro areas and invited them to join branch without borders. She closed with information about a booklet offered by the Freemont, California branch and how it increased their membership from 66 to 170 members in 2 years.
 - Communication Committee: Nancy Shoemaker and Connie Ochse provided a special business card, which showed how to get into the member center website for the association and the state. On both sides you can put a user name and a password. Nancy Shoemaker stated that you can contact her for new user name and password in order to post

their own reports to the web site. The full communication committee report is posted on the website.

- Convention Report: Lill Van Order and Etta Alston reported Convention updates. There will be a celebration for the Raleigh Branch 100 years. All activities will be held at the Blockade Runner on Friday 3/27/09, with the follow-up board meeting on Saturday morning. Phyllis Guberman has the rough draft of the Convention registration form. Barbara Fleming from Wilmington will do a Pre-Convention seminar on Women and Finance on Friday 8-12 noon, which will be open to the public. Volunteers for the 100 year anniversary afternoon event will be Barie Baker (Tryon Area), Sheila Bassoppo-Moyo (Raleigh/Wake County), and Lill Van Order and Phyllis Guberman(Wilmington).
- Public Policy: Elaine Ostrowski gave public policy updates. She stated the NC Women's Agenda Assemblies are still taking place and the first was in Greensboro. Ostrowski provided information about each of the branch public policy efforts. The public policy agenda for the next two years from 2009-2011 is being developed for presentation in St. Louis, Mo.

Ostrowski mentioned the AAUW Action network and two minute activist service is being made available to states for advocacy on state legislation to state legislators. She stated the alerts would be based on the state's policy priorities and the legislation in our state. The site would allow our supporters to send messages to their state legislators and the state would be an affiliate contactor of AAUW for this service sharing subscribers who live in our state with the national action mailing list, which includes both AAUW members and others who share an interest in AAUW public policy priorities. The states initial cost would \$1,700 and \$1,200 annually thereafter. Millie suggested we explore whether it was feasible for this state and requested volunteers for this committee. Elaine Ostrowski (Greensboro), Nancy Shoemaker (Raleigh), Gaston Public Policy chair, and Chapel Hill Public Policy chair volunteered for this committee.

Elaine moved that the AAUW NC join the coalition of organizations supporting the passage of the School Violence Prevention Act during the 2009-10 Session of the NC Legislature, seconded by Denny McGuire and was passed.

V. Old Business:

- Nancy Shoemaker stated the application for the branch without borders will be sent to the Association. Doris Bernlohr is President. The branch is for those members at large and those who do not have enough members to sustain a branch. They will get access to the branch roster, newsletter, and other information. There are 23 members currently, 2 members from out

of state in Oregon and Florida and 2 male members. Then there are those who are also members of NC branches. The new branch will be named "Tar Heel Branch." Total dues are \$60.00. Nancy Shoemaker presented the resolution to approve the Tar Heel Branch, and Doris Bernlohr seconded. The motion passed.

- Paulette Anderson gave update on the STEM project. There were 6 students signed up and some dropped out. High Point City provided the computer center.
- Doris Bernlohr presented information on travel to St. Louis; found two tour companies, Holiday Tours and Shefler Tours in Durham. Holiday and Shefler Tours would charge \$8,400. Roundtrip airline fares from RDU was \$368-\$405 roundtrip. Millie stated that two companies in Greensboro provided and estimate for \$5,590 and she will do more investigation before a decision can be made.

VI. **New Business:** None

VII. **Announcements:**

- Peg Holmes stated the summer meeting will be in Hendersonville, July 17 and 18, 2009.
- The Tar Heel News deadline is November 5, 2008. State Branch information will not be posted.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Mary E. Stephens, AAUW-NC Secretary

Officers present:

1. Millie Hoffler-Foushee, President
2. Mary Fran Schickedantz – Treasurer
3. Sheila Bassoppo-Moyo – Membership VP
1. Etta Alston – Programs VP
4. Mary E. Stephens, Secretary
5. Connie Gamble Ochse, Communication Chair
6. Lill Van Order, Convention Chair
7. Elaine Ostrowski, Public Policy Chair
8. Nancy Shoemaker, Past President

Branches represented:

1. Chapel Hill – Kay White, president
2. Gaston Regional – B’Ann Vance, president
3. Greensboro – Everlena Diggs, president
4. Hendersonville – Peg Holmes, president
5. High Point – Paulette Anderson, president
6. Jacksonville Regional – JoAnn Hall, president
7. Raleigh/Wake County – Denny McGuire, president
8. Salisbury –Carol Cody, president
9. Sandhills-Southern Pines – Sue Williamson, president
10. Statesville – Pat Abell, proxy
11. Tryon Area – Barie Baker, proxy
12. Wilmington – Phyllis Guberman, proxy

Attendees with no vote at the board meeting

1. Sandra Champion – Gaston Regional
2. Rebecca Hamrick – Gaston Regional
3. Doris Bernlohr – Tar Heel/Chapel Hill
4. Alyce Lanier, Salisbury
5. Barbara Moore, Gaston Regional
6. Lois McCarthy, Sandhills-Southern Pines

Absent officers/branches:

1. Queen Thompson, Diversity Chair
2. Elmira Mangum, College/University Chair
3. Judy Atkinson, Team Builder
4. Barbara Ann Hughes, Parliamentarian
2. Asheville*
3. Brevard*
4. Bryson City*
5. Charlotte*
6. Cherokee County*
7. Eden*
8. High Country
9. Twin Rivers/New Bern*
10. Winston-Salem*

* Not represented at this meeting or the previous one. Will not be counted in the quorum for the next meeting unless they do send a representative.