

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES FOR AAUW NC MEETING
SEPT. 24-25, 2010 IN GREENSBORO

Collection of Bylaws

The bylaws of sixteen (16) AAUW NC branches have been approved.

If you want the state to keep an electronic copy of your bylaws in its archives on aauwnc.org, please e-mail a copy to webmaster@aauwnc.org.

If you cannot email your bylaws, please mail a paper copy of the document to Karla Atkinson, 266 Stone Drive, Brevard, NC 28712.

Lib Laney, former Bylaws chairperson, is available to help the four (4) branches which have not submitted any revised bylaws to date.

ERA Efforts on Hold for League

In July 2009, the AAUW NC Board approved a resolution to support the League of Women Voters' effort to educate citizens in NC about the ERA and the need to pass the legislation in NC.

In June 2010 the State LWV Council agreed to temporarily postpone the idea of working as a lead organization to muster support for the ERA in NC at this time.

Some Leagues will continue to pursue educating their own members but the League's work as an umbrella organization, leading other groups such as AAUW in this legislative effort, is temporarily on hold.

The League is confident that there will be a more appropriate time to launch a coordinated effort to pass the ERA in NC and promises to reestablish a partnership with AAUW NC to that end.

Roberta Madden, member of the Asheville and Tar Heel branches, is new to NC, and has been working on the ERA in Louisiana. If you want more information on what can be done here, please contact her at

Robertamadden@yahoo.com or at 828.669.2757 or see <http://www.aauwnc.org/2010/08/31/update-on-the-era>.

Association Changes Helpline Contact

Association's former email for any member who needed answers to questions on a variety of issues has been disabled.

The helpline has been renamed Connect2AAUW. Please bookmark connect@aauw.org for your future reference when you need to contact Association.

Wilmington Organizes \$tart \$mart Training

The Wilmington branch, under the leadership of Jean D'Addario, has

organized a training session to train ten new \$start \$mart facilitators on the UNCW campus in early October. The branch was awarded a \$500 mini grant from AAUW NC to pay the tuition fees of the facilitators. \$start \$mart Facilitator Training is part of the WAGE (Women Are Getting Even) Project which provides young women who are college juniors and seniors with the tools to negotiate salaries and benefits as they approach the job market.

Juvenile Literature Award Selection

Lib Laney, Charlotte and High Country dual member, has been selected as a judge on this year's panel that will select the Juvenile Literature Award winner. The award has been given by AAUW NC for several years, as part of the NC Literary and Historical Association programs. The award will be presented at the Association's annual meeting on November 12 in Raleigh.

High Point Branch Disbands

The High Point branch officially disbanded in September. Though the branch had fifteen members, no one was willing to assume any leadership positions. The branch disbursed its assets by awarding \$1000 to the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) and \$3000 to the Ann Chipley Fund.

Public Policy Initiatives

Given that we do not have a full complement of elected state officers, any recommendations to endorse legislation as a state organization will be forwarded to the Board for a decision. Most of these endorsements are timely requests; in these instances the Board will vote electronically, by mail or by phone, rather than trying to meet in person.

Association Member Survey

The deadline to complete the Every Member Survey has been extended to September 30. The survey is on the web site: www.aauw.org (click on Member Center at the top of the home page; then click on Member Survey). This is an opportunity to comment on a variety of programs and policies, including the membership requirement issue.

AAUW NC Receives Awards

Association has awarded AAUW NC Second Place in State Per Capita Giving and Second Place for Total State Giving. Both these awards were attributed to contributions to the Public Policy Fund. The next issue of the Tar Heel News will further recognize our branches whose giving in 2009 was significant.

Behind the Scenes at Association

North Carolina is represented in Association affairs at the national level.

Queen Thompson, Charlotte branch, is a member of the LAF Committee. Millie Hoffler Foushee, Greensboro is Finance Vice President. Tina Ewing, Raleigh/Wake County, served as a member of the Community Action Grant Selection Panel which awarded grants of \$2,000-10,000 to branches across the US. (Tina reported that each panelist reviewed a minimum of 30+ application!)

Share Your Branch News

Most branches now mail their newsletters to their members. Please add one more email to your list: editor@aauwnc.org. News items may be picked up to post on the state web site and available to anyone to read. If there's something you particularly want highlighted (or you want to do a special issue of your newsletter for the public and have that posted), feel free to send the notice along to editor@aauwnc.org or webmaster@aauwnc.org (if it's web only content).