

## **AAUW North Carolina**

### **Annual Meeting Minutes**

March 21, 2015

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The annual meeting of AAUW North Carolina was called to order at 9:02 am on March 21, 2015 by President Mary Peterson. President Peterson shared greetings from AAUW National President Patricia Ho.

Branches represented were Asheville, Brevard, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Gaston Regional, Greensboro, Hendersonville, Jacksonville Regional, Raleigh/Wake County, Sandhills/Southern Pines, Statesville, Tar Heel Branch, Twin Rivers/New Bern, Wilmington, and Winston-Salem.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Denny McGuire, and duly seconded, to dispense with the reading of the 2014 Annual Meeting minutes. (Motion passed.)

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer JoAnn Hall reviewed the financial report that had been provided in the meeting packet. The Executive Committee approved the cashing of Carolina Bank certificates of deposit. The funds were moved to Wells Fargo, the bank that houses the checking account. The checking account balance is \$33,723.70. A report will be posted regarding the annual meeting expenses.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### Nominating Committee

Peg Holmes provided a report of the Nominating Committee. Nominees are as follows:

Branch Advocate: Donna Wilson (Chapel Hill)

Co-Presidents: Jean D'Addario (Wilmington) and Sandra McLaurin (Wilmington)

A motion was made by Lill Van Order, and duly seconded, to approve the slate by acclamation. (Motion passed.) Peg Holmes remains Vice President, and JoAnn Hall remains Treasurer.

##### Installation

Following the approval of the report, Deepti Gudipati, an AAUW National Staff Member, installed the officers. Jean D'Addario (via the Internet) brought greetings on behalf of Sandra McLaurin and herself.

#### **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL**

Phyllis Leimer provided the Presidents' Council report. Deepti Gudipati provided valuable information to AAUW North Carolina. AAUW is at the intersection of leadership development and philanthropy. People have more choices than ever. We must remain focused, engaged, and delegate responsibility. We need to motivate and provide feedback. There is a member training program at the website and a Lead On newsletter. There are many online resources available for our use.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Policy Sheet Update

The document includes working procedures. Nancy Shoemaker, Grace Knechtel and Lill Van Order have done some work on the revisions. The new Executive Committee will appoint a group to carry this forward.

### ERA Resolution

Virginia Adamson shared that Ratify ERA held a meeting with leaders from across the state. Media coverage was very good, and conversations are continuing. A press conference will be held Wednesday, March 25 at the Legislature Building in Raleigh.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### National Convention

Denny McGuire reported the national convention will be held in San Diego in June, 2015. A motion was made by Denny McGuire, and duly seconded, that a \$100 stipend will be provided to any member who is registered to attend national convention in addition to extra funding to the Board not to exceed budgeted amounts. (Motion passed.)

### Public Policy Update

Denny McGuire thanked the committee members Karla Atkinson, Mary Peterson, Diana Gray, and Patricia Sledge (BPW/NC President). The Asheville Branch is key in working with Democracy NC. There was a targeted phone program asking women to vote while working with NC Women Matter on a monthly basis. A public policy statement was sent to Branch Presidents for input to be gained that was used for the NC Women United. The Committee is trying to keep the list to specific priorities rather than all. The NC Women United Women's Advocacy Day event was snowed out, so the event will be moved to April 21 in Raleigh. The committee is watching bills in the Legislature to keep women-targeted bills listed on the AAUW site. Denny asks for endorsement of a resolution regarding the ERA. Copies were provided in the packet. A motion was made by Denny McGuire that the resolution be accepted as corrected. (Motion passed.) No second was needed as Denny submitted the motion from the Public Policy Committee.

### UNC Student Advocacy Group

Michelle Hoyman shared that Bea Keller was approached by the Dina Project, UNC student advocacy group, to raise awareness of sexual assault. T-shirts were given to students who participated in the program. The Dina Project will hold an event the week of April 6, and has asked for a \$300 donation. A motion was made by Diana Gray, and duly seconded, that a donation of \$300 be made to the Dina Project. (Motion passed.)

### National Women's Museum

Peg Holmes shared an update that Congress has approved the purchase of the property on the Mall at Washington, D.C. for the National Women's Museum. A motion was made by Peg Holmes, and duly seconded, that AAUW North Carolina make a donation to the National Women's History Museum in the amount of \$500. (Motion failed.)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- Next Tuesday, March 24, a rally will be held on Medicaid expansion at the Legislature Building.

- Paycheck Fairness Act is under review in Washington. Members were asked to keep it on their radars.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Denny McGuire, and duly seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 am.  
(Motion passed.)

*Michelle M. Evans*

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Michelle Evans, Interim Secretary