## **AAUW NC Board Meeting Minutes**

Conference Call: January 14, 2016, 4:00

Present: Jean D'Addario, Sandra McLaurin, JoAnn Taylor Hall, Peg Holmes, Ellen Garbarino, Donna Wilson, Denny McGuire, Karla Atkinson, Nancy Shoemaker.

Meeting was called to order about 4:05 with all members present.

**Financial Report:** JoAnn gave the finance report giving information on up to date spending and amount in reserves (more here later)

Public Policy: Denny McGuire gave a summary report to the board on establishment of the ERA-NC Alliance. Briefly, North Carolina has had two separate groups lobbying for the passage of the ERA NC4ERA headed by Marena Groll and Ratify ERA-NC headed by Roberta Madden and Nancy Glowacki. In October, an ERA Conference was held in Greensboro and the participants agreed to pursue establishment of an ERA Alliance consisting of the two lead organizations along with state organizations and individuals interested in the passage of the ERA. The Alliance would work in conjunction with a national ERA Coalition.

**Motion:** Denny moved:

that AAUW NC join ERA-NC Alliance as a Lead Organization. (Lead Organization—Group pledges support of ERA-NC, group endorses ERA or recognizes it as a legislative priority, up to two representatives are designated as Board Members, members are eligible to serve on Committees.)

Peg seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the motion passed.

**AAUW NC Policy Revision:** Jean D'Addario gave a brief policy update. She is in the process of adding additional members to the policies update committee. Policy changes are not yet ready to be reviewed so it was decided to table the topic of policy revision.

**Communication:** Nancy Shoemaker, communication chair, talked about the complexities of communication, Webpage, Facebook, Twitter, etc. This is a large job and that she would like help with it. There was much discussion and the board agree to explore ways to find others to help with it. Nancy reported that, as CU chair, she is visiting UNC Pembroke in an attempt to start a student branch there. **Note:** AAUW is returning to using the name, Salsa, in place of the name COSM for Policy State Alert and E-mail Blasts.

**Completion of the Ann Chipley Fund:** Sandra give a report on the fund. (Summary of the report)

In 1996, the AAUW Educational Foundation **Board** set up an endowment to honor the late **Ann Chipley**, an active member of AAUW, past president of AAUW North Carolina, and, at the time of her death, AAUW Director of Public Policy. Approximately \$9,000 is needed to complete the Fund. The Fund must be completed by the end of this year. The date is either December 31, 2016 [for branch contributions] or June 30, 2017[ for individual contributions].

Motion: Sandra moved:

that the board make an exerted effort to complete the Ann Chipley Fund before the deadline and that the board encourage Branches to honor their members by contributing to the AAUW Fellowships, as usual, but for this year to designate that the funds go to the Ann Chipley Fund (#4051), that the board encourage members who give late year donations to designate them for the Ann Chipley Fund.

The motion was seconded. After much discussion on how to complete the fund, the motion passed.

**Annual Meeting Update:** Jean gave an update on the annual meeting.

This year the theme of the **Annual Meeting** will be a follow-up to last year's theme on **Leadership**. We will focus on Community Outreach and Membership Recruitment through Inclusion and Diversity and Social Media. There will be a Strategic Planning Workshop for the board on Friday from 11 am to 2 pm, including time for lunch. The Chapel Hill Branch will plan activities on Friday for branch members traveling with state board or branch presidents. The Branch Presidents' Council Session will meet on Friday from 3 pm to 5 pm. Dinner will be in the hotel, followed by "Wine and Wisdom" conversation. Saturday's meeting will be from 9 am to 2 pm. The meeting will be held at the **Sheraton in Chapel Hill** on April 1 and 2, 2016.

Jean has requested Erica Stout, Training and Program Manager, who recently did an AAUW Webinar on Diversity and Inclusion, and led the State Presidents' Workshop at Convention to lead the Workshop on Friday and to give a presentation on Saturday. Jean outlined a few other organizational needs for the annual meeting and gave some suggestions on filling in the details of the agenda.

**Other:** Because of time limits, these agenda items were not discussed.

GOTV 2016 Mini-Grant Award Brevard Branch Possibility of starting a new branch in Wilson Declining Branches in AAUW NC

The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm