

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN OF NORTH CAROLINA
(AAUW NC)
STATE MEETING
APRIL 1, 2017

The 2017 meeting of the American Association of University Women of North Carolina (AAUWNC) was held on March 31-April 1 at the Downtown Marriott Hotel in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order by co-president Jean D'Addario. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members of the state board were recognized as well as Cherrie Wheaton, Annual Meeting coordinator. Jean also recognized past state presidents and those members who have belonged to AAUW in other states. Also recognized were former national board and committee members, officers of local branches, and student associate members from the University of North Carolina, Pembroke. Other recognitions were Julie Carlino, who formatted the new bylaws and policies for AAUW NC and other branches, and immediate past state president Mary Peterson, who is now a life member.

Co-president Sandra McLaurin opened the business meeting. It was moved by Lill Van Order and seconded by Denny McGuire to accept the minutes of the last meeting.

The financial report was presented by treasurer JoAnn Hall. She noted that \$3800 had been budgeted for three newsletters and that the cost for the two newsletters published to date had cost \$3300. The report was accepted as presented.

The Nominating committee, consisting of Diane Schneider, Ellen Garbarino, and Christine Ganis, presented their report. Candidates for Co-presidents are Cherrie Wheaton and Jane Terwillegar. As there were no nominations from the floor, the candidates were elected by acclamation. Candidate for Branch Advocate, Diane Schneider, was also elected by acclamation. Nancy Shoemaker led the installation of the new officers which included a charge to the members to support the new officers.

Recognition of the out-going Co-presidents, Jean D'Addario and Sandra McLaurin, was led by Karla Atkinson. She noted that during their tenure, more information was sent out electronically, a STEM Coordinator position was added to the board, the Ann Chipley Fund was completed, and the by-laws were up-dated and policy revisions were completed.

Jean noted that the additional use of electronic communication had been her priority and Sandra noted that communication with branches had been her priority. They reported that at the Presidents' Council meeting on Friday Branch Advocate, Diane

Schneider led a discussion on these issues with Jean and Sandra discussing the President's monthly E-Letters and the Tar Heel News.

Denny McGuire, Public Policy chairperson, reported that legislative priorities are available at <http://www.aauwnc.org/2017/04/aauw-nc-2017-legislative-priorities/>. She noted that we need to be attentive to the areas of equal pay, human trafficking, and the ERA completion. She stated that there had been 109 calls from North Carolinians regarding the ERA to legislators' offices. She also noted that HB2 has not been fully repealed.

Under New Business, Audrey Muck announced a partnership with AAUW and the ERA Alliance. This group is focused on money for emergency pregnancy clinics, minimum wage, immigration issues, and the NC Diaper Bank. A petition regarding the gerrymandering of North Carolina legislative districts was circulated.

Under Old Business, Jean noted that only one of our branches had not had an affiliate agreement but now has one, and that the mandated articles 1-7 of the by-laws now refer to "affiliate" rather than "branch". She reported that the first 7 articles of all branch bylaws are alike and mandated by AAUW and thus are legal and acceptable to the IRS. She also said that the revised by-laws now allow for the positions of president, vice-president, and treasurer to be "co" positions.

Karla Atkinson, newsletter editor, was recognized. She is resigning her position as editor of the Tar Heel News after many years of service to AAUW NC including that of President. With regret the board has accepted her resignation.

New Co-presidents, Cherrie Wheaton and Jane Terwillegar, said they were aware of the challenges ahead – they hope to get branches better acquainted with each other and work together. They said they would divide the state into five regions and that they would plan to meet with each region.

Before adjourning the business meeting, Jean and Sandra presented token gifts to the board members and thanked them for helping and supporting them throughout their two-year term as AAUW NC Co-Presidents.

[Keynote, workshops, and other portions of the annual meeting](#)

Jean introduced keynote speaker Melissa Johnsen who spoke on “Reproductive Justice, Rights, and Health – Impact of the election on Women’s Health Care and Rights”. The speech was delivered on-line by using FREECONFERENCECALL.com. A snow storm in Denver prevented Melissa from being able to be present at the meeting. (Melissa is a member of the AAUW Board of Directors and the board liaison to AAUW NC.)

Mary Peterson planned an informative and delightful celebration in recognition of the completion of the Ann Chipley Fund. The fund was completed by the contributions of branches and individuals during this past year to reach the goal of \$100,000.00. It is now the Ann Chipley American Fellowship. Ann Chipley was a leader in AAUW NC and a board and staff member at AAUW. Various members, during the celebration, reported on various aspects of her life and gave quotations of what others said about Ann Chipley during her years of service.

Terry Wall introduced the recipients of an AAUW Community Grant and of an American Fellowship. Brandy Burnett was awarded a grant for her project, “Smart Girls, Smart Choices” whose mission is dedicated to providing the resources necessary to embolden young girls to make positive decisions that maximize their full potential. She is a member of the Raleigh-Wake Branch. Mary Carmichael, PH.D. is focusing on research is in Biogeochemistry at Wake Forest University in Winston Salem.

Vice President, Peg Holmes, introduced Sheila Turnage. She is this year’s recipient of the AAUW NC Juvenile Literature Award for her book “The Odds Getting Even”. She spoke about her writing, her experiences as a writer, and how much she enjoys communication from her young readers. Jean presented her with a certificate. AAUW NC provides this book to each of its branches and one for the permanent special collections at UNC Charlotte. Additional books were available for members to purchase.

Melissa Johnson also presented the AAUW Story. She spoke and showed slides and videos from AAUW with an update on fundraising, the convention, and some new AAUW initiatives. This presentation is available from AAUW.

During this year, Mini-Grants were received by Greensboro and Orange/Durham/Chatham (formerly Chapel Hill) branches. Libby Haile, Greensboro Branch President, spoke about their Work Smart and Tech Savvy programs and Bea Keller, ODC Branch President presented a power point on their grant, “Women of Worth”.

When offered several dates for the 2018 Annual Meeting, the group decided on March 23 and 24, 2018.

The AAUW NC Annual Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm with applause and thanks.

Phyllis Leimer, Minutes
Bernice Carpenter, Reader
Lill Van Order, Reader