



Resolution in Support of the 2018 Proposed Amendments to the AAUW Bylaws

Whereas, the AAUW National Board of Directors on February 22, 2018 notified all members via e-mail of three proposed changes to the National By-laws and encouraged members to review and comment on them by 11:59 PM on March 22, 2018; and

Whereas, the proposed amendments address the following issues:

- creating three-year staggered board terms,
- opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership, and
- eliminating the degree requirement for membership

Whereas, the rationale for adoption of the three the three amendments is slightly different, all three were voted on and passed by the National Board of Directors. The first two proposals would bring AAUW's board governance structure more in line with nationally accepted nonprofit best practices and the needs of the organization. The third proposal — to eliminate the degree requirement for membership — has come before the membership for vote a number of times. This is the first time that this change has been formally endorsed by the National Board of Directors. The Board feels strongly that while the degree requirement made perfect sense at AAUW's inception, this requirement is now perceived by many as counter to our mission and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization.

Whereas, voting on these amendments will take place primarily on-line and will open April 25, 2018, and close June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. ET.

Whereas, on March 23rd, the Board of AAUW NC discussed the merit of these amendments and voted to support their passage by the members.

Be It Resolved, that the Board of AAUW NC recommends to its branches and members that they become familiar with the three proposed amendments and support their passage by voting in the affirmative prior to June 9, 2018.

Adopted March 23, 2018 by the Board of Directors, AAUW North Carolina

Signed _____s/Jane Terwillegar and Cherrie Wheaton_____

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NOTE: On March 24 the members at the annual meeting of AAUW NC voted to consider this issue and voted to concur with the state board's recommendation. The members in attendance represented 16 of the 17 branches, and there were no dissenting votes.