

MINUTES OF THE AAUW ND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was held on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at the Kelly Inn in Bismarck, ND. The meeting was called to order by President Julie Garrett. A roll call of the Branches showed that all were in attendance. The minutes of the last annual membership meeting were read and approved as read. The treasurer was not present so a written form was given.(See binder)

Muriel Peterson gave a report on the bylaw updates and she let us know what can be changed and what cannot be changed. (See binder)

Article VI we will leave as is

Article X- section 4 – After discussion option 1 was chosen. It states that Each voting member in good standing as of the official notice of the meeting shall be entitled to cast one vote, either in person, electronically, or by mailed ballot at any annual or special meeting of members. Sharon Etemad made the motion to approve option 1 and Vetta Syverson seconded the motion. It was carried. The Board will decide how to get the information to each member.

Article X- section 5 – It was decided that a quorum shall be – a majority of the responding body.

Article VII –section 1 – Deb Alber moved and Diane Stamm seconded the motion that it should read as follows: Composition. The board of directors shall include the elected officers and a branch representative and the following officers: AAUW Funds Chair, budget and finance, diversity, public policy, and communications. Motion carried. Jane Schultz made a motion and Vetta Syverson seconded her motion that the specific appointed officers should be removed and it should say appointed officers decided at the discretion of the Board. Motion approved. It was then decided to do the same to Article VI also.

Article VI –section 1 Officers. a. The elected officers for the organization shall be President, or official representative, or co-presidents, president-elect, vice presidents for membership and program, secretary, finance officer. b. The appointed officers shall be AAUW Funds chair and others at the discretion of the Board.

The new revised bylaws will be sent out by Julie Garrett at a later date.

Membership report was given in writing. (See binder)

Naomi Thorsen gave the Vice President for Program report. She thanked the Branches for doing all of the programs and these will help complete the Impact Grant.

Sharon Etemad gave the Public Policy report. (See binder) She stated that the three goals AAUW is working on are Education that is adequate and equitable, Pay Equity for all workers, and Freedom from Violence. She asked if we would like to add being an Advocate for Health Benefits for all Citizens. It was moved and seconded to approve this addition. Motion carried.

Vetta Syverson gave the LAF report. (See binder) She said that Branches need to watch the dates for submitting donations. It is December 31 of each year to be counted in that year.

Discussion was held as to how these donations should be submitted. It was decided that each Branch can submit on their own or they can send it to Vetta and she will submit it for them. The donations could be reported in a newsletter. Vetta will check on Branches that do not submit to find out the reason.

The Nominating Committee has these recommendations for officers:

President: Julie Garrett

Vice-President for Program: Karen Ryberg

Vice-President for Membership: Naomi Thorsen

Secretary: Deb Alber

Sharon Etemad gave a report on the Impact Grant. (See binder) As part of component 1 posters will be sent to each Branch. There is \$150.00 left of the Grant. It will be divided among the Branches. The presentation from today by Seth Chase was component 2. She asked about the budget for the upcoming year.

Sharon Etemad then reported on the second Impact Grant. AAUWND would like to sponsor an "Education of Voters". They invited the senate candidates and the representative candidates for a forum as soon as they were nominated. The Women's Network, Dakota Press, and the League of Women Voters will work with us on this forum. It will be held at Mayville State at no charge on September 6, 2010 at 5:00PM. A television station will be there. National will provide us with questions to be asked as to our concerns. The Branches would be asked to support this forum verbally and monetarily. If the candidates can't be there the option would be to have other persons interested in our cause to discuss the topics. Discussion was held to whether we should go forward with this forum. It was decided to move forward.

The election of officers was held. Patsy Klose moved to approve the slate of officers stated. Arlis Nettand seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Linda Tozier from National Board presented updates to our program.

- A. We will be adding philanthropy to our Mission statement
- B. AAUW has invited the members of Congress as well as the White House to events
- C. We have won two LAF cases recently
- D. AAUW and AARP have partnered
- E. We happily report the passage of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act
- F. National Girls Collaboration Project is growing
- G. AAUW Outlook will now have three issues a year
- H. AAUW launched Leadership Corp with 43 field liaison

Linda Tozier also informed us of the Strategic Planning for the Future

- A. Use AAUW
- B. Culture of Trust
- C. Growth in membership
- D. Programs for people across generations
- E. Expand to include more people

She also informed us that National has started the 1 member 1 vote program. National Conventions are held on odd numbered years and Annual meetings are held on even numbered years. There are also brief Board meetings. Notification will be given of all meetings thirty days prior. Many will be published in the Outlook. Eligibility to attend is given to all members of good standing. Members will be able to vote in three ways, hard copy, online, or in person. To assure that each member only votes once you will need your membership number. Their quorum is 5% entitled to cast a ballot. Official business and bylaws can pass with a majority vote. The election of officers is by a majority of votes cast. Preferential voting is needed when more than two candidates are close.

The Breaking Through Barriers Award recognizes Branch programs of high quality. Application and process information criteria are listed on the website. We are doing new research on “Why So Few” in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Things to watch for from National are:

- A. New website
- B. Sitewise – Branch/State can sign up at \$20.00 per month
- C. Every Member Survey will be in the Summer Outlook and on email
- D. Branch survey will be sent to the president
- E. Branch starter kits are available
- F. New Public Service Announcements on radio
- G. The AAUW Experience – The Town Square- Electronic spots about AAUW in 6 different buildings to give people an idea of what AAUW is about
- H. Partners in Branch Fundraising

Mary Spical reported on the Website. She showed everyone how to get there. She said we have 2 more years contracted at this site for \$100.00. It needs a lot of updating and the Branches need to send information to her to do that.

Seth Chase from National gave information on how modern technology can help our state. He then spoke about “Sitewise” from NAS. It could be used for State or a Branch website. He said our state website needs to be kept current. Social media would be an enhancement, but it is not necessary.

Seth Chase also discussed the problems of communication between Branches and from the State to the Branches. He stated that information could be released by email and not just the newsletter. Use newsletters for profiles of members or non-time sensitive information. A blog

could also be use. Chat rooms work well for meetings. Conference calls are another option. A list serve could be used to make emails easier.

Cynthia Kaldor then presented “What Makes a Great Website”. She had lots of ideas and is willing to help us with our website improvements.

The auction for the baskets was held at this time.

Sharon Etemad discussed the next steps for the Impact Grant. A committee was formed to make recommendations to the Board at the Summer Board meeting about the ND Website. The committee is made up of Sharon Etemad, Deb Alber, and Deb Greenwood. Arlis Nettle moved that the recommendations and the budget can be approved by the Board at the Summer Board meeting. Connie Hildabrant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Norma Nosek the President of the Wahpeton Branch invited everyone to the 2011 Annual Membership meeting. The time and date will be announced at a later date.

Installation of officers was officiated by Linda Lozier.

The Summer Board meeting will be held in Jamestown at the Buffalo City Grill on July 17, 2010 at 10:00AM.

President Julie Garrett closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Muus, Secretary