

## **AAUW-ND Conference Call Minutes**

### **October 3, 2010**

ROLL CALL – President Julie Garrett took role.

#### **TABLED BUSINESS:**

WEB SITE – Deb Alber, technology committee, reported that the technology committee had a conference call with Sitewise. Sitewise has reduced its website price to \$29.95 per month for four years for a state website. A question was raised if we have enough state funds to cover this. Simone Sandberg, financial chair, reported that we have 159 regular members and one student. We have \$7135 dollars in checking which includes the \$500 for the 2010-2011 impact grant. We also have an additional \$10,900 in savings. Maureen Kelly-Jonason moved to pay \$29.95 per month for a state website. Lavetta Syverson seconded. Discussion was held. Motion passed.

2009-2010 IMPACT GRANT (technology) – President Julie Garrett reported that with the intended proposal to develop a website we are now closer to fulfilling our 2009 impact grant on technology.

2010-2011 IMPACT GRANT (Meet the Candidates) – President Julie Garrett reported that this program is not going well. She had only one response from a candidate. She is working with National on some other formats but so far has not received much candidate feedback. Since the event was not held she may be returning the grant funds.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

ONE MEMBER ONE VOTE - President Julie Garrett stated that we need all new members ID number along with their email address or physical address if they do not have email to send out the ballots before our state convention. The treasurer of each branch is responsible for getting this information to Julie prior to State Convention.

2011 STATE CONVENTION - The State Convention will be held at the State College of Science in Wahpeton, April 29-30. President Garrett called from some discussion on programming ideas for the convention. Discussion was held on possible breakout sessions for the convention. Deb Alber suggested a possible training on Sitewise and the use of our ND website. Marlene suggested a session on the latest impact grant programming, “Why So Few” and the Shriver report as a workshop panel discussion group. Other suggestions were a program on STEM and giving continuing education credit for such a program and officer training. Discussion was held that continuing education credits would require a lot of extra work and most felt that we didn’t have time to offer this. President Garrett also suggested that we should do more on branch officer training. There are training programs available from National AAUW. Discussion on this was held. These ideas will be shared with the conference committee.

ND STRATEGIC PLAN - Marlene Anderson reported that the plan was emailed out prior to this meeting. She briefly reviewed the changes. The mission statement changed to reflect alignment with the national AAUW strategic plan statement. Our purpose had no real change. The vision statement adding the new portion on philanthropy, the website address, it also added advocating for health change as voted on at our state convention. Most of the remaining changes were minor wording changes so that the document would follow the national strategic plan. President Julie Garrett would like members to make suggestions so that the final draft could be finalized on our January call.

NATIONAL DUES - President Garrett reported that her branch had trouble submitting their national dues on line. She asked if any other branches had any problems. No other branches reported any difficulties. Some discussion was held on converting the paying of membership dues electronically and some of the problems that relates to this. The main problem seems to be the retaining of ownership of where the money comes from so that it is easily tracked by local treasurer's as well as our state treasurer. Hopefully the ongoing problems will be resolved. The on-line payment of dues was also suggested as a possible state convention topic.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – President Garrett announced that the nominating committee this year is Patsy Klose, Jamestown, Chairman, Naomi Thorson & Deb Greenwood, Dickinson & Brenda Langerud, Devils Lake. The positions that need to be filled are president elect, treasurer and membership. Any recommendations should be sent to the nominating committee.

The meeting was adjourned by President Julie Garrett. The next conference call is scheduled for January 3, 2010.