

**ND AAUW Summer Board**  
July 17, 2010  
Buffalo City Grill, Jamestown

The ND AAUW held its Summer Board meeting on Saturday, July 17, 2010 at the Buffalo City Grill in Jamestown, ND.

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Garrett at 10 am. Roll call was taken. All branches were represented.

Minutes of the 2009 Summer Board meeting was read. Corrections were made to name misspellings. Minutes were approved.

Minutes were read of the State Meeting in April. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Simone Sandberg gave the financial report. Closing balance in the checking account as of June 30, 2010 was \$6,002.03. This includes balance remaining on the 2009 Impact grant of \$146.74. Total Savings and CD's are \$10, 962.90.

Discussion was held if there were any outstanding bills from branches on the impact grant. Branch representatives from Devils Lake, Jamestown, Mayville, Dickinson, Fargo, and Bismarck will not have any bills. Sharon Etemad will check with Grand Forks and Wahpeton to see if they will have any bills. Sharon Etemad will check with the National Office to see if the leftover monies can be used toward the 2011 impact grant and report back.

Simone Sandberg had several questions about dues. She questioned the rules concerning if student affiliates pay state dues. She also wanted to know if a member who joins after January 1 would pay full state dues. Murial Peterson is going to check the state standing rules to see if these issues have been addressed.

Simone Sandberg called for questions on the financial report. Mary Splichal questioned the bill for the ND newspaper association. It was explained that this was advertising for the impact grant programs and came out of grant funds.

Simone Sandberg also questioned the 35 cents a mile reimbursement for mileage as that costs the state quite a substantial amount of money. Discussion was held but no motions were made. The financial report was approved.

Program Report – In the absence of Karen Ryberg, her report was read.

Membership – Naomi Thorson reported that we had 198 paid members in 2009-10 so far dues have been paid for several branches and the bulk should come in the end of July. Membership counts as of June 11, 2010 were Bismarck-Mandan – 24, Devils Lake – 27, Dickinson – 27, Fargo – 27, Grand Forks – 32, Jamestown – 39, Mayville-Hillsboro – 10, Wahpeton – 18 with 51 members at large also being reported. She reported that the Membership Toolkit is also available under the Member Center Resources on the AAUW website. Chapter 3, Why Join AAUW? This is a particularly useful tool regarding recruiting new members.

Public Policy – Sharon Etemad – She reported that we have added health care for all as part of our public policy. Sharon reported that she will not be able to follow the legislative issues as closely as Connie Hildebrand did and she would like to come up with a strategy for following the legislation. Connie stated that she dealt with public policy by being at the Friday meeting of the next week's legislature. She suggested that since we are paying Women's Network dues that we use their research to keep aware of public policy bills and distribute their information to the membership. Sharon Etemad will work with Connie Hildebrand about setting up a system for distributing Women's Network legislative information. Connie Hildebrand also suggested that we register at least two lobbyists, preferable from the Bismarck area that can represent us. Sharon Etemad made a motion that we select two lobbyists from the Bismarck branch to represent AAUW. Seconded by Paul Robineete. Motion Passed.

Julie Garrett reported that ND received a grant for \$1000 for a legislative forum meeting in Mayville. Julie suggested inviting other groups to network with us on this. Discussion was held but a concern was raised that their issues might not be our issues. It was decided that we should try to ask for volunteers but not specifically ask for group support. Julie gave a check for the first installment of \$500 to the treasurer. A final report on this impact grant is due by Aug. 15, 2011.

By-laws: Murial Peterson reported that all branches must have their bylaws updated and approved. Branches that have had their bylaws approved were – Bismarck, Fargo and Mayville. Several others were sent but were not correct. She reported that branches need to send their updated by-laws to her at [maribel@bis.midco.net](mailto:maribel@bis.midco.net) as soon as possible.

AAUW Funds – This report by Lavetta Syverson was passed out. (attached)

Website – Mary Splichal reported that a bill needs to be submitted for January. The ND website is [aauwnd.org](http://aauwnd.org). She has everything she needs to update and will be doing that soon.

ND Women's Network - Julie Garrett reported that the Women's Network is asking for \$500 to help sponsor a luncheon at the Women's Network annual meeting to honor Cheryl Bergian as Women of the Year for her work on women's issues. This will be tabled until the budget discussion.

President Julie Garrett called for old business. There was no old business.

New Business:

2011 Annual Meeting – The 2011 annual meeting will be held in Wahpeton at NDSCS on April 29 and 30, with a social on the 29 and meeting on April 30. Discussion was held on how to raise some money for State AAUW at the annual meeting because an income of \$200-\$300 per year may not be sufficient to fund our budget for the year especially if more than one event should be held. Theme topics were discussed. The National theme is Breaking Through Barriers. Connie reported that if we would like someone from National at our meeting that a request must be sent. Marketing ideas included getting the Annual meeting information on the website and to try to encourage more branch representatives to the meeting.

Conference Calls - President Julie Garrett distributed a list of when we will have the conference calls and the numbers to call. She will record the conferences for the secretary.

Website – Deb Alber reported that the committee met and decided that Sitewise would be our

recommendation and that even though the cost is expensive that it would be worth it to have it kept current. Other thoughts would be to hire someone to maintain a website. Discussion was held on the financial aspects of doing a website, time commitments, and cost including monthly price and setup costs, advertising sponsors, administrators and such. Deb will email out info before our October conference call. The issue was tabled until the October conference call. Patsy Klose motioned that the committee get additional information on the website based on the discussion and report at the October conference call. Paul Robineete seconded. Motion passed. Deb Alber and her committee will email this information out to board members prior to the conference call.

Lilly Ledbetter – Giving Circle - Connie Hildebrand showed the AAUW funds diagram that is available on the national website; it describes the various outlets that we can specify for our fund distribution. The Lilly Ledbetter – Giving Circle fund's primary purpose is to fund the impact grants that go AAUW state and local branches for grassroots public policy activities. Connie is requesting that AAUW support this by donating \$75 per branch. This would amount to \$600 as a state. This donation also counts toward the breaking through barriers campaign to reach 1 million by they would like this by June 30, 2011. Connie will send this out to all branch presidents to bring to their club. It was decided to table this until budget.

Impact grant – legislative forum – Discussed earlier. Julie Garrett asked for ideas on who to ask for sponsorships especially to sponsor the whole hour on prairie public. The forum will be held at Mayville State College at Campus Center on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 6 at 5:00 pm. The group felt that it was important to find out the cost of the broadcast and if it is feasible for our budget and that would be a great selling point for getting candidates there. Julie will report back what she finds out from Prairie Public. It would need to be non-partisan. It is imperative that this be done quickly as advertising would need to go out by mid-August. A back-up plan would be to offer local forums lead by branches which would have to be approved by National.

Strategic plan – Connie Hildebrand went over the changes to the national strategic plan and compared it to our local plan. Discussion was held. Deb Alber made a motion that a committee be formed to develop a state strategic plan and present it to the state meeting next April. Motioned died for lack of second. Sharon Etemad moved that we establish a committee to work on a new strategic plan and in the meantime we extend the current strategic plan until our Annual Meeting 2011. Motion seconded by Mary Splichal. Sharon Etemad revised the motion to change new strategic plan to revised strategic plan. Mary Splichal seconded. Amendment passed. Discussion was held. Deb Alber called for the question. Motion Passed. A committee was formed with Marlene Anderson and Sharon Etemad.

Budget – Simone Sandberg explained the proposed budget. She stated that the budget has been adjusted to correspond to the current AAUW fiscal year. The proposed budget shows a deficit of \$1000 based on figures. Murial Peterson suggested that we find a room for our spring board meeting that does not have a charge. She suggested that we possibly use Jamestown College and she will check on that for next year. It was suggested that since the National Convention is held every two years that we budget \$500 per year. Sharon Etemad suggested that we need to increase our revenues so that we can have a balanced budget. Discussion was held on raising state dues by \$2 for next year and another \$2 the following year. After we had read our by-laws it was determined that we need to have some revision to our by-laws to clarify quorums and voting specifics. Extensive discussion was held on fiscal responsibility and meeting our budget goals. Brenda Langerud moved to approve the budget as submitted and that overages be taken from the checking account and monies for web site development also be taken from the checking account. Deb Greenwood seconded. Motion approved.

Plans for Washington, DC – Dates for the National Convention are June 16-19, 2011. Julie Garrett asked how many plan to attend the conference in Washington. No one responded as of yet.

Murial Peterson stated that honorary members do not pay state dues but life members do pay state dues. Student affiliate will be researched and reported at our next meeting.

Lilly Ledbetter - Mary Splichal made a motion that ND AAUW contribution \$100 to the Lily Ledbetter Fund and challenges the branches to meet or exceed the state contribution with a goal of \$600. Brenda Landerud seconded. Motion passed.

A discussion about the donation request for the Women's Network was held.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Alber, ND State Secretary