

**2011 AAUW ND Annual Meeting**  
**April 30, 2011**  
**NDSCS, Wahpeton, ND**

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Garrett. A roll call showed representatives of the Bismarck/Mandan, Dickinson, Grand Forks, Fargo, Jamestown, Mayville-Hillsboro and Wahpeton Branches were present along with board members Julie Garrett, Naomi Thorson, Deb Alber, Simone Sandberg, Connie Hildebrand and Mary Robinette standing in for Lavetta Syverson.

Minutes of the 2010 annual meeting were distributed and reading of the minutes was dispensed with. A motion was made to accept the minutes as written. Naomi Thorson (M), Maureen Kelly-Jonason (2<sup>nd</sup>) – Motion Passed.

The finance report was distributed. We have a balance of \$7,208.75 in our checking and \$11,064.46 in savings and CD's. Finance officer Simone Sandberg reported that we have two outstanding bills, \$100 to the Womens Network for annual dues and Connie Hildebrand for \$15.85 postage to mail out legislative materials. A motion to pay these bills and accept the report was made. Mary Robinette (M), Maureen Kelly-Jonason (2<sup>nd</sup>) – Motion Passed.

Simone reported that special monies have been collected for the Lilly Ledbetter fund. So far a \$50 donation from the Mayville-Hillsboro Branch, \$50 from the Devils Lake Branch and \$185 from the Fargo Branch along with a \$314.99 donation from Julie Garrett. Branches have until May 2 to donate to be added and that our state organization would match any monies collected up to \$500. This must be in to National by May 8<sup>th</sup> to be counted.

Julie Garrett also presented a bill for \$174.28 to mail out ballots for the State Board election. A motion was made to pay this bill. Maureen Kelly-Jonason (M), Naomi Thorson (2<sup>nd</sup>). Motion based.

Simone said that she gets a lot of questions concerning our dues structure. A copy of our current dues structure was handed out to all branch representatives to give to their branch treasurer's.

Membership Report – Naomi Thorson, membership chair presented a printed report. We currently have 194 branch members and 52 members at large.

Nominating Committee Report – Naomi reported that ballots were distributed to 186 members and that 101 votes were returned. Unanimous ballots were cast for

Maureen Kelly-Jonason – President elect, Membership VP – Naomi Thorson and Simone Sandberg – Finance.

At the request of the nominating committee a motion was made to destroy the ballots. Paul Robinette (M), Mary Robinette (2<sup>nd</sup>). Motion passed.

Patricia Ho, AAUW National Director at Large, officially swore in all newly elected board members.

Public Policy – No report

AAUW Funds – No report

By-Laws – Connie Hildebrand reported for Muriel Peterson that the National by-laws are being updated and that we should look forward to another state and branch by-law update in the upcoming months.

NDWN – No report

AAUW ND Website – Deb Alber reported that the first draft of the website is now published. She showed a copy to the group. She also reported that she will be receiving webinar training on working with the website in the near future. She indicated that she will need the help of the membership to make this website functional for our needs. She will email out the link to all branches and will seek additional help to fine tune the website.

Impact Grant – Seth Chase, field director for National AAUW, reported that applications for another round of impact grants have been distributed. These grants will focus on grassroots efforts on voter education and getting candidates who are favorable to our issues. He also reviewed the recent one member one vote ballots and the proposed amendments to our current public policy.

Old Business – none

New Business – President Julie reported that even through our 2010 Impact Grant proposal was not successful she felt we should continue to move forward.

Connie Hildebrand reported that she and Renee Strome are working on a 2011 grant to encourage more women to run for public office.

Discussion was held on the recent stand by the Catholic bishop against organizations such as AAUW who support pro-choice. Connie Hildebrand suggested that we should try to get at least one AAUW member interested in being



trained in the Voices project that AAUW is teaching to membership on responding appropriately to the media would benefit our state organization.

President Julie announced the AAUW National Convention will be held June 16-19, 2011 in Washington, DC. Several members from ND will be attending.

The Summer Board meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2011 at Jamestown College. Each branch must submit \$25 to our finance chairperson.

Deb Alber invited all branches to the 2012 Convention and annual meeting that will be held in Jamestown in 2012.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Alber

Secretary