THE ND AAUW JANUARY 9, 2012, CONFERENCE CALL

Officers on line: Maureen K-J, Debbie Alber, Simone Sandberg, Marlene A, Vetta S., Connie H., Julie G.

The nominating committee discussed the election. The offices open are Vice President of Program and secretary-communications. The branches on this committee are: Grand Forks and Wahpeton. Voting ballots will be mailed out a month before the convention.

We had a long discussion on the silent auction held each year to raise money for the ND AAUW Funds. It was decided to ask each branch to pay \$10.00 per member. This method would be an equal way for each person in contributing to the fund.

Strategic Plan was discussed. This will be the topic at summer boards. Maureen wants the STEM Program to be stressed. This was the program at last year's convention.

Maureen asked what the duties of the president and board consists of. The by-laws and Standing Rules say the duties. They still need to be revised, but Muriel and Julie are waiting for the National by-laws to be sent out. This will be done and reported on at the convention. A copy will be given to each board member.

The president sent out the agenda and phone numbers by mail to each board member for the conference call. Not all members have e-mail, so this was the methods she used. Some only rely on their e-mail. So from now on she will both mail and send e-mail notices.

There was a discussion on paying dues on line to National, this topic will be discussed at the convention and summer boards.

THE CONVENTION

Representing national at our convention will Betsy McDowell.

A two day event, the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of April. Nafus Student Center at Jamestown College.

Debbie reported that they are still working on speakers and workshops. We have a block of rooms set aside at the Comfort Inn, the phone number is 701-252-7125. Please make reservations early.

Again a reminder for all branches to send Simone the \$30.00 convention fee, to help with expenses.

Also one car per branch for mileage.

Signed,

Debbie Alber

Secretary