

AAUW ND Summer Board Meeting  
August 18, 2012  
Gladstone Inn, Jamestown, ND

The meeting was called to order by President Maureen Kelly Jonason. Branches present were Bismarck-Mandan, Fargo-Moorhead, Grand Forks, Devils Lake, Jamestown, Mayville-Hillsboro and Dickinson. Board officers present were Maureen Kelly Jonason, Naomi Thorson, Sandra Sidler, Deb Alber, Lavetta Syverson and Muriel Peterson.

Lavetta Syverson motioned to approve the minutes of the Annual meeting on April 14, 2012. Motion passed.

President Maureen reviewed the quarterly financial report as given to her by treasurer, Simone Sandberg. It was discussed to use annual meeting as defined in the by-laws when referring to our April 2012 meeting to avoid confusion. Discussion was also held on how much money was donated to AAUW Funds as a result of the collection instead of the silent auction at the annual meeting. Maureen was going to check on this with Simone and get a revised financial report.

Board Reports –

Program – Deb Alber – nothing

Membership – Naomi – sent out report of Members at Large to each branch president with information that they should be invited to branch meetings. She also emphasized that more colleges should be invited to join AAUW as affiliates as branches should work on this.

Public Policy – Sandy – reported the results of the vote on the measures in June. Measure 1 – Pass, Measure 2 – Fail, Measure 3 – Fail, Measure 4 – Pass. She also reported that there are currently two measures on the November ballot in North Dakota: Measure 1- Would revoke the authority for the poll tax and remove the offensive language. Measure 2- Would require the governor and other executive officials to take an oath of office. She said that the women’s network website is a good resource to keep abreast of issues relevant to women in North Dakota.

By-Laws – Muriel - Reported that no branches in state have by-laws that meet AAUW criteria. A deadline of September 15 was proposed to have branches send updated by-laws to Muriel for review. This date will be taken back to the branches.

AAUW Funds- LaVetta – Handed out report of contributions made by each branch for Jan – March 2012. (Attached)

AAUW Website – Deb – Reported that website worked great for registration for annual meeting and that we need to continue to expand and utilize it to the benefit of our branches and members.

NDWN – Jessica – Not present. Maureen reported that the Women’s Network annual meeting will be in September and that AAUW member, Connie Hildebrand will be honored as their “Women of the Year.” She also handed out copies of the report “Where are the Women” which would make good program material for branches. Deb Alber will check on possibly making it into a program in the box for branches.

Unfinished business:

2011-2012 Impact Grant Report – Deb Alber – Attached

2012 Annual Meeting – Deb Alber – Read overview as reported by Jessica Haak.

New Business:

2012-2013 Impact Grant – Maureen reported that we received another grant for this year for \$1000 to be used to “Get Out the Vote.” Each branch will receive \$100 for their branch to use toward this effort. She also handed out postcards and stickers that branches are to use to get millennium women committed to vote in the November election. Efforts are still being made to hire a coordinator for North Dakota. Each branch then went around the room and reported on upcoming events that they have planned for GOTV. Members can also access the voter information portal at [vip.sos.nd.gov](http://vip.sos.nd.gov) to search for their voting place. She asked each branch to send photos and a report of each of their efforts to her. We will try to include this on our website.

STEM Initiative in North Dakota – Maureen – This is going to be our focus for 2012-2014. Much discussion was held on the different programs available and how AAUW could be involved. Maureen is going to do more research on this. She would like AAUW ND to apply for a 2013 Community Impact Grant for future efforts. This grant is due soon.

2013 Annual Meeting – Maureen – Discussion was held by the branches present as to the direction that should be taken as to our annual meeting. Most of the discussion revolved around the expense of the meeting and the small number who attend. It was decided that we should use our 2013 annual meeting for inspiring the state membership by learning more about what AAUW does at the national level. The 2014 annual meeting will be dedicated to STEM and will be used as a state fundraiser and offer continuing education credits. It was decided that the 2013 annual meeting should just be a daylong meeting. Potential dates are April 20 or April 27. It was suggested to have a speaker from National come to motivate branches. Maureen will check on getting a speaker from National. Deb will put together an annual meeting planning guide and get it to Lavetta as discussed before. Discussion was held on a meeting theme. Deb Alber motioned for “Fire Up AAUW” as the theme. LaVetta 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

State Fundraiser Ideas – Maureen – She handed out several ideas for possible sales opportunities to raise money for AAUW ND. This included Outrageous Older Women t-shirts or other promotional materials, artists with disabilities cards and she also had branches report on what has worked for them for local fundraising. Discussion was also held on raising state dues. Maureen will research potential products for an Annual meeting and other event boutique. Naomi will research on discount card fundraiser. Future discussions will be held on conference calls.

Strategic Plan – Bobbe and Sandy – Discussion was held on the strategic plan as proposed. Changes made were: **Membership Development** - Change Item 3 to: Explore starting one branch at a tribal community. Add the North Dakota state legislature website address along with the words. **Visibility** – Change Identify local, state and national priorities that promote AAUW public policy visibility to: Promote AAUW public policy priorities. Change: Conduct at least one branch meeting per year focused on ND diversity to: Conduct at least one branch meeting per year focused on diversity in ND. **Leadership Development** – Change Support girls’ STEM education opportunities locally and at the state level through financial and volunteer support of Girls Understanding and Exploring Science Stuff

(GUESS) to: Support girls' STEM education opportunities locally and at the state level through financial and volunteer support of STEM programs. **Philanthropy** – Change: Host one major fundraiser for philanthropic support of AAUW each year to: Make a state donation to AAUW funds each year. **Public Policy** – Change Promote quality public education at adequate, equitable funding levels for all students and oppose use of public funds for non-public elementary and secondary education and other institutions to: Promote quality public education at adequate, equitable funding levels for all students and oppose use of public funds for non-public elementary and secondary education and to charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and standards as required of other public schools. Muriel motioned to accept the strategic plan with revisions as discussed. Deb 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

2012-2013 Budget – Maureen went over the budget as proposed by Simone. Discussion was held. Change support for National Office to Support for AAUW Funds. Change State Fundraising to \$1000 for proposed income. Change: State Conference to Annual Meeting. Sandy motioned to raise board mileage to 50 cents per mile starting today. Sharon Etemad – 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Maureen motioned to move \$933 from Savings to Checking and to put the funds in the Bank of the West CD into checking when it comes due. This will add approximately \$2000 as working monies for budget. Muriel – 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Sharon motioned that we raise State Dues \$2.00 in 2014. Lavetta – 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion was held. By-laws require a vote of the membership. It was decided that Branch presidents need to discuss this with the branches so it can be voted on by the membership when we do elections by vote. Reasons that should be stressed to branches about the dues increase include: The State budget has been operating in the red the past two years. The state board would like to always keep two years of annual budget in reserve to keep the board fiscally sound. This means that we need to keep our reserves at their present level. The board will no longer be asking for branch contributions (silent auction or per member donation) to support AAUW ND contributions to AAUW various funds but put in the budget an annual contribution from AAUW ND. Sandy moved to accept budget with revisions as discussed. Vetta 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Dates were set for the next conference call meetings – Oct. 1 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. and Jan. 7 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Debbie Alber  
Acting Secretary