



AAUW-ND Annual Meeting
April 23, 2013
REAC Building UND, Grand Forks, ND

The meeting was called to order by President Maureen Kelly Jonason.

Roll Call: Jamestown, Grand Forks, Wahpeton, Dickinson, Fargo and Devils Lake. Officers present Maureen Kelly Jonason-President, Naomi Thorson-VP of Membership, Debbie Alber-VP of Program, Simone Sandberg-Finance Officer, and Lavetta Syverson – VP of Funding. Absent were: Bismarck-Mandan Branch, and Jessica Haak-Secretary. Mention was made that the Hillsboro-Mayville branch is in the process of dissolving.

President Maureen Kelly Jonason read the 2012 Annual Meeting minutes. Maureen corrected the spelling of Muriel's name. Motion to accept minutes. Paul Robinette (M) Colleen Reuter (2nd) Motion passed

President Maureen Kelly Jonason read the January Board Conference Call minutes. Several spellings of names were corrected. Motion to accept minutes. Mary Robinette (M) Lavetta Syverson (2nd) Motion passed

Treasurer's Report – Simone Sandberg handed out the financial report ending March 31, 2013. Checking balance - \$6372.33. Saving balance: \$10,612.62. She reported that we are deficit spending our budget about \$2500. This has been mostly for money paid for travel expenses for board members and for fund raising purchases. Financial report attached.

Reports:

VP of Membership - Naomi Thorson – (Attached) Total membership as of Feb. 2013 – 177 members.

VP of Programming - Debbie Alber – A program in the box for “Where are the Women” is now available on the AAUW Website for branch use. Alber requested a stipend for the author of the program, Linda Wurtz, for allowing the use of her materials. The hat was passed and monies collected will be given to Linda Wurtz for her efforts. Alber will send a thank-you and the money.

AAUW Funds Chair - LaVetta Syverson – (Attached) Monies totaling \$8591.50 were contributed in 2012.

By-Laws Chair - Muriel not present. – President Maureen encouraged all branches to check with their presidents to make sure that their by-laws have been updated and approved by Muriel.

Website Chair – Debbie Alber – Encourages branches to contribute news to the website. Send branch news to her at dova_car@yahoo.com.

Branch Reports – Included in packet. Highlights will be put on website.

Election Results:

President Maureen reported that 177 postcards were mailed out for voting. 81 were returned. It was reported by the Grand Forks branch that none of their members received post cards. Naomi Thorson was reelected to VP of Membership. Debbie Alber was elected President-Elect. Maureen suggested that since most of our election races are uncontested that we use Survey Monkey as a one-member-one-vote tool and that paper ballots only be mailed to members who do not have email addresses to save on costs.

2014 Annual Meeting:

Bobbi Shreve invited all members to Fargo-Moorhead for the 2014 Annual Meeting. A date has not been set yet. Plans are underway to hold a "Women's Summit" on Friday involving many different women groups with our annual meeting on Saturday. Watch for details.

Old Business:

State Membership Dues – Motion was made to increase state dues by \$2.00 per member. Bobbi Shreve (M) Paul Robinette (2nd) Discussion was held and motion passed. It was suggested that branches help keep membership costs down by utilizing the cost share for Shape the Future events which can include Feminist Friday events, consider setting up an installment payment plan for branch members, and others.

STEM Programming – President Maureen asked all branches to report on STEM programming in their area. Each branch reported on activities in their area.

Donations collected for AAUW Funds from Meeting Registration – Discussion was held on the money that was collected in addition to the annual meeting registration. A motion was made that the money collected be sent in as one lump sum to AAUW Funds from AAUW-ND. Sharon Etemad (M) Mardi Holland – Motion passed.

President Maureen stated that there were no nominations to replace Finance Chair – Simone Sandberg. Her term ends July 31, 2013. She will work on appointing someone to replace her and the vacant VP of Program seat since Deb Alber was elected President Elect.

New Business:

Paying Dues On-line – Discussion was held. A motion was made that AAUW-ND should opt-in to the National Dues payment program. Debbie Alber (M) Bobbi Shreve (2nd). Motion passed with a roll call vote of branches. It was clarified that this will only affect the payment of State dues. Passing this will allow branches the option to pay all state and national dues electronically to national themselves or send payment to the state as they have in the past. President Maureen will notify branches when this has been set up and give them directions on how they can opt-in if desired.

Electronic Voting - A motion was made that electronic voting be utilized for state office elections for all members with email addresses. Naomi Thorson (M) Joan Justesen (2nd) Motion passed. Questions were raised if our by-laws allow this form of voting. The by-laws were checked and it is allowed.

Plans for the future:

President Maureen suggested that all branches get a low-cost website presence through National AAUW for 2013-2014.

President Maureen requested that we need to toot our own horn. Branches should attempt to submit a quarterly report of their activities that could be put on the website.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Alber – Acting Secretary