

**AAUW State Board Minutes:  
March 21, 2016  
Conference Call**

In attendance: Debbie Alber, President, Norma Nosek, Wahpeton, Theresa Leiphon - President Elect and Devils Lake, Susan Josephson, Dickinson, Sara Lindberg, Fargo, Sandy Sidler, Public Policy Chair, Mary Craft, Funds Chair and Jamestown, Roberta (Bobbe) Shreve, Secretary

The March AAUW Board meeting convened via a conference call. The meeting began with members sharing a particular Highlight Event of their branch. These included such activities as a Tech-Savvy Program, Equal Pay Day activities, viewing the movie, Iron-Jaw Angels, etc.

Minutes from February meeting were presented and approved with the corrected spelling of Molly McLain's name. Motion made by Mary Craft and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Theresa Leiphon. Motion passed. The treasurer's report was filed as presented.

Chairman Reports:

Membership – Von Da Lee Grandalen – Norma reported in Von Da reported that membership forms have been ordered and will be available at the Annual Meeting. She also noticed that the membership list was incorrect for Wahpeton. She advised all branches to check their membership list for corrections and notify national if their membership lists are correct.

Funds – Mary Craft – She reported nothing new since last meeting.

Public Policy – Sandy Sidler – Equal Pay Day is April 12 and need to gear up for Get out the Vote

CU Program – Molly McLain – Deb reported in Molly's absence that she received one ND Branch grant application to date. Branches are encouraged to apply for the \$100 grant for AAUW ND.

Old Business:

Title IX Project – Branches are making great progress in contacting schools and getting the names and emails of the Title IX coordinators. Discussion as held on how to deliver the resources to the coordinators after we have the names. There are over 179 school districts and over 400 schools. Norma made a motion that we send out electronic copies of the Handbooks and related documents by email. Theresa Leiphon 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passed. (An earlier proposal was approved in February to make paper copies of the Manual. This motion will supersede that document.) The link to the Title IX handbook was requested to be put on the annual meeting agenda.

Mandatory By-Law Changes – All branches and the state organization must make mandatory by-law changes that do not require a vote of the membership. These should be send to Deb Alber by May 15<sup>th</sup>. National AAUW has the required specific language that needs to be added to By-laws. Contact Deb for correct wording and she will forward the corrected copy to National.

Annual meeting: The State AAUW conference will be held on April 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The latest schedule will be posted on the website. Lodging will be available at the Sleep Inn and Suites on Highway 2 at the cost of \$106 (Phone: 701/544-1111 or 1117). Registration is \$30. The National AAUW contact, Melinda Gall from Texas, will be attending and will give a report from National. Deadline for registration is April 15<sup>th</sup>. All Branches must pay \$30 to Devils Lake to help pay for expenses. Deb Alber will email out the information to all branch members and mail it out to those who do not have email.

ND Community Foundation Grant - The grant was requested by Deb.

Community Action Grant for We Rise and ND Women's Network - Norma reported that she and Maureen Kelly Jonason worked with Renee Stromme to complete and submit the grant.

New Business:

Pay Equity Day: National AAUW asks that pay day activities be submitted to National on the events link. Deb would also appreciate pictures and a write-up for our state website.

Nomination Committee: Jamestown, Devils Lake, and Dickenson presidents are on the nominating committee, Jamestown is the Chair. Four positions are up for election: The President position, which is filled by President-elect, Secretary, By-Laws, and Funds Chair positions. These terms are two-year terms. Send any suggested nominations to Theresa Leiphon.

AAUW Funds -The last couple of years AAUW ND has not made a state donation to AAUW national. Discussion was held by the group about going back to doing gift baskets to raise funds, or to access local branches a per member fee. Theresa Leiphon made a motion that members be asked to make a donation to be sent to AAUW ND for the AAUW Funds. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> – Susan Josephson. Motion passed. Donations can be also be made at our annual meeting.

AAUW Awards – Deb reported that applications have been sent out to all branch presidents. Branches are encouraged to complete and nominate individuals and branches for these awards.

501C3-C4 - The Fargo Branch inquired if it would be possible to have the State organization become a 501C3. Deb explained that right now all branches and the state organization are considered a 501C4 and donations are not tax deductible. Donations made to the 501C3 part of National AAUW is a tax deductible donation. Discussion was held about this. No motion was made to become apply for 501C3 status.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:  
Bobbi Shreve, Secretary