

MINUTES
North Dakota AAUW Board Meeting
March 21, 2015

The North Dakota AAUW Board convened via conference call at 9am on Saturday, March 21, 2015. The meeting was called to order by President Debbie Alber with 7 members present: State Officers: *Debbie Alber-President, Roberta (Bobbe) Shreve-Secretary, Linda Steve-Finance Chair, Sandy Sidler-Public Policy Chair and Naomi Thorson-Membership Chair & Dickinson, Branch Officers Theresa Leiphon-Devils Lake,, Jill Schlenker-Jamestown,*

Secretary Report: The minutes were mailed out in advance. No corrections or additions were discussed. Theresa Leiphon moved to approve the minutes. Jill Schlenker – 2nd. Motion passed. The board minutes from January 18, 2015 were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was approved with corrections. There are now 162 state members. All branches except for Wahpeton have paid the 2014 summer board fee of \$25. The fee of \$30 for the Annual meeting is due to the Dickinson branch. This is to be sent to Linda Steve, PO Box 1334, Dickinson, ND 58602.

The President has applied for and received a Community Foundation grant of \$408 from AAUW, which will be used to support attendance to the National meeting in 2017. This money will be held in savings and added to for the next two years. It will be used to help support travel and lodging for members who wish to attend the National meeting. There has been no contact with Tri-College Leadership concerning the AAUW grant designated for them. They will be contacted.

Teresa Leiphon moved that the treasurer's report be filed with totals corrected. Bobbe Shreve – 2nd. Motion carried. The treasurer's report will be filed with totals corrected.

Linda also mentioned that our CD is coming due and if we should renew. She is going to check on CD rates. This was tabled until annual meeting.

Chairman Reports: Sandra Sidler-Public Policy chair reported that pay equity day is coming up and branches are encouraged to do something on April 14. She reminded everyone to report their activities on the national website. Discuss was held on some possible state activities to do during our annual meeting. Deb also mentioned that they are going to be training two state people how to use the two minute activist for promoting state/branch activities. Deb will be one of the people and one more is needed. Branches are to approach members who may be interested.

Naomi Thorson – membership chair had nothing new to report.

Unfinished Business:

Community Foundation Grant reported on during financial report.

The Bismarck/Mandan Branch, when disbanding, donated \$4,440. We need to decide how these funds should be used. Theresa suggested that we could use the money to lobby during the next legislative session to get people to Bismarck to support specific legislation. This donation should be discussed with local chapters and reported back. Tabled until annual meeting.

New Business:

Strategic Plan – Deb and Kathy are working on rewriting our 2 year strategic plan. It will be presented at the annual meeting.

Annual meeting – Deb Alber asked if anyone had tried the online registration and if the link was working. Naomi reported that she had received Deb's registration ok. Naomi invited all to attend the Friday evening welcome and that the program starts on Saturday morning at 9 am. She encouraged branches to attend.

AAUW National Convention – Deb reported that we have 5 members attending National Convention in San Diego on June 18-21. She is looking for a member who would like to attend the funds chair special one day event there. Since we do not have a funds chair it was asked if anyone had a person to recommend that would be interested in attending this event.

Nominations Committee: Three branches are working on nominations Grand Forks, Wahpeton and Fargo-Moorhead. Linda Steve reported that she

was contacted to run another term and accepted. The committee is working on filling these positions: finance chair, president elect, and membership chair and still looking for appointed positions funds chair, communications chair and by-laws, parliamentarian.

Voting Ballot: Deb suggested that we try to hold down the costs of sending ballots. She recommended emailing a ballot to those members who have email and just sent out written ballots to those who don't. Discussion was held. All members thought we should try this method. Bobbe suggested that we have a little information about each candidate to help our members. Deb also mentioned that all members need to vote for national officers as well. She recommended that branches hold a voting activity at a branch meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 10am.

Respectfully submitted:
Bobbe Shreve, Secretary

Addition: Electronic Communication

On March 25th via electronic mail Sandy Sidler moved to spend up to \$150 to buy candy bars and handouts to be given to the state legislators on April 14- Pay Equity Day. Linda Steve - 2nd. Motion Passed