

AAUW ND Board Meeting Minutes  
By conference call Oct. 1, 2012

Present by phone: Marlene Anderson (Bis/Man), Muriel Peterson (Bylaws) Sharon Etemad (Devils Lake), Naomi Thorson (Dickinson, Membership Chair), Mary Robinette (GF), Bobbe Shreve (Fargo), Treasurer Simone Sandberg (Wahp)

President Maureen Kelly Jonason called the meeting to order at 5:05pm

1. Mary Robinette moved/Bobbe Shreve seconded approving the summer board meeting minutes as written.
2. Simone Sandberg presented the treasurer's report: \$6409.83 in checking and \$11, 578.47 in savings. As directed at the summer meeting, Simone will cash in the Bank of the West CD and add it to the checking account. Filed for audit.
3. Membership – Naomi sent out information about how colleges who become institutional members for \$130 will give all their students access to e-affiliate membership. That is also available online and can be used to sign up students at GOTV events as well. The three colleges in ND that are already institutional members are NDSU, Dickinson State, and Minot State. Maureen asked Naomi to contact MALs in Minot about getting permission to contact students about becoming e-affiliates. Sharon said that an institutional membership has been discussed at Lake Region and they are investigating. Mary reported that UND has been approached and she needs to follow up on that. Maureen mentioned that she talked to Lorraine Davis currently at Fort Yates about reaching out to native American women and she said they could talk by email. So many women are in survival mode on the reservations, but perhaps contact with students at tribal colleges will be possible. Naomi said the \$130 rate is still available to November. The regular rate is \$275 for 10,000-20,000 students and then the rate goes down, so it may be affordable for more colleges. Maureen passed on the suggestion that a branch that felt well-off enough could offer to pay the initial membership fee so it gets on the institution's books. It would be great to get one institutional member in each of the branch communities. Let's all keep working on it.
4. Muriel reported that Fargo and Dickinson have submitted by-laws. Dickinson's needs some work and Naomi knows that. Sharon said Devils Lake is working on them. Grand Forks worked on theirs and sent them to national in May, but Mary will see that they get sent to Muriel for review. Muriel has some work left to do on Bismarck/Mandan's. Simone has it on the meeting agenda for Wahpeton. No word on Jamestown's. Although they are a challenge, Maureen asked that everyone just keep working on them and get them to Muriel as soon as possible.
5. GOTV = Get Out The Vote Efforts  
Simone reported that Wahpeton had a wonderfully successful candidate forum with 16 different candidates who expressed appreciation for how well organized Wahpeton was. They telecast it on cable TV and some people watching even came down afterward to meet the candidates. Any branch needing any advice should contact Simone. They did not give our GOTV post cards as there were not many young people; however, the Wahpeton branch plans to hand them out at their Tour of Homes Oct. 14. Naomi reported that at the Dickinson event, students did not all fill in their mailing addresses and so it is important to watch that

and show students how to do it. Everyone who left an email will be contacted and the post cards will be sent out in time to remind them/ In Devils Lake, Sharon reported, since their school is small, they put a post card in every mail box and provided a drop box and will have someone follow up to collect the post cards. There was some discussion as to whether this would work at a larger school such as UND. The objective is 1) to remind them to vote but also 2) to collect contacts for possible AAUW follow up. Devils Lakes also got a few contacts from their Equity Walk. Mary reported that Grand Forks had a booth at the campus club showcase and collected some post cards. Fargo's plans are underway.

6. Mary gave an update on the annual membership meeting: April 20 in Grand Forks at the RE-AC Building which is adjacent to the Hilton Garden Inn. Registration at 8am, lunch and snacks will be provided, Kathy Ashe will send out info about rooms there, and they plan to send out meeting registration information in January. They have a committee of six that has already met twice. Way to go, Grand Forks!

7. Branch reports:

Bis/Man will have its first meeting Oct. 18; Fargo is off to a good start with several committees organized and their program booklet completed – 40 members with Fargo and Moorhead (MN); Devils Lake had a Sept. branch meeting and has a candidate forum planned for Oct.; Grand Forks has their program booklet completed and will have their annual book sale in East Grand Forks at the Grand Cities Mall Oct. 19-20; Wahpeton had a successful candidate forum and is gearing up for their Tour of Homes annual fundraiser.

Meeting adjourned at 6pm Next meeting is Jan. 7 at 5pm. Maureen will send out reminders.