

ND AAUW Board Meeting  
Conference Call  
October 7, 2013  
5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Maureen Kelly-Jonason. Roll call was answered by Dickinson – Naomi Thorson, Jamestown – Jill Schlenker and Debbie Alber – President Elect and Sandra Sidler, Public Policy chair.

The summer board minutes were mailed out before the meeting. Deb moved to approve the minutes as printed. Naomi – 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

President Maureen reviewed the treasurer's report in absence of the treasurer, Linda Steve. Our current balance in checking is \$6840.64. The report will be filed for audit.

Old business:

Maureen reported that the mandatory branch by-laws were again mailed to all branches. Branch by-laws must be updated and submitted to Muriel. They are due to the National Office by Dec. 1, 2013. They do not need a vote of the membership as they are mandatory changes. Dickinson reported that they had submitted their by-laws. Jamestown is working on them yet.

Jill left the meeting.

Maureen reported that Wahpeton is still active and she plans to make a visit to one of their branch meetings this year.

Discussion was held on if we should continue to have both a By-Laws chair and a LAF chair and if we should make them elected rather than appointed positions. We are also considering if we should dissolve the program VP position. Maureen is going to check with Lavetta about what the LAF chair does and if they should be elected rather than appointed. She will report back for our next conference call in January.

The 2014 annual meeting is scheduled for April 25-26, 2013. The plan is for a nice dinner/speaker – possibly Heidi Heitkamp – with this a fundraiser for the F-M AAUW branch. There was no objection to this.

The start-up funds for the annual meeting has also been just the branch fees which is not much. With the cost of meeting rooms and other deposits needed the F-M branch would like to ask AAUW ND for start-up funds to use to cover these conference pre-expenses. Deb Alber moved to allow F-M Branch up to \$1000 toward conference expenses. Naomi – 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Maureen reminded Dickinson that they are the chair for the nomination committee along with Jamestown and Devils Lake. We will be in need of President, secretary and program vice president if we decide to continue that position. A secretary would be really needed by April if not before. Lavetta was suggested as a possibility.

Deb suggested that the nomination committee needs to have a list of all members so they know who they can select from. Maureen will send a list of all members to the whole board.

Discussion was also held about the importance of contacting members at large who no longer belong to a branch as possible board members and also to make sure they are invited to the annual meeting.

Deb reported on the state web site and facebook. She reported that she got some news from the Grand Forks branch but no other branches. She updates when she can.

Maureen had each branch report on their membership numbers and any branch activities. Jamestown and F-M are around 30 plus and Dickinson around 20. Naomi reported that they had a great meeting concerning Title 9 and had a great turn-out.

Maureen reported that two of our goals as a state are to increase our college/university partner outreach and Voter ID. Right now the rules for the Voter ID are not very clear just that they are needed if they do not have a driver license. Dickinson reported that they think

#### New Business:

Standing rules: Since our organization structure has evolved it was suggested that we need to update our standing rules. Maureen would like two or more people to update and make proposed standing rule changes. Deb Alber volunteered to be on the committee and ask Connie Hildebrand to also help with proposed changes. A draft should be ready to present by the January meeting.

Sandy Sidler did report that she attended the public policy training by AAUW on mass mailings to increase our lobbying efforts. She said more information will be coming out on this. Maureen reported that they may try to do a mass email/letter campaign to the Secretary of State office concerning the Voter Id issue.

Discussion was held about continuing our web site maintenance agreement. Deb said that it is nice to have their expertise when problems arise. Naomi motioned that we continue the \$120 annual web site maintenance agreement. Deb 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

The next board meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2014. The time will be changed to 5:30 p.m. Maureen said that we will need to make some decisions by the January meeting so they can be put on the ballots.

Discussion was also held on how to get more branches to participate on the conference calls. Maureen will contact branches to see if the time of the calls is the problem.

The meeting was adjourned by President Maureen.

Respectfully submitted:

Debbie Alber, Acting Secretary

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