

By-Laws and Standing Rules Conference Call  
Monday, April 2, 2012  
5:00 p.m.

Present: Julie Garrett, Vetta Syverson, Marlene Anderson, Murial Peterson, Connie Hildebrandt, Deb Alber, Maureen Kelly Jonason, Simone Sandberg, Roberta Shreve, Naomi Thorson.

Julie opened the meeting and then turned it over to Murial, by-laws chairman. Murial has gone through the by-laws and standing rules and put in the mandatory revisions and some areas of change. These rough drafts were emailed out to board members. She thanked the board members, Connie and Maureen who responded with suggestions for more revisions. She then proceeded to read through the by-laws and board members commented on items still needing revisions. Most of the revisions were wording changes done to comply with the one member and one vote process or changes necessary to comply with the National by-laws that are mandatory, or typos. One area of concern was on membership and if just national members could just join the state. It was decided that in order to be a state member, members must belong to a branch. Concern was raised if we have members who don't have branches in their location. It was clarified that many branches have members who do not live in their geographical area and some even live out of state. That does not prevent them from being a branch member. Another major area of concern was in the actual one member/one vote voting process and that a quorum shall consist of the majority of the voting body as was discussed at the annual meeting in 2010, rather than 5% of the voting body. Discussion was also held on making floor nominations to an office. Since it is one member/one vote we would not be allowed to make floor nominations for an office. If we want to open nominations then we would have to allow a space on the mailed out ballots to write in a nomination. Interested members would have to campaign for open positions to the membership. Murial will make the changes and send out the revised draft before the annual meeting on April 14.

She then proceeded to go over the changes to the standing rules. Most of the changes here are just wording changes that would change "the association" to AAUW and changing state convention to annual meeting. One area of major discussion was on who was going to be responsible for getting out the ballots for one member/one vote. We need to decide on this by the annual meeting. Newsletter editor position will be deleted and website manager will be added instead. There were a few other minor changes and then Murial will email out a revised copy again before the annual meeting on April 14.

Murial was commended on the excellent job she did in preparing these documents for review and for undertaking such a difficult project. Her hard work was appreciated by all.

Julie then asked if there was a need for another conference call to review the documents again but it was decided that this should be enough to have them ready for the annual meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Alber  
Secretary