

1 **AAUW State Meeting Minutes**

2 April 22, 2017 – Held in Wahpeton, N.D.

3 **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:53 by State President, Theresa Leiphon.

4 **Roll Call:** Members present were Connie Lillejord, Mary Craft, Connie Hildebrand, Deb Alber, Joan
5 Slusser, Theresa Leiphon, Norma Nosek, VonDaLee Grandalen, Jane Freebe, Kathy Ashe, Carolyn
6 Hease, Pam Erlandson, Peggy Donahe, Virginia Goerger, Cheryl Braun, Linda Dietz, Michelle Fritz,
7 Patricia J. Schutt, Laurel Goulding, Sheri Kalash, Carla Thule, Coleen S. Kingsley, Susan Helgeland.

8 Norma Nosek gave the Welcome.

9 Joining us on Skype were Malinda Gaul and Alicia Hetman from California. They provided us with an
10 update on AAUW National.

11 **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the April 2016 State Business Meeting were reviewed. Norma
12 Nosek moved to approve the minutes. Jane Freebe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

13 **Bylaws chair** – Kathy Ashe reported.

14 **Funding** – Mary Craft reported.

15 **Elected State Secretary** – Connie Lillejord

16 **Treasurer's Report:** The secretary filed the final 2015-16 final report. Kathy Ashe made a motion to
17 approve. Carolyn Hease seconded. Motion carried.

18 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

19 **Membership:** Von Da Lee Grandalen stated that we have six different affiliates/branches. 134
20 members are currently listed. The Jamestown branch roster was not correct.

21 There are national brochures for recruiting members. Members were asked to check the website for
22 additional information.

23 Claudia Richards – Contact her if you have membership questions.

24 June 15, 2017 – LOBBY DAY – Pat Schutte and Theresa Leiphon will be attending. They will have the
25 opportunity to see Senators and members of Congress.

26 **Funds Chair:** Mary Craft reported. Minutes from March 25th were outlined. 2015-2016: \$12,177.54
27 in contributions. By comparison: 2014-2015 there were \$10,440.40 in contributions.

28 Art contest – Six entries were selected as winners, including a photograph of tulips by Mary Craft.
29 The art is sold as six notecards in a set. Extra notecards can be sold and used as a fundraiser for local
30 affiliates.

31 **Bylaws:** Kathy Ashe reported. The word “branch” had to be changed to “affiliate” (primary change).
32 The first seven bylaws all had to be the same. Each affiliate is free to add their own changes after
33 that to the bylaws.

34 National AAUW number: Call 800-326-2289 to request a paper ballot for the national election. The
35 deadline is May 29th. The deadline for electronic voting is June 15.

36 Dropping “degree” for women will be voted on at the National Level. Then individual affiliates will be
37 able to vote. There was some discussion at the meeting on if we should add “advocate” or not.

38 **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 39 1. **Title IX Compliance Officer – Deb Alber** – More than 300+ schools have been contacted and
40 the compliance manual has been mailed or emailed out. Kudos to the Fargo-Moorhead
41 branch, Wahpeton and Jamestown for reaching out across the state. A few of the schools
42 contacted did not have a Title IX compliance officer.
- 43 2. **Girls’ Soccer** – There is still inequality here. Families have put a petition on a website trying to
44 get 1000 signatures. Currently, Boys Soccer is played in the fall and Girls’ Soccer is played in
45 the spring. This schedule means that girls miss out on college recruitment and Olympics.

46 **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 47 1. Theresa Leiphon - The National AAUW conference is June 14-17 in Washington, D.C. Theresa
48 encouraged the group to register and attend.
- 49 2. Theresa also stated that she would like to attend local affiliate events. Please invite her. It
50 would be helpful to post upcoming events online.
- 51 3. Colleges held RED FLAG week – This is a public awareness campaign designed to address
52 dating violence and promote the prevention of dating violence on college campuses. This gets
53 a stamp of approval from AAUW.
- 54 4. Theresa encouraged all who were in attendance to vote in the National AAUW Elections
55 coming up.
- 56 5. Joan Slusser – Talked about “Smart Start”. This program trains college students to negotiate
57 for starting salaries. The cost to attend a single workshop to become a facilitator is \$650 – or
58 one could purchase a three-year license for less (\$1,750).
59 “Work Smart” is for any woman in the workforce to learn how to negotiate for better salaries.
60 This costs \$1,000 for a single membership workshop. You can pay \$850 for subsequent
61 workshops or you can get a 3-year license for \$2,000.
- 62 6. Theresa asked for an Ad Hoc committee to look into this. Joan Slusser, Mary Craft, Deb Alber
63 and Malinda Gaul are to be part of this committee.

64 **NOMINATING COMMITTEE and ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**The nominating committee was: Norma
65 Nosek (Wahpeton), Susan Helgeland (Fargo), and Kathy Ashe (Grand Forks).

66 **For President -Nominee: Theresa Leiphon:** Pam Erlandson made the motion to ask for nominations
67 to cease and cast a unanimous ballot. Peggy Donahe seconded this. No other nominations from the
68 floor, no write-ins. Motion carried. Theresa is completing her first year as president. Her current
69 term ends June 30, 2018. She accepted the president-elect position, which runs concurrently with her
70 second year as president, from July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018. She will serve her second term of office
71 from July 1, 2018-June 30, 2020.

72 **Chief Financial Officer/ Treasurer – Nominee: Sharon Etemad:** Pam Erlandson made the motion,
73 asked for nominations to cease and cast a unanimous ballot. Peggy Donahe seconded this. No other
74 nominations from the floor, no write-ins. Motion carried. Sharon Etemad was elected Chief Financial
75 Officer from June 30, 2017-July 1, 2019.

76 **VP of Membership – Nominee: Von Da Lee Grandalen -** Pam Erlandson made the motion, asked for
77 nominations to cease and cast a unanimous ballot. Peggy Donahe seconded this. Motion carried.

78 **Annual Meeting 2018 will be held in Jamestown.**

79 **Adjournment** – By Theresa Leiphon

80 Respectfully submitted, Connie Lillejord, Secretary