



**AAUW of North Dakota  
State Board Meeting, Saturday, March 25, 2017  
10:00 a.m. by Teleconference**

The meeting was called to order by President Theresa Leiphon.

President Theresa called for a volunteer as secretary. Debbie Alber volunteered to take notes.

Roll Call: Present were Theresa Leiphon, Michelle Fritz (Devils Lake), Debbie Alber, Joan Slusser (Jamestown), Mary Craft, Susan Helgeland (Fargo-Moorhead), Norma Nosek (Wahpeton), and Kathy Ashe (Grand Forks).

Approval of Minutes: (State Meeting, April 2016) – Theresa was acting secretary at our state meeting. She is putting together the meeting minutes and will present them at the state meeting in April. The minutes were tabled until the state meeting.

The board reviewed the financial report for the conclusion of the 2015-2016 budget year that was sent out prior to the meeting. It was filed.

The budget for the 2016-2017 year that was sent out prior to the meeting was reviewed. Mary Craft moved to approve the budget; Kathy Ashe seconded the motion. The board also reviewed and filed the current financial report.

Committee Reports:

a. Membership: Von Da Lee Grandalen – Vonda was not present – no report

b. Public Policy: Sandra Sidler – Sandy was not present – no report

c. College/University Relations: Chair is vacant

d. AAUW Funds: Mary Craft – Mary reported that branches and individuals contributed \$ 12,177.54 for the 2015-2016 year, which was up as compared to \$10,440.40 for 2014-2015. Since Mary's photo was selected as one of the winners of the AAUW photo contest, she suggested that selling the AAUW Notecards would be a good fund raiser for the state. It was decided that we should go ahead with this project and sell the notecards for \$10 per packet of 6. Mary will get them ordered and hopefully have them by the time of the state meeting. Theresa also asked if Mary could bring a print of her winning photo to display at the state meeting. Mary agreed.

e. By-laws, Parliamentarian: Kathy Ashe-Kathy thanked the branches for updating their by-laws on such short notice. She still has two branches that need updating, Devils Lake and Dickinson. She is also going to look at our state by-laws again as it looks like there were more changes after we approved them last spring.

f. Communications, Past-President: Debbie Alber. Deb reported that she has been posting on the website and Facebook page and appreciates any branch news that can be shared. Theresa would like to do some updating on the website and is in the process of getting set up. Mary asked if we are doing any newspaper press releases on the state meeting in Wahpeton. Theresa and Deb are going to work on putting together some press releases to the major newspapers on this event. Branches are asked to do their own press releases for local events to their local papers. Norma will do the state meeting notice with the Wahpeton paper.

4. Affiliate President Reports:

a. Devils Lake: Michelle Fritz – Michelle reported that the branch has been busy. They do two book sales each year that raise funds for scholarships. The scholarship luncheon is well attended and is also a good fund raiser.

b. Dickinson: Susan Josephson – No report.

c. Fargo: Susan Helgeson - They have had excellent programs this year that were well attended. The most well attended was a panel on the Women's Movement of the 50's, 60's and 70's, another on raising transgender children and overcoming diversity with Ruth Anna Buffalo.

d. Grand Forks: Kathy Ashe - Kathy reported they are continuing to partner with others on their book sale and also preparing to celebrate the affiliate's 100 year birthday in October. The affiliate is still struggling with branch leadership.

e. Jamestown: Joan Slusser – Joan reported that they had over 350 girls attend Tech Savvy in March. This will end the grant, and plans are to do more of a program in the future. The Jamestown Affiliate is planning an Equal Pay Day event at the University of Jamestown for their April branch meeting.

f. Wahpeton: Norma Nosek- Norma reported that the branch has enjoyed working on and preparing for the state meeting in April. They also are working on homes for their Tour of Homes event that raises money for the scholarships they support.

### **Old Business:**

Past Business conducted by email:

Sept. 20, 2016 – Linda Steve, Dickinson branch requested State Funds of \$500 to host a speaker for CommUniversity which is held at Dickinson State University. Discussion was held but no action was taken.

On Nov. 11 – Linda Steve, finance officer requested permission to pay the website fee of \$120 (budgeted). Bill was approved to be paid by responding board members.

On Dec. 1, 2016 CU Chair Molly McLean submitted an email resigning as the CU chair due to different job responsibilities. The board accepted her resignation.

On Dec. 1, 2016 Molly McLean motioned that we pay our ND Women's Network dues of \$100 and contribute \$200 to the We Rise Event in March. Mary Craft – Seconded. The motion was approved by email vote of the board.

### **New Business:**

Election of Officers – Open positions are: President-Elect, Membership Chair, and Treasurer. The Nominating Committee are presidents from the Devils Lake, Dickinson, and Jamestown Affiliates. Theresa will send an email notifying the Nominating Committee members of their duties and the offices to be filled.

State Meeting – Theresa and Norma reported that plans are well underway for the State Meeting in April. The hotel had to be changed, but all plans are moving forward. The theme for the event is: "Let Your Power Flower." Speakers are being secured. Press releases will be sent out.

Award Applications – Theresa noted that state award applications have been sent out to the branches and are also available on the website. She encouraged all branches to submit applications. The Awards Committee will make the final selections for the awards. Members are Theresa Leiphon, Michelle Fritz, Norma Nosek, and Susan Josephson.

Leadership Scholarship – Theresa stated that funds have been set aside from the ND Foundation grant and the Bismarck-Mandan Funds to provide (one or two) scholarships to the National Convention in June. Deb Alber will send out the application form to branches. Preference is to first time and emerging new branch leaders. Early bird

registration is due March 31 so we would like to approve before then. Funds available are approximately \$800 to \$1200 from ND Foundation and \$700 was budgeted from the Bismarck-Mandan Funds. Theresa stated that she planned to apply. Past president Deb Alber told her that the state president is budgeted \$1000 towards attending the National Meeting. She was going to reach out to others attending about room sharing.

Start Smart-Work Smart – Joan Slusser asked if state funds are still available to host a Start Smart-Work Smart workshop in ND. Deb reported that money had been budgeted from the Bismarck-Mandan Funds but has not been spent yet. The amount budgeted was \$250. Joan said that the Jamestown Affiliate had expressed interest in holding such an event. It was tabled to talk about it again at the state meeting. After the meeting Mary shared the cost of the workshops which are: StartSmart is single = \$650 and subsequent single = \$350. A 3-year license is \$1750. WorkSmart is \$1000 for single, subsequent single = \$850. A 3-year license is \$2000. These are affiliate prices.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m..

Respectfully submitted:  
Debbie Alber, Acting Secretary