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**AAUW of North Dakota**

**State Board Meeting, Saturday, February 23, 2019; 10:00 a.m. by teleconference:**

**MINUTES:**

**Call to Order:** Theresa K. Leiphon, President

**Roll Call:** Present: Sandy Sidler, Kathy Ashe, Laurel Goulding, Von Da Lee Grandalen, Sharon Etemad, Luanne Stromme.

**Approval of Minutes:** (January 26, 2019) - Sec. Connie Lillejord) Kathy Ashe moved to approve the Minutes. Von Da Lee Grandalen seconded. The motion carried.

**Financial Officer's Report:** Sharon Etemad: Luanne Stromme moved to approve the report. Laurel Goulding seconded. The motion carried. Sharon stated that she had not switched the AAUW state moneys from Wells Fargo Bank as suggested last year because of the complexity of the change and improvement in banking services. Of significance was the reduction in dues income from a projected \$1500 to \$590 actual. Theresa will send an email to Affiliate presidents asking them to remind members who have not yet paid their dues to do so. The total balance of checking, savings, and CDs in the AAUW-ND state treasury is \$22,248.68. (Checking: \$6,00.21; Savings: \$6,038.36; CDs: \$10,140.11). Sharon asked that the Affiliates email her a list of paid members, so she can reconcile the income from dues (sharon.etemad@lrsc.edu).

**Committee Reports:**

Membership – Von Da Lee Grandalen - State membership is currently at 111.

Public Policy – Sandy Sidler – She has been keeping track of happenings at the 66<sup>th</sup> ND Legislature. Crossover for bills is this week.

By-laws, Parliamentarian – Kathy Ashe – No Report

Communications – Deb Alber – No Report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. State AAUW Meeting

a. Sunday, March 3, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

b. Ramada Hotel, 1400 East Interchange Ave., Bismarck, ND

c. Ramada meeting room is reserved.

d. In conjunction with We Rise – Women Empowered

1) Sunday, March 3, 2019 - Ramada

- 37 2) 1-5 p.m. Advocacy Training  
 38 3) 7-9 p.m. Social  
 39 4) FREE to all, members and non-members alike  
 40 5) \$20 for round-trip bus ride (Fargo, Valley City, Jamestown)  
 41 6) A block of rooms is reserved at the Ramada for We Rise participants. To  
 42 reserve a room, call the Ramada: 701-258-7000.  
 43 7) Monday, March 4, 2019 – Women Empowered Lobby Day  
 44 8) 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
 45 9) State Capitol, 600 East Boulevard Ave.  
 46 10) Kristie Wolff, State NDWD Director, has 2 requests:  
 47 a) Please register by March 1, so she knows how many participants to  
 48 expect.  
 49 b) Please consider helping to sponsor this event from your AAUW Affiliate.  
 50 Participation in We Rise is free, so NDWN relies on sponsors to  
 51 fund the program, and they are coming up short this year.  
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 53 Sandy Sidler moved that the State AAUW sponsor WeRise for \$100.  
 54 Laurel Goulding seconded. The motion carried.

55 e) For schedules and more details and to register, go to:

56 [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/werise-tickets-](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/werise-tickets-54510262663?invite=&err=29&referrer=&discount=&affiliate=&eventpassword=)  
 57 [54510262663?invite=&err=29&referrer=&discount=&affiliate=&eventpassword=](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/werise-tickets-54510262663?invite=&err=29&referrer=&discount=&affiliate=&eventpassword=)

58 f) How should we do registration for AAUW members for our state meeting?

59 Please instruct your members who plan to attend the Annual AAUW  
 60 Meeting, in conjunction with WeRise on March 3, to email Theresa  
 61 Leiphon ([tleiphon@yahoo.com](mailto:tleiphon@yahoo.com)) by March 1.

62 g) Shall we charge a registration fee to cover mileage and expenses (Meeting  
 63 room, coffee, microphone, projector, etc.)? How much?

64 The cost of the meeting room at the Ramada plus Coffee, a microphone,  
 65 and an LCD projector, is \$262.88.

66 Kathy Ashe moved to assess each Affiliate \$75 to cover the cost of the  
 67 meeting room. Laurel Goulding seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
 68 In discussion, it was thought to be too expensive for individual attendees  
 69 to pay \$30 or more for a 2-hour meeting. Affiliates can send the \$75 to the  
 70 Financial Officer before or after the meeting or pay at the Annual Meeting.  
 71 Additional expenses will be mileage for members driving to the meeting.

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73 2. Other old business: None

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75 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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77 1. How are we doing with nominations for officers? (Committee: Wahpeton, Fargo,  
78 Devils Lake). Theresa will meet with the Affiliate presidents by phone conference  
79 this week to work on nominations.

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81 a. Financial Officer (Sharon Etemad does not wish to serve another term.)

82 b. President-Elect

83 c. Funds Chair

84 d. C/U Relations Chair

85 e. Membership VP (Von Da Lee Grandalen does not wish to serve another term.)

86 2. Are any of you preparing nominations for Awards? (Deadline Feb. 28)

87 a. Prairie Rose Award

88 b. Woman of Distinction

89 c. Turtle Award

90 3. Equal Pay Day: April 2, 2019: Do you want us to petition the Governor to issue a  
91 proclamation? Are you planning to ask your mayors for a proclamation again?  
92 Sandy reported that the Fargo-Moorhead Affiliate has made it a priority to have  
93 Governor Burgum sign a proclamation designating April 2 as Equal Pay Day in  
94 ND. Theresa will contact the Governor's Office to request a meeting with the  
95 Governor on Monday, March 4 to ask him to sign a proclamation or explain why  
96 he won't.

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98 4. **Suggested Agenda items for the Annual Meeting, March 3:** Members will  
99 welcome the guests listed below. Other Agenda items will include a Strategic Plan for  
100 2019-20 and a Budget Proposal, Increasing State AAUW dues from \$10 to \$15,  
101 including Members-at-Large (Or another name) for members in the state who are not  
102 able to affiliate with a branch (disbanded) but who want to stay involved in AAUW.

103 ***Note: Kathy Ashe, Parliamentarian, consulted the AAUW State By-laws, and***  
104 ***found that all members in good standing can vote at the Annual Meeting. There is***  
105 ***no proxy voting. Perhaps we could request a delegate or representative from***  
106 ***each Affiliate?***

107 Please encourage your members to attend We Rise and our meeting. Theresa has  
108 invited Kristie Wolff to be a guest. Also, Barbara Handy-Marchello and Susan Wefald,  
109 who are chairing the ND Women Suffrage Centennial Committee, expressed an interest  
110 in attending our meeting and telling us about their project. They invited Theresa to be on  
111 their committee on behalf of AAUW.

112 5. Other old business: None

113 **Adjournment – 11:00 a.m. Next meeting: Bismarck, March 3, 5-7 p.m. Ramada**  
114 **meeting Room.**