



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN OF NORTH CAROLINA

[AAUW NC]

ANNUAL STATE MEETING

MAY 13, 2020

Kathy Pearre, AAUW NC Vice-President, as host of the virtual meeting via Zoom, opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. She stated that all participants have been muted and asked everyone to use the “raise your hand” or chat room to get her attention. She then introduced Jane Terwillegar, AAUW NC President.

Jane welcomed the participants and reminded all that this is the first virtual state meeting. She stated that unfortunately, due to the format and number of meeting participants, there would be no opportunity for questions and dialogue. She asked that participants please save questions and suggestions for the Town Hall meeting, again with Zoom, that will be held on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 pm; should there be too many registrants, more than one session may be scheduled to assure freedom of discussion.

Jane then offered a few remarks that included state board members Wendy Haner, Virginia Adamson and Cherrie Wheaton, and Pat Ashe, AAUW Asheville President. Wendy’s work in assuring that all registration fees were returned promptly when the planned bus trip and conference had to be cancelled was highlighted and Jane thanked Wendy. Virginia and Cherrie worked diligently to plan the state 2020 activities that highlighted the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, Women’s Right to Vote. Even though all spring activities had to be cancelled, the board is hopeful that the August 26 reception at the Governor’s Mansion in Raleigh will still be possible. And, lastly, Jane recognized the 2020 Conference Planning Committee, along with Conference Chair Pat Ashe, for all their work in planning the conference for March 27-28 in Asheville, which had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. This committee’s work was recognized by a virtual “cheer.”

A meeting quorum was verified by Credentials Committee members Nancy Shoemaker and Virginia Adamson, reporting that 14 branches of the 10 needed for a quorum were represented.

Jane asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the March 23, 2019, annual meeting, a copy of which was emailed to this year’s registrants as an attachment to the Zoom instructions. There were no corrections identified and Jane announced that the minutes were

approved as distributed (no vote required as described in Robert's Rules of Order). The 2019 minutes will be posted on the AAUW NC website.

Jane requested the Treasurer's Report for fiscal year 2018-2019. Wendy Haner, Treasurer, stated that this report can be found on the AAUW NC website. The 2019-2020 budget and final financial report for this fiscal year will be posted after the year is completed on June 30.

The next agenda item was the Election of Officers for a two-year term for the fiscal years July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022. Jane recognized Janet Bunker, Branch Advocate, for the Nominating Committee report. Janet reported that there were two positions to be filled: Vice-President and Treasurer. The committee proposed to the membership Kathy Pearre for Vice-President and Wendy Haner for Treasurer, each of whom had expressed a willingness to be nominated. Janet had contacted branch Presidents by email and asked for any additional nominations from the branches; there were none.

Jane then asked for any nominations for Vice-President from the meeting participants. No entries were received in the chat room as the requested format. She then declared that nominations for Vice-President were closed. Next, Jane asked for any additional nominations for Treasurer. Hearing none, she announced the nominations for Treasurer were closed.

Continuing, Jane stated that according to the state Bylaws, Article XII Section 2, if there is only one nominee for an office, the elections shall be by voice. Kathy was asked to unmute all Zoom connections so that participants could vote AYE or NAY for each candidate.

The AYE vote for Kathy Pearre was unanimous. Jane announced that Kathy Pearre was duly elected for her second term as Vice President, 2020-2022. In a separate vote, Wendy Haner was also elected unanimously. Jane declared Wendy Haner duly elected for her second term as Treasurer, 2020-2022.

Jane then introduced Cherrie Wheaton, Immediate Past President, for the installation of the newly elected Vice-President and Treasurer. Cherrie identified that both roles require hard work and many hours for AAUW NC. Further, each would be a member of the Executive Committee and expected to promote the values and mission of AAUW. Kathy and Wendy individually agreed to fulfill these expectations. Each was presented a virtual bouquet of flowers.

Jane gave the President's report. She stated that registration of nearly 100 members and more than 30 guests for the annual conference in Asheville demonstrated remarkable interest for AAUW issues in the state. Jane identified the need for active support for opportunities to promote the AAUW.org online salary negotiation workshop Work Smart. She continued with elucidating two public policy priorities for AAUW NC: support for ratification of the ERA in NC as well as nationally by contacting our Senators, and actions to advocate for removal of the recent onerous regulations for Title IX by the Department of Education. Many other vital issues exist that are needed to achieve equality for women and she encouraged member vigilant support and attention in the coming months.

At 7:30 Jane introduced Kate Nielson, AAUW Director of Public Policy and Legal Advocacy, who was to be a speaker at the conference. Kate announced that she has recently added two staff members, whose roles are in addressing a federal policy portfolio and grass roots advocacy. She encouraged members to view the new AAUW.org website. She pointed out the 2020 Gender Policy Agenda, which can be found on the website and identifies the issues for women's equity and the legislative actions that are needed. She highlighted The AAUW Action

Fund, which advances equity for women and girls through member activism and voter mobilization. She also encouraged members to check the website for Equity Network webinars.

Jane thanked Kate for her presence and remarks. She then went on to remind members to read the state newsletter *Connect*, which gives the details of upcoming events such as the President's Council/Town Hall meeting on May 20th at 7:00 pm as a follow up to this meeting and the announcement of other 2020 virtual meetings and activities. She requested that members send suggestions for virtual meeting topics to aauwnc@editor.com or aauwnc@president.com.

Jane declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Ashe, AAUW Asheville President