

American Association of University Women North Carolina (AAUW NC)
Board Meeting - February 21, 2024
Minutes

Location: Virtual

Members Present: Pat Ashe, Beverly Larson, Mary Ann Bents, Sandy Bernard, Laura Tew, Jeanne Smolkin, Kathy Pearre

Members Absent: Katie Pincura, Nicole Sherrill-Jamison, Tiffany Jacobs

Topic	Discussion
Opening	Pat opened the meeting at 5:36 pm.
Board Resignation	Lori Bunton has resigned from the board. Her remaining term is 1 ½ years. Pat requested referrals from board members to fill the position, especially since the Annual Meeting is scheduled for March. A suggestion was made to contact the past secretary, Adrienne Stuckey, to ask if she might be available to help with the Annual Meeting.
Minutes	Corrections were suggested for the January minutes. For the Mini-grant report, the amount of \$500 was added, and a typo in the STEM report was noted. Beverly made the motion to accept the corrected minutes. Mary Ann seconded, and the board approved acceptance of the minutes as corrected.
Treasurer Report	Pat reported that the year-to-date expenses for 7 months are \$7,857 under budget. Technical support of \$2,500 has not been spent, as Mary Ann continues to manage and

	<p>update the website. An invoice of \$385 from Get You Found is for annual fees for the website. Tech Triad will be removed as a budget category and replaced with Get You Found.</p> <p>Jeanne reported that one of the CDs (certificate of deposit) is coming due. She made a motion to purchase a \$10,000 CD at a rate of 4.75% for 7 months from Wells Fargo. Beverly seconded, and the motion was approved.</p>
Young People's Literature Award	<p>The books and nameplates have been ordered. Branches will receive a copy to place in the permanent collection of a local library, and there is a copy designated for the UNC Charlotte library, which houses most of the volumes from past years. There was discussion about whether the libraries were receiving the books and placing them in the permanent collection. Beverly and Mary Ann expressed interest in researching this question. Kathy will include this specific instruction in the mailing to branch presidents.</p>
Public Policy	<p>Beverly reported that there is ongoing discussion about school board situation meetings, since Moms for Liberty members are in the state. The thinking is that it would be a good idea to ensure that there is representation from a group supporting public education at school board meetings throughout the state.</p>
Membership	<p>Beverly reported there are 3 new state members in Hendersonville, Charlotte Area, and Orange/Durham/Chatham (ODC).</p> <p>A clarification was made about who pays state dues. According to the bylaws, state dues are waived for 50 year members, as well as students and 2 member representatives from each college/university.</p> <p>Beverly suggested postponement of revised branch bylaws until the national amendment is concluded.</p>
STEM	<p>Laura announced the Charlotte STEM program on Saturday. She will prepare the notice of the NC Science Festival for the March <i>Connect</i>.</p>

<i>Connect</i>	<p>Mary Ann reported there were 2 issues in February. The first issue on February 1st had an open rate of 43.9%, or 559 opens. The second issue, featuring the Annual Meeting, had an open rate of 52.4%, or 666 opens.</p> <p>The deadline for the March issue is Friday.</p>
Website	<p>Mary Ann continues to update the website and trouble-shoot. Disbanded branches have been removed. Presidents have been asked to provide updates for their branch section, and half have responded.</p>
Nominating Committee	<p>Pat gave the report on behalf of Beverly, Tiffany, and Jane Terwillegar. They selected Lena Murrill-Chapman for Vice President and Millie Hoffler-Foushee as Treasurer, both from the Greensboro branch. Kathy moved to approve, Sandy seconded, and the selections were approved as the single slate for the annual meeting.</p>
Funds Report	<p>Sandy thanked those involved in the rewarding Fellowship program on January 20th for assistance.</p>
NCCWSL	<p>As of the board meeting, 2 branches had candidates interested in attending the NCCWSL conference. WCU has 2, Charlotte has 1. Early registration, until April, is \$565. There are some funds available from national, but the deadline has passed. After a full discussion, Pat moved to add \$1,325 to NCCWSL. Sandy seconded, and the board approved. The board believes assisting college women to participate will help sustain the AAUW mission. Pat will ask presidents to advise of candidates they have vetted by March 1st.</p>
Regional Conference	<p>Pat confirmed the date of the Regional Conference in Glen Allen, VA for September 27-29. The planning committee and the program committee both meet within the next week.</p>

Closing	The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm.
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Next meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 5:30 pm

Minutes prepared by: Kathy Pearre

Appendix A – Meeting Agenda

AAUW NC Board Meeting

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AGENDA

AAUW Mission: Advancing gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy

Strategic Goal of AAUW NC: To develop program planning, communication, and advocacy to advance the climate for women's equity in North Carolina

- I. Meeting opening (Pat)
- II. Treasurer's Report (Jeanne)
- III. Meeting minutes January 17, 2024 (Kathy)
- IV. Committee Chair Reports
 - a. Executive Committee (Pat)
 - b. Public Policy (Katie)
 - c. STEM (Laura)
 - d.. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (Tiffany)
 - e. *Connect* newsletter (Mary Ann)
 - f. Website update (Mary Ann)
 - g. Programs (Kathy)
 - h. AAUW Carolinas Fund Chair (Sandy)

V. Opportunity for branches to identify candidates for NCCWSL sent to Presidents on February 1, 2024

a. \$1500 budgeted. Should we consider more to cover registration fees for additional candidates?

b. 3 individuals identified so far (WCU and Charlotte)

VI. Atlantic multi-state Regional Conference (Kathy and Pat)

a. Stipulation that participating states will cover any shortfall of funds

VII. Annual Meeting update and discussion (Beverly, Kathy and Pat)

VIII. Other business

Next meeting: April 17, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.