

AAUW NC Annual Meeting in Burlington, NC  
Presidents Council Meeting  
Friday March 30, 2012  
3pm-5:30pm

Discussion and Decisions Re: Pilot State Structure

Thirteen (13) of twenty (20) branches had presidents and/or members present at the meeting:

Asheville  
Brevard  
Chapel Hill  
Charlotte  
Gaston Regional  
Greensboro  
Hendersonville  
Raleigh/Wake County  
Salisbury  
Tar Heel  
Twin Rivers/New Bern  
Wilmington  
Winston-Salem

Co-President Karla Atkinson gave a brief overview of the two-year history which led to the development of a new state structure. At the 2011 Annual Meeting in High Point, members agreed to adopt a new structure for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The former Board and leadership structure of AAUW NC was replaced by the structure which operated throughout 2011-2012 and is which is attached to this document.

Those present at this meeting gave positive feedback re: the piloted state structure. The comments included:

- branches have more ownership now through the Proposed Public Policy Project (PPPP).
- PPPP enabled AAUW NC to be more focused and less distracted on state business
- branches are also more vested in AAUW NC through the mini-grant program
- communication between the branches and AAUW NC has improved
- branches feel more connected to each other through PPPP
- branches participating in PPPP now have a small group focus on a project
- face-to-face meetings between AAUW NC officers make a difference and make branches feel more connected to the state organization
- touches/contact with branches at the regional/area level are important

Continuing with this feedback, those present at this meeting suggested that the office of VP Secretary be changed simply to Vice President, with the expectation that the new

Executive Committee will direct the duties of the Vice President's office, based on the needs of AAUW NC next year.

Karla noted the difficulty the Executive Committee had with filling the appointed positions in the current year. Nonetheless, the group felt these positions should be included in the AAUW NC state structure for 2102-2013.

The motion to "continue with the piloted structure in 2012-2013, electing AAUW NC members to fill four offices for a one year term" was offered, seconded and approved. The structure that will operate in 2012-2013 includes the elected offices of President, Branch Advocate, Vice President and Treasurer.

#### Discussion of State Bylaw Revisions

Co-President Lill Van Order reminded the group that at the annual meeting last year, the members also voted to suspend the AAUW NC bylaws for 2011-2012 because it was a pilot year. However, time has run out for avoiding a bylaws revision at the state level.

Patricia Ho also reminded the members that bylaws must be amended to include the directives from AAUW which were changed again after the national convention (June 2011) to conform to Washington, DC codes.

Lill asked for volunteers to form a AAUW NC Bylaws and Policy Revision Committee. She noted that bylaws revision will take less time than development of new AAUW NC Bylaws. Nancy Shoemaker, Pat Abell and Grace Knechtel agreed to join Lill on the Bylaws Revision Committee.

#### Branch Discussion

Branch Advocate Pat Abell led the discussion on branch updates. She asked what role the Branch Advocate could play next year. Suggestions included planning/making arrangements for gathering with other branches in the area, identifying and sharing ideas among branches, and having a voice in how resources could be allocated to the branches.

Branch reports were given by New Bern, Raleigh/Wake County, Brevard, Tar Heel, Chapel Hill, Hendersonville and Asheville -- all received mini-grants this year. Salisbury, Charlotte and Greensboro reported on successful projects. Winston-Salem is struggling to maintain enough membership to function.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 pm.