

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN OF NORTH CAROLINA
[AAUW NC]
STATE MEETING
MARCH 24, 2018

The 2018 meeting of the American Association of University Women of North Carolina [AAUWNC] was held on March 24, 2018 at the Hawthorne Inn and Conference Center in Winston Salem NC.

Business meeting

The meeting was called to order by Co-president, Jane Terwilligar. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. Co-president, Cherrie Wheaton recognized four branches for their accomplishments.

- ✓ Raleigh-Wake County branch for over 40% membership growth over the past three years
- ✓ Salisbury branch and Orange/Durham/Chatham branch {ODC} for over 30% growth during 2016-17
- ✓ Greensboro branch for supporting the highest number of AAUW national programs.

Co-president Wheaton also congratulated the Hendersonville branch for being top contributors to the NC Ann Chipley Fund in 2016-17 and for their 40th Anniversary celebration that will be celebrated this Spring.

Secretary Debra Richardson directed members to the March 2017 minutes and asked for a motion to accept the 2017 minutes as written. It was moved by Ellen Garbarino and seconded by Janice Imgrund. The motion was approved by a show of hands.

The financial report [attached] was presented by Treasurer JoAnn Hall. She noted that the current report did not include expenses for the 2018 Conference. Laura Garmendia motioned to approve the financial report as submitted [2nd by Bernie Carpenter]

Diane Schneider, Branch Advocate presented the Nominating committee report:

- Candidate for Vice President [Membership] – Kathy Pearre/WS Branch
- Candidate for Treasurer – Wendy Haner/Asheville Branch

As there were no nominations from the floor, Denny McGuire moved to close nominations and elect the two candidates by acclamation [2nd by Lil Van Order]. The vote passed unanimously.

Immediate Past Presidents Jean D'Addario and Sandra McLaurin led the induction of the new officers giving each flowers as a token of appreciation. The other officers were also introduced: Jane Terwilligar and Cherrie Wheaton [Co-Presidents]. Diane Schneider {Branch Advocate and JoAnn Hill {Treasurer}.

Denny McGuire, Public Policy chair, reported that AAUW National Board of Directors voted to put three proposals for bylaw amendments before the membership for a vote. The proposed amendment address: 1] creating three-year staggering board terms, 2] opening board services to those outside of the AAUW membership and 3] eliminating the degree requirement for membership. Voting on these amendments will take place on line [and by paper ballot] and will open April 25, 2018 and close June 9, 2018.

Karla Atkinson made a motion to bring these three amendments up for membership discussion [2nd Bernie Carpenter.] The motion was approved by a show of hands. In the discussion, Sue Mengert agreed with the move to open AAUW membership to anyone who agrees with AAUW's mission. Wendy Haner agreed with Sue and suggested including examples in the information sent to members [ie: Lilly Ledbetter and Eleanor Roosevelt] of those being unable to join due to not having a four-year degree. It was also noted that this change will help AAUW be seen as more inclusive, rather than exclusive. Tina Ganis added as AAUW deal with multicultural communities, there should be language in the bylaws about LGBT.

The board of AAUW NC discussed the merit of these amendments at the March 23, 2018 meeting and voted to approve a resolution prepared by Denny McGuire and Laura Garmendia endorsing the approval of all three amendments. [See attached] Karla Atkinson made the motion to endorse the Board's resolutions, as provided in the membership conference packet, adding a statement indicating that the membership of AAUW NC also recommends all three of the proposed AAUW amendments be approved and that AAUW National be informed of this North Carolina decision [2nd by Mary Peterson.] The motion passes by a show of hands.

Motion to adjourned made by Bernie Carpenter [2nd by Libby Haile.]

The AAUW NC Annual Meeting was adjourned at 10:05am.

Submitted by: Debra Richardson, Secretary, AAUW NC