

AAUW North Carolina
13 April 2013
Annual Meeting Minutes

0915, Mary Peterson, AAUW NC President, opened the annual AAUW NC Business meeting.

In attendance were the following branches: Jacksonville Regional, Wilmington, High Country, Chapel Hill, Greensboro, Tar Heel, Gaston Regional, Brevard, Statesville, Sandhills/Southern Pines, Asheville, Raleigh, Charlotte, Hendersonville, Twin Rivers/New Bern.

Doris Bernlohr made a motion to dispense with reading the minutes from last years meeting.

Lill Van Order seconded the motion.

Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Denny McGuire presented the following financial report: As of 31 March 2013 income totaled \$8679 and expenses \$4010.83. Expenses do not yet include the costs associated with the annual meeting.

So far this year expenditures for mini grants are less than projected with only \$900 expended out of the \$4000 budgeted. Branches are encouraged to submit project ideas since money is still available.

Advocacy has spent less than last year. One reason is that this year AAUW NC is not paying for a lobbyist.

A major expense is Tar Heel editing, printing and distribution.

There is funding in the budget for AAUW NC officers to attend the AAUW National Convention. There is also \$1,000 available for branches to attend the National Convention. The \$1,000 will be divided up between the branches attending and the funds sent to the Branch President.

Checking account balance: \$17,126.33

CD Balance: \$15,375.09

The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

By-Law Committee:

Lill Van Order presented the following proposed By-Law changes from the By-Law Committee:

Article VII, Officers and Committees, eliminate Section b.
(Rename section c as b)

Article IX, Nominations, eliminate Section b.
(Rename section c as b)

Article IX, Elections

Section d: switch the words “even” and “odd” so that it reads, “The President and Branch Advocate are elected in odd years, the Vice President and Treasurer in even years.”

Article XI, Presidents Council, add section 5:

Section 5: Responsibilities. The Presidents' Council develops a process to nominate a slate of officers to be elected at the Annual State Meeting. The Branch Advocate oversees these responsibilities.

Lill Van Order made the motion to accept the report from the By-Laws Committee.

Motion to accept the committee report was unanimously approved.

Question was raised concerning when Branches should make changes to their by-laws. Answer was that Branches can wait until after the National AAUW meeting in June to make any changes.

ERA Resolution

Roberta Madden passed out copies of a “Resolution of Commitment to Ratify ERA-NC”. She discussed the need to get the Equal Rights Amendment passed. Currently 35 states have ratified it but 38 are required. Currently there is an effort to abolish the time limit originally set at 7 years which has been surpassed. Since the Madison Amendment was just ratified after 202 years it signals that the time limits on amendments can be extended. North Carolina is one of the states that has not yet ratified the ERA

Amendment. Plan is to have ERA raised as an action item in NC in 2015.

Right now members should contact their members of Congress and urge them to pass SJR 39 and HJR 47.

Ratify ERA-NC is organizing on a statewide level and seeking approval as a 501(c) 3.

Molly Keeney made a motion that AAUW NC sign on to the ERA-NC resolution and hold in escrow a minimum of \$100.

Michelle Evans seconded the motion.

Karla Atkinson made a motion to amend the motion: strike out “minimum of \$100” and insert “\$500”.

Sue Metz seconded the motion to amend.

The amendment to the motion was unanimously approved. The amended motion reads, “AAUW NC sign on to the ERA-NC Resolution and hold in escrow \$500.”

The motion as amended was unanimously approved.

Other Business

(a) Karla Atkinson suggested that AAUW NC should purchase movies such as Miss Representation and lend these to Branches for fund raising or just awareness raising. Would this be a good allocation of state resources? What copyright restrictions would have to be considered?

A committee was formed to research the advantages and responsibilities concerning purchasing of videos for state and branch use. Members of the committee are:

Katherine White, Chapel Hill Branch

Jane Terwillegar, Greensboro Branch

Kathy Greene, Sandhills/Southern-Pines Branch

(b) A comment was made that the next issue of the Tar Heel will include notes about members who have recently passed away. Branches should send information on this to Karla Atkinson.

CQ State.

Deborah Swerdlow from AAUW Public Policy gave an explanation of the CQ State tool. This is an online tool that helps track state legislature actions. Branches input keywords that they want tracked and the tool will then alert them when legislation with these key

words is mentioned. The AAUW NC website has a list of bills that AAUW NC is tracking. To find this go to “Advocacy” on the website, then “What's Happening in GA” and click on “Fast Track”.

Nominations.

There was no nominating committee this year. The current officers all agreed to serve another year.

The annual business meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

Maureen Copelof
Appointed Secretary for the meeting