



## President's E-Letter

April 17, 2016

This has been a very busy but exciting month and we are only half way through it!

**The AAUW NC Annual Meeting** at the Chapel Hill Sheraton April 1 & 2 was a wonderful event! From our AAUW Leader, Deepti Gudipati who helped us fulfill our mission, to the outstanding NC Fellows, Frances O'Roark Dowell, Juvenile Book Winner, and the GOTV 2016 Brevard Mini-Grant project, we were inspired and motivated to continue to work for the advancement of women and girls. We really appreciated Mary Peterson installing Margaret (Peg) Holmes, Vice President and JoAnn Hall, Treasurer and the rededication of the continuing officers. We thank you for sharing your branch stories of programs, fund raisers, and successful endeavors.

Two important resolutions were passed during the business meeting. **The Ann Chipley Resolution** will help us finish the \$100,000 Ann Chipley Endowment to be completed by May 2017 with just under \$9000 needed. **The HB2 Resolution** was passed and sent to Governor McCrory and other NC officials in support of repealing that bill. Both of these resolutions are posted at [www.aauwnc.org](http://www.aauwnc.org).

There is hardly any document that went into the planning and execution of the AAUW NC Annual Meeting that isn't posted at [www.aauwnc.org](http://www.aauwnc.org). The summaries from our workshops and the minutes of the business meeting will be posted there as well. Please make it a habit to go to the national and state websites to check out all the latest information and updates. On the AAUW NC Facebook page, you can find a number of photos from the meetings.



**ERA-NC Alliance Commissioning Program**, April 12, 2016: It was no coincidence that the launch of this new alliance took place on Equal Pay Day. April 12 was the date on which (white) women have to work to catch up and our sisters of color are still working to catch up! That is only one of the reasons why we need the ERA! The program began with a Press conference led by Roberta Madden of RatifyERANC followed by a guest speaker, Dr. E. Faye Williams, National President and CEO of the National Congress

of Black Women, followed by Gailya Paliga, President of NC National Organization for Women. For highlights of the event go to:

<https://northcarolinanow.wordpress.com/2016/04/15/best-cake-ever-and-other-highlights-from-era-nc-event/>. AAUW NC is one of the lead organizations in this new alliance.



In previous communications, we have noted that **all of our state and branch By-Laws need to be up-to-date and in compliance with the national By-Laws changes as mandated by the last convention in 2015. These updates need to be completed by May 15, 2016.** The reason for these updates is to comply with the regulations required to maintain AAUW's tax status. . Nonprofit compliance requires AAUW to adhere to all laws, regulations and guidelines relevant to its legal structure. As affiliates of AAUW, we need to do the same. To see a copy of the model bylaws changes and the memo about the changes, go to <http://www.aauw.org/resource/state-and-branch-model-bylaws/>. If you have questions do not hesitate to contact Sandra or me.

There is a lot more I would like to say about our time together at the annual meeting. We really enjoyed sharing our stories and thinking about ways to communicate better with each other. The board will be discussing these ideas and planning ways we can implement them. We intend to keep you posted on the outcomes of the board strategic planning session and the community outreach workshop both led by Deepti Gudipati. We also know we will benefit greatly from the Presidents' surveys. Sandra and I are very grateful to those who attended the meeting and to those whose efforts made it a success!

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