

AAUW NORTH CAROLINA

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 2, 2016

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Co-President Jean D'Addario at 9:00 a.m. at the Sheraton Hotel in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Welcome and Introductions: A welcome was extended to the approximately forty attendees, representing fourteen branches from across the state. Co-President D'Addario reviewed the highlights of the Presidents' meeting on Friday afternoon and the Tarheel Branch meeting Saturday morning. She also read greetings from AAUW Board Chair, Patricia Fae Ho, who reminded attendees this was a time to recharge and re-examine our roles and remember that the next national convention is being planned in Washington, DC on June 14 -17, 2017.

Introductions and recognition were extended to Deepti Gudipati, Vice President of Member Leadership Programs; state board members; Frances O'Roark Dowell, Juvenile Literature Award Winner; and the Chapel Hill Branch for hosting the meeting.

Juvenile Literature Award Winner, Frances O'Roak Dowell, was introduced by Peg Holmes. Ms. Dowell presented information about the literary themes in her book, Anybody Shining, which was selected by AAUW NC as the 2015 winner. One book per branch was purchased by AAUW NC to give as gifts to NC libraries.

Annual Business Meeting:

Call to Order: Co-President, Sandra McLaurin, called the business meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of March 21, 2015: It was duly moved and approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Lena Cardwell moved and Mary Peterson seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: JoAnn Hall presented a proposed budget for 2016 and a report of the 2015 expenses and income. Since the budget is a product of the board, it did not need approval. Libby Haile raised the question of reimbursement for travel to national conventions. The 2015 attendees from North Carolina were reimbursed \$100 each for travel expenses to San Diego. Since the 2017 convention will be in nearby DC, travel expenses will probably not be offered.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Chair Donna Wilson presented the candidate for Vice President, Margaret (Peg) Holmes, and the candidate for Treasurer, JoAnn Taylor Hall. The motion to accept the slate of officers was made by Lill Van Order and seconded by Bernice Carpenter. The motion passed unanimously.

Installation of Officers: Past President Mary Peterson installed the new Vice President and Treasurer as well as the renewal of returning officers. Mary presented each officer with a “tool kit” to help them in their job. Everyone was asked to stand in support of the new state board.

President’s Council Report: The results of the Presidents’ survey and ensuing discussion of various branch activities were reviewed by Donna Wilson. A suggestion was made to have a talking points worksheet with the branch name and contact information at a future meeting.

Public Policy Report: Chair Denny McGuire reviewed the public policy priorities from 2015 with the additional of support for the Equal Rights Amendment for 2016. AAUW NC will collaborate with the following women’s groups that impact public policy by:

1. Supporting the NC Women Matter’s new voter guide for women by asking volunteers to help distribute it,
2. Participating in the “Women to Women” letter writing campaign to get women to come to the polls and vote by writing encouraging, hand written letters, especially in rural communities.
3. Attending the Bennett 5 Conference at Bennett College in Greensboro, July 30, 2016.
4. Supporting the NC ERA Alliance to bring various groups in North Carolina together to support passage of the ERA Amendment. AAUW NC will have one to two of its board members on the NC ERA Alliance Board to help lead this initiative.
5. Supporting Cities for CEDAW (Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women). Although the United States has not signed this United Nation’s statement against the discrimination of women, a coalition of women’s groups in the Triangle is working toward getting communities in North Carolina to adopt these concepts.

STEM Report: Chair Ellen Garbarino reviewed works done in branch STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) projects in North Carolina and the 22 national programs. She noted a Tech Savvy program in Greensboro on April 9, 2016 and the availability of national career development grants and fellowships in STEM fields. Branches were encouraged to communicate about their STEM projects on the web and in newsletters. Two STEM goals were established for 2016 – 2017:

1. Each branch will devote one branch meeting to STEM each year.
2. Branch members will participate in a STEM program, either their own program or as a volunteer in another program, such as a STEM camp or programs on computer science.

Old Business:

AAUW NC Policy Update: Jean D’Addario announced that a new committee, comprised of Lill Van Order, Mary Fran Schickedantz, Virginia Adamson and Jean D’Addario, will develop a first draft of the policy update for the Bennett Conference on July 30, 2016. An Appendix C will be added to the policies

which refer to judging the juvenile literature award. Juvenile literature will now include pre-K to grade 12. In lieu of a cup, the purchase of a copy of the winning book will be given to each branch.

New Business:

The Ann Chipley Fund: Nancy Shoemaker reviewed the history of the Ann Chipley fund and presented the following two resolutions:

1. Resolved, that AAUW of North Carolina will encourage its members, branches and their allies who may remember Ann Chipley to contribute to the completion of the Ann Chipley endowment by the May 2017 deadline.
2. Resolved, that AAUW of North Carolina may use up to \$3,500 in 2016 – 2017 to encourage donations from branches and individuals or to make a direct contribution to complete the endowment.

Discussion indicated that \$7,900 was needed to complete the fund, but if the fund is not completed by the May 2017 deadline, the fund will go to the American Scholars Fund. A motion to accept both resolutions was made by Nancy Shoemaker and seconded by Libby Haile. The motion passed unanimously.

NC House Bill 2: Public Policy Chair Denny McGuire reviewed the history of the bill and its provisions as presented to the Tar Heel Branch, which passed a resolution to repeal HB2 in the next legislative session. A motion to pass the resolution started in the Tar Heel Branch was made by Denny McGuire and seconded by Virginia Adamson. Discussion indicated that AAUW wrote a letter to President Obama with concern about losing \$4.5 billion in Title IX money because of this bill. The resolution will be presented to the NC Senate. Branches were asked to share this resolution with their members and ask them to send it to their elected officials. Sue Mengert suggested that this resolution could be given to City Councils and other community groups. A vote was taken and the resolution passed unanimously.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Jane Terwillegar and seconded by Lill Van Order. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherrie Wheaton, Interim Secretary