

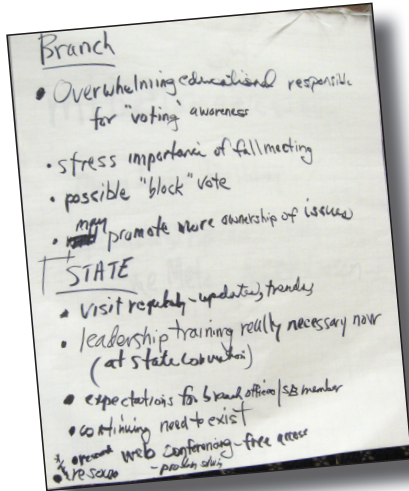


Tar Heel News

American Association of University Women of North Carolina

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research

Enthusiastic presentations, discussion, advocacy, describe AAUW NC summer meeting



State responsibilities to branches were discussed during the summer meeting.

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In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

The AAUW NC summer board meeting was anything but business as usual, with nearly 30 women from all over the state in attendance. Hendersonville Branch hosted the gathering at the Quality Inn, with Dr. Peg Holmes as coordinator.

The need to reintroduce the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in North Carolina, public policy reports, an overview to WAGE and \$mart \$tart, and an update on the National Girls Collaborative Project and STEM provided the basis for plenty of discussion.

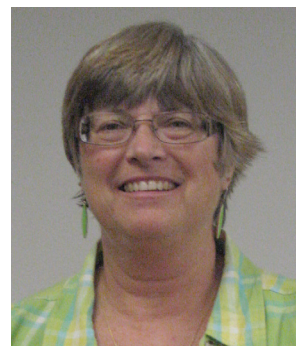
Karla Atkinson and Mary Fran Schickedantz walked the participants through the changes made by the Association at convention and led thoughtful discourse, "social aspects vs. mission," on what it means for state and branch entities. Some questions included "with whom are we still in coalition?" and "how do we foster a good foundational continuity, yet encourage and nurture new ideas?"

The possibility of resurrecting a speakers' bureau, the urgent need for better leadership training, and other ideas were offered for exploration. See flip chart photo at left.

This issue of Tar Heel News features a meeting report by Karla Atkinson, as well as articles by other presenters. Be sure to read them thoughtfully. More photos on pages 4 and 5.



Mary Fran Schickedantz and Karla Atkinson led an animated and informative summer meeting. It was described by more than one participant as "the best board meeting ever." Some participants, from top right: Dr. Peg Holmes, Hendersonville; Carol Cody, Salisbury; Carol Pohl, Winston-Salem; Sue Metz, Greensboro.



President's Message



Expanding Our Horizons

Millie Hoffer-Foushee
AAUW NC President

Well, we are back from St. Louis with a new AAUW. As you probably know, I am on the new Board of Directors. I consider it a great honor and a challenge since I must watch over the finances for the organization.

The delegates in St. Louis turned down the "open membership" proposed change to the bylaws. Some are unhappy with this, but other members had said they would leave AAUW if the membership changed to "open membership." Some now say they will leave because we don't have "open membership." Both are wrong. Our mission is the same regardless of how the membership is formed. Why are we being so small-minded? Why are we forgetting our value statement and mission? I am disappointed. This is the same reaction we faced after we changed the membership requirement the last time. Has the sky fallen? Have we increased the membership? We should forget about the membership requirements and concentrate on carrying out our programs. Why aren't more of us volunteering for offices or committees with our state or branches? I have problems with people complaining about things, yet do nothing to help. Did you go to Raleigh for Advocacy Day? Do you come to our meetings in summer, fall, and spring to help shape the direction for the state or do you just pay your dues and then sit back?

Now we can form the state and branches in any way we feel sensible. It is easy to volunteer for a short term a project or task. But at least we are doing something. This is not a social club. We have to be active to get people to join. Active people want to see you active.

Our fall meeting is our leadership training. We will provide detailed information on how to run a branch. However, this is not a meeting just for branch officers, it is for everyone.

I want to take this time to thank all of you who take the time to work to further the mission of AAUW.

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Leadership Corps is tool for the future

By Seth Chase, Field Director Public Policy and Government Relations, AAUW Washington

AAUW is growing. AAUW is building. Be a part of it. We are recruiting AAUW members to be a part of a new initiative, the Leadership Corps. Would you be a good candidate for this program? Perhaps you might recommend one of your AAUW colleagues.

The Leadership Corps is a new, member-involvement opportunity created to support AAUW's grassroots. It is based in community-organizing principles and tactics and will provide a corps of trained member leaders, serving as grassroots liaisons to help us identify and address current needs, encourage branch leadership development, foster effective multi-way communication, increase sharing of resources and strategies, and assist membership growth.

Any AAUW member with a passion for the mission, a vision for AAUW's future and a talent for seeing and inspiring leadership in others will want to be a part of the Leadership Corps. The Leadership Corps presents an opportunity for AAUW members to apply their insights and skills to assisting branch development, encouraging membership growth, and nurturing leadership to advance AAUW's mission and future. Leadership Corps grassroots liaisons will receive training in identifying and mentoring leadership talent in others, membership recruitment, effective communications strategies, and other community/relational organizing skills.

Leadership Corps grassroots liaisons will connect with members and leaders at the grassroots level and learn more about local needs, issues, resources, etc., providing greater insight into branch, state, and member interests and priorities and helping provide guidance in local planning and implementation of AAUW's mission-based programming and membership development. The program will also help to convey specific interest areas, concerns, and/or geographic needs to national leadership and staff, facilitating quicker, clearer, and more effective communication. In addition to the skills training and experience this offers Leadership Corps grassroots liaisons, it also provides them the satisfaction of supporting member leaders as they initiate programs and form collaborative partnerships within their communities.

If you are interested in learning more about the Leadership Corps, see www.aauwnc.org

Secretary, graphics person needed

Millie Hoffer-Foushee notes, "It is with sadness that I advise that Mary Stephens resigned as state secretary. Mary has been ill since the spring - we wish her well.

AAUW NC needs an interim secretary to complete Mary's term. We have the Boone meeting, the state convention in 2010 and perhaps two executive conference calls to be recorded. I know that some of you take wonderful notes, plus we do use a tape recorder. We are a team - don't stand back thinking someone else will do it.

Also, a key member of our communication team, Marty Folsom, has some family issues and has resigned following this issue. A person with good design and layout skills is needed to format the newsletter on a quarterly basis. Other team members receive the material and edit it.

Please contact Hoffer-Foushee if you are interested or know someone who is.

Readings, book signings planned for Carolina Authors' Luncheon

Come to the Wilmington Branch's major scholarship fund raiser on Nov. 7, at the Warwick Center on the UNCW campus.

Authors will read from their books, share author insights, talk about their careers and book development. They include Blonnie Wyche (AAUW member), *The Anchor*; P. Moore, *Proprietor*; Anna Hayes, *Without Precedent: The Life of Susie Marshall Sharp* (NC's first female chief justice); Paul Wilkes, *In Due Season: The Catholic Life*; Celia Rivenbark, *You Can't Drink All Day If You Don't Start in the Morning*.

The book signing will start at 11 a.m., with lunch following at noon. Contact author lunch co-chair Phyllis Leimer for reservations, pleimer405@aol.com or 910-798-2296. Tickets are \$25.

2009-2010 national membership dues remain same

AAUW National dues for both branch members and members-at-large (MALs) for FY 2010 will remain at \$49, as approved by the AAUW Board of Directors at their October 2008 meeting.

Beginning April 1, 2009, of the \$49 AAUW national individual member dues, \$46 is tax deductible, payable to "AAUW," our 501(c)(3) charitable organization; \$3 goes to support your AAUW Lobby Corps and election-related activities and are not tax deductible. However, you should still pay the dues in one payment, to "AAUW," for the full \$49 amount. Student Affiliate dues will continue to be \$17, \$16 of which is tax deductible for the same reason.

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WAGE and \$tart \$mart Blossom in N.C.

By Sonya Stafford, AAUW NC Liaison, WAGE Project

North Carolina is well on the way to becoming a WAGE leader. In March of 2009, AAUW and the WAGE Project announced the joining of forces to bring \$tart \$mart Workshops to women across the country and the state. \$tart \$mart workshops teach junior and senior college women how to benchmark the salary of the job they want when they graduate and basic salary negotiation skills. We all know the wage gap is real and one of the ways to shrink it is for women entering the workforce to start off with the right salary for the job they are doing.

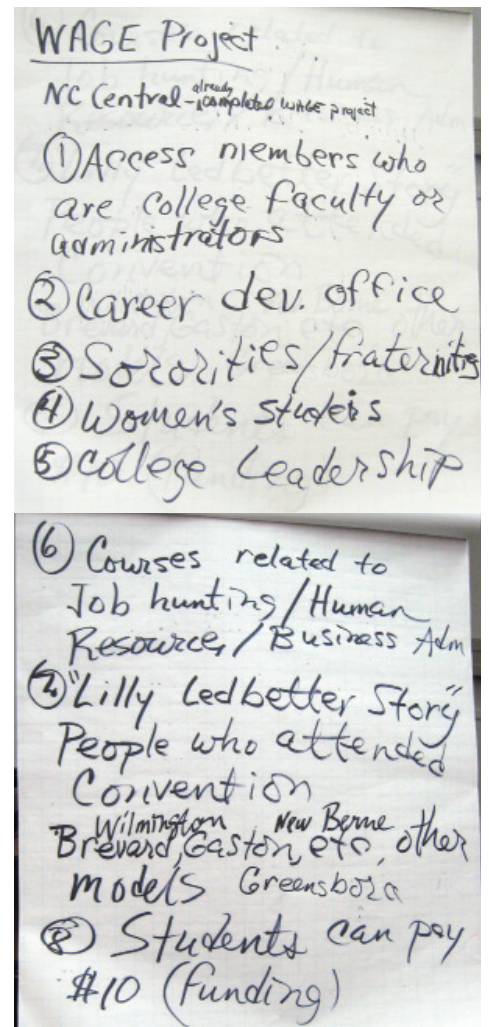
This project aligns with AAUW advocacy and its work to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, is based on its research particularly the 2007 "Behind the Pay Gap," and links to the AAUW core value of education in training young women on college campuses.

WAGE developed the program and presented it in more than 60 workshops around the country in 2008. In April of 2009, the first \$tart \$mart Workshop in the South was held at NC Central University. Soon after, in May of 2009, Annie Houle, Director of Campus and Community Initiatives for the WAGE Project, came to Raleigh to train seven new facilitators and trainers to conduct workshops on college campuses across North Carolina. The room was energized as participants told stories of their own struggles with and because of the wage gap. From this start, the NC WAGE Group was borne. The word spread further as the discussions were held at the state convention at Wrightsville Beach.

Houle returned to North Carolina in July, visited our summer meeting, and trained nine new facilitators, to bring the total to 16 across North Carolina. The work of conducting at least 10 workshops on the campuses of public, private, and community colleges has begun, but will take the continued collaboration of AAUW, WAGE, and other organizations that focus on the advancement of women's issues in order to make it happen. The collaborative continues to look for members who are willing to:

- Solicit campuses and get signed commitment forms from schools
- Make all arrangements with campuses including contact person, dates, locations, securing information needed for scripts
- Arrange for a trainer approved by the WAGE project and acceptable to the campus (may be a campus staff member)
- Review evaluations
- Act as contact between the school and WAGE
- Spread the word by sharing this information with others who may be interested

Flip chart notes at right represent discussion by AAUW NC summer meeting participants. Read more about the progress being made in North Carolina at: www.aauwnc.org/about/start-smart



Hoffler-Foushee elected to national board

Delegates to the 2009 AAUW National Convention in St. Louis elected new members to the Board of Directors, including Millie Hoffler-Foushee, our state president, as AAUW Finance Vice-President. Her two-year term began July 1, 2009.

Hoffler-Foushee will participate in the development of a long-range and strategic planning. Though her responsibilities are still evolving, they will include developing strategies to communicate the direction of AAUW to the membership; monitoring AAUW finance and insuring sound fiscal management; reviewing financial statements on a regular basis; monitoring the flow of AAUW funds and keeping the Board informed; working with the CFO in the fiscal management of AAUW; and participating actively in the development of the budget and dissemination of information needed by the staff and Board. She will also serve as custodian of the title deeds, business papers, and the bonds and other securities belonging to AAUW and will make special arrangements with financial institutions regarding investments and their safekeeping.

Hoffler-Foushee says, "I chair the finance

and investments committees and provide financial advice to states and branches upon request. If I can do all this, I will be happy and feel that I have accomplished a lot, especially since I am still president of our state."

Branch program honors Rachel Carson; concerns continue

The Chapel Hill Branch AAUW invited the Orange-Chatham Chapter Sierra Club to co-sponsor A Sense of Wonder: The Rachel Carson Story at the Chapel Hill Public Library, May 18, as part of President Obama's National Women's History Project. In his proclamation of the program, President Obama recognized three women, including Rachel Carson, who was cited for exposing the dangers of certain pesticides in the environment while challenging the status quo.

In 1962, Rachel Carson published the landmark book *Silent Spring*, in which she warned that uncontrolled use of pesticides such as DDT was killing birds especially the eagles, osprey, and pelicans. In the play, Kaiulani Lee uses Carson's speeches and writings to tell why Carson wrote the book, how she was attacked by the chemical industry, and how she faced dying from

breast cancer. Although Carson died in 1964, her work resulted in the formation of the Environmental Protection Agency and the recovery of the bird population we have today.

Originally planned for 100 cities, the program was shown in 175 cities to an estimated 10,000 people. In Chapel Hill, the lively discussion following the film included questions about pesticides today in lawn care, about the use of pesticides to control a polio outbreak in 1947, and of how we would deal with another epidemic. The presentation was so well-received that Chapel Hill Branch is planning a follow-up program. Additional information can be obtained from Sandy Slates, 919-329-6059.

Tar Heel Branch issues invitation to members-at-large

The new Tar Heel Branch Without Borders invites members-at-large to join them. For \$16/year, get all the issues of this AAUW NC newsletter, support AAUW's efforts across the state and connect to other members as you see fit. Check out <http://tarheel.aauwnc.org> for more information, write info@auwnc.org or contact

Doris Bernlohr at dbernlshr@bellsouth.net or 336-586-7001.



Participants at the AAUW NC summer meeting let their voices be heard. From left: Sandra Slates, Ann Wilkins, Denny McGuire, Barie Anderson.

Summer meeting business, topics varied

By Karla Arkinson, AAUW NC Program Vice-President

End-of-Year Financial reports were given by Mary Fran Schickedantz, AAUW NC treasurer. Amendments to the proposed budget were discussed and will be incorporated into a report, to be sent to branch presidents before the October board meeting in Boone.

Membership VP Shelia Bassappo-Moyo reported on the St. Louis workshop which emphasized branches using "social technology" to attract and retain more members. Association's "member show case" will help branches advertise their activities on a national web calendar. At a recent C/U meeting in Chapel Hill, 30 participants developed a PowerPoint presentation as a member recruitment tool for college campuses. The material may be downloaded at www.aauwnc.org.

On behalf of the communications committee, Marty Folsom asked branches to send more branch news for inclusion in the THN. In response to questions about the cost of printing and distributing THN by e-mail, she noted a number of AAUW NC members still depend on paper rather than e-mail for our state newsletter and our present system is the best we can do.

League of Women Voters representative Lee Luebbe updated the Board on recent League efforts to reintroduce the passage of the ERA in North Carolina, one of three states that did not ratify the legislation earlier. She asked the board to endorse the League's efforts and join in a partnership to pass ERA legislation.

Public Policy Reports Advocacy Coordinator Elaine Ostrowski reported two of the four bills endorsed by AAUW NC have been signed by the Governor (School Violence Prevention Act and Healthy Youth Act). A third bill* (Voter preregistration and Education Act) made the "crossover deadline." Mary Peterson was appointed to join Ostrowski to study and recommend a process/procedure when an endorsement is requested in the interim between AAUW NC Board meetings. AAUW NC will use the Association Public Policy platform and materials for our advocacy efforts and may occasionally insert specific NC issues/information when appropriate. Ostrowski noted that Advocacy Day activities were successful, while Equal Pay Day activities at the branch level were difficult to specify. **The third bill as been approved and signed.*

Conversation Topics

Diane Schneider, Charlotte branch president, announced the next state convention is scheduled for April 16-17, 2010, at the Charlotte University Place Hilton. A similar format to that used in Wilmington will be followed. The convention budget will be presented for approval at the fall board meeting in Boone. Comments were offered re: format, times for speakers, and meals.

Members discussed the Association Bylaws changes and implications of these decisions. Both AAUW NC and NC branches must make some bylaw revisions to reflect these changes. Association will send model guidelines for this process. Much conversation centered on One Member/One Vote and the increased responsibility which will now fall to the state and branches to develop an informed, educated body of voters.

An overview of the WAGE (Women Are Getting Even) project was presented. The project, in partnership with Association, is gathering steam in NC. Its purpose is to train college women in junior and senior classes to negotiate a fair and equitable salary, using benchmarks and other research data. Some AAUW members have been trained to be facilitators for the project, and NC Central University has already held a \$mart \$tart campus workshop.

Peterson, Doris Bernlohr, and Ostrowski made a strong case for strengthening advocacy efforts at the branch level and gave several tips on how to involve branch members regularly. They underscored the need for members to have a clear understanding of what an AAUW NC legislative endorsement means. At the fall board meeting, they will recommend a more well-defined, expedient process to give an AAUW NC state endorsement on legislative matters.

Amended Bylaws Approved

More than 900 members attended the 2009 AAUW National Convention in St. Louis. The delegates to the 2009 AAUW National Convention in St. Louis approved the AAUW Bylaws but voted down a proposal to open membership to all who support AAUW's mission. They voted instead to insert passages from the 2007 Association Bylaws that extend membership to individuals on the basis of educational degrees. The delegates also passed the "one member, one vote" proposal, which provides each member the right and opportunity to have a personal voice in directing the future of AAUW, and approved the bylaws of the AAUW Action Fund, which supports and advocates for legislation, policies, and procedures related to women's equity and education. The new AAUW Bylaws and the Action Fund Bylaws are available at www.aauw.org.

Delegates passed motions to increase the number of directors-at-large from seven to 10, while the number of appointed officers and directors dropped from six to three under the new bylaws, which went into effect July 1. The amended board composition will go into effect for the 2011-13 biennium.

The new AAUW Board of Directors installed for the two-year term beginning July 1, 2009: President: Carolyn H. Garfein; Vice-President: Gail Nordmoe; Finance Vice-President: Mildred Hoffer-Foushee; Secretary: Jacqueline Littleton. Directors-at-Large: Kathy Anthon, Marcia Capriotti, Kathleen Cha, Alicia Hetman, Connie Hildebrand, Patricia Ho, David Kirkwood, Betsy McDowell, Linda Tozier, Krys Wulff.

Convention highlights online

Visit the convention Web site to view pictures, videos, workshop presentations, press features, and blog postings. You can also download the *Convention Today* newsletter to read articles about convention events and speakers, including Lilly Ledbetter, Rep. Rosa DeLauro, Rep. Jackie Speier, and others.



Kathy Pearre, Elaine Ostrowski, Doris Bernlohr, and Mary Peterson are just a few of the trailblazers in AAUW who continue to serve with passion.

Is anyone listening?

That question was posed to attendees at the AAUW NC summer meeting public policy session in Hendersonville, to begin a conversation on how AAUW branches can respond to the call for action on public policy issues emanating out of Washington and North Carolina. "Is Anybody Listening?" was led by public policy/advocacy chair Elaine Ostrowski and long-time public policy advocates Mary Peterson, Twin Rivers/New Bern Branch president and former public policy chair, and Doris Bernlohr, Tar Heel branch president.

After reviewing the AAUW federal and state level public policy programs, discussion turned to how AAUW NC addresses its advocacy mission, including how we endorse specific state legislative proposals, how that process can be improved, and what the branches can do to increase their members' awareness of public policy issues to take a more active role in advocating for those issues. Among the ideas generated were: Naming a public policy "point person" in all branches to receive and disseminate information; asking members during branch meetings to phone legislators or to access the AAUW Action Alert/Two Minute Activist system to e-mail legislators; and encouraging branch members to set aside a regular time for a "public policy moment" to contact a legislator via phone or e-mail. The group also suggested various ways to standardize a procedure to provide AAUW NC endorsement of legislative proposals. These suggestions will be used in developing a procedure to be considered by our board at the AAUW NC fall meeting.

AAUW has a new Public Policy Program for 2009-2011, approved at AAUW's Convention in St. Louis in June. While generally similar to the previous version, it includes two important additions related to current national issues: adding a provision for the protection of Social Security from privatization and advocating for freedom in definition of family and for a guarantee of civil rights in all family structures. The new program is available for review at www.aauw.org/advocacy and will be published in a brochure to be distributed in September. The AAUW NC board adopted the new program for state use and will use the AAUW brochures, with an insert covering state issues as appropriate, in lieu of printing a separate state brochure.

The board heard from a representative of the League of Women Voters. The League sought the board's endorsement of the League's efforts to reintroduce the passage of the ERA in North Carolina, targeting it to be one of three states that did not ratify it earlier and needed to finally ratify the legislation. They invited AAUW NC to partner with them to pass it. The board voted to affirm the intent of the League's efforts to support and pass the ERA in North Carolina. The board stopped short of endorsing the League's efforts since the board could not commit the branches to active partnership with the League. The League plans to contact branches to secure their participation in the League's campaign.

For updates on pending legislation supported by AAUW NC, see www.aauwnc.org/about/aauw-nc-public-policy-priorities/.



AAUW NC past-presidents Sandra Champion and Rebecca Hamrick

Membership Pilot Program launched

The AAUW Membership Pilot Program (MPP) system officially opened as planned May 1. Thank you to those states and branches that are participating in this voluntary pilot program that assists members and branches with membership management, dues payment, collection, and processing.

- There is NO DEADLINE for branches in MPP participating states to opt-in to the MPP. Branches in participating states can opt-in to the MPP at any time. Branch officers who want to learn more about the MPP before opting-in are encouraged to hold their dues until after the AAUW National Convention, where members can attend hands-on workshops to see whether the MPP is a useful tool for their branches.
- Thirty-five states opted-in to MPP. The ACH is verified for 33 of those states to date and they are activated. In the 33 activated states, 32 branches have opted-in; the ACH verification has been completed for 21 of those branches and their MPP participation is activated. This means that branch officers from those 21 branches may begin using the MPP to submit member dues payments.
- Once branch MPP participation is activated, individual MPP branch members may also submit their own personal dues payment online with a personal credit card.
- For branch and individual payment options, see the MPP Briefing: www.aauw.org/member_center/briefings/briefingMPP_012909.cfm. See also Membership Pilot Program Frequently Asked Questions: www.aauw.org/member_center/briefings/upload/mppFAQ.pdf
- Several branches have already begun using MPP to invoice their members. The first individual credit card renewal processed through the MPP system was from a member of the Napa County, CA branch.

AAUW Supported Sotomayor's Confirmation to Supreme Court

WASHINGTON – After carefully considering her 17-year record as a federal judge and closely reviewing her recent testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee, AAUW announced its support of the confirmation of Judge Sonia Sotomayor to the U.S. Supreme Court. She is the first woman named to the high court since Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg in 1993.

“Based on Judge Sotomayor’s depth of legal experience, her stellar academic credentials, and her mainstream judicial record, AAUW believes she will be a strong addition to the highest court in the land,” said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE.

“As a nonpartisan organization with members from both sides of the aisle, AAUW is especially pleased to note that Judge Sotomayor was nominated by President George H.W. Bush and President Bill Clinton to the district and appeals courts,” said Hallman. “She holds the unique distinction of being nominated to three federal judicial positions by three different presidents representing different political parties — a rarity in today’s partisan world of judicial confirmation battles.”

Judge Sotomayor was confirmed by a Senate vote of 68 for and 31 against on Aug. 6.

AAUW NC Financial Repot: 7/1/2007 - 6/30/2008

Summary Fiscal Year 2008

Operating Profit:

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| Income minus Expenses..... | \$918.37 |
| CD Interest..... | \$404.90 |
| Balance Sheet Assets 6/30/07 6/30/08 | |
| Checking Account \$14,437.94 | 15,356.31 |
| CD Carolina Bank \$12,461.65 | 12,866.55 |
| Total Assets \$26,899.59 | 28,222.86 |

Income and Expenses Fiscal Year 2008

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| Dues - Fiscal Year 2008 | 10,180.50 |
| Dues - Fiscal Year 2009 | 1,809.50 |
| Public Policy Impact Grant..... | 900.00 |
| Fundraisers..... | 1,602.15 |
| Convention Reimbursement..... | 500.00 |
| Consignment Kit..... | 372.53 |
| Other | 96.95 |
| Total Income | \$15,461.63 |
| Programs | -1,705.40 |
| Membership | -756.36 |
| Fundraising..... | -1,137.01 |
| Communication | -6,218.58 |
| Advocacy & Coalitions..... | -1,407.19 |
| Administration | -182.37 |
| Executive Committee | -1,140.32 |
| Miscellaneous | -1,996.03 |
| Total Expenses | -\$14,543.26 |

More info: <http://aauwnc.org/fy08>

07-08 Treasurer: Mary Fran Schickedantz
 07-08 Finance Com. Chair: Nancy Shoemaker
 Reviewed by: Rebecca Hammill

AAUW NC 2009 Fall Board Meeting Registration

Oct. 9-10 | Broyhill Inn at Appalachian State University | Boone NC

High Country Branch welcomes you to the beautiful mountains of North Carolina and to the campus of Appalachian State University for the fall meeting. All members of AAUW NC branches are welcome to attend. Detailed directions to the Broyhill Inn are at www.broyhillinn.com. The main street in downtown Boone is King Street. From King, turn south on Depot Street (down the hill), cross Howard Street, then go straight across Rivers Road. The street name changes to Bodenheimer Drive. Go ¾ mile on Bodenheimer to the Broyhill.

Hotel Reservations

Sept. 10 was the deadline for the hotel rooms at the Broyhill Inn. They were completely booked prior to the deadline, for homecoming weekend at ASU, and all the area hotels are filling up. Our president, Millie Hoffer-Foushee, found rooms at Holiday Lodge, 828-295-4422, in Blowing Rock, which is 15 minutes away. If you have AAA, it's 10% cheaper.

Agenda

Friday, Oct. 9, Board Meeting 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 10 9 a.m.

- **Wage Project: From Thought to Action**

This session will focus on identifying branches, branch contacts, and potential links to community colleges, colleges, universities, and other partners to move the WAGE project to its second phase.

- **“Creating a Healthy Branch Culture”**

Tryon leaders Sue Wilkins and Barie Anderson will condense much of the information they gleaned from a workshop they attended in St. Louis and discuss the factors that contribute to developing a vibrant, active atmosphere in your branch.

- **Bylaws Revision Update**

Presidents should bring a copy of their branch bylaws to Boone. All branches will have to make some adjustments to their bylaws. Those adjustments will reflect, in part, any decisions which branches have made regarding changes in their structure and other responses to the new bylaws which were adopted at Convention in St. Louis.

- **AAUW Leadership Corps**

This is a brief overview of AAUW efforts to provide field leadership. The Corps is designed to replace the group of regional directors, no longer an operative concept in the new bylaws.

- **Updates from Washington**

AAUW NC President Millie Hoffer-Foushee will summarize directions which the newly elected AAUW Board discussed at their retreat in August.

Lunch 12 Noon

Continued Agenda 12:30 p.m.

Conclusion 2 p.m.

AAUW NC Fall Board Meeting Registration

Deadline: Oct. 1

Name _____

Branch _____

As you want it on your badge. Please print legibly.

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone/Cell _____

E-mail _____

STATUS (check one only)

Branch Member Member-at-Large C/U Representative Student Affiliate

SPECIAL NEEDS (access, dietary restrictions etc.) Call 828-264-7240 with any questions. _____

Meeting Registration includes coffee and pastry in the morning and luncheon: \$25

Please make your check payable to AAUW High Country and indicate your branch in the memo section of the check. Mail by Oct. 1 to: Barbara McCaughey, 130 Chandy St, Boone NC 28607

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AAUW North Carolina

Theme:

Expanding Our Horizons

Look beyond your own branch in pursuit of our mission.

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When & Where.

October 9-10, 2009

AAUW NC Fall Leadership Meeting

High Country Branch
Broyhill Inn at ASU, Boone

April 16-17, 2010

AAUW NC Convention

University Place Hilton, Charlotte

Tar Heel News

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Scholars Encouraged to Apply for Funding for Graduate-Level Work

AAUW Accepting Applications for the 2010–11 Academic Year

WASHINGTON – AAUW, a leader in advancing education for women for 128 years, invites aspiring scholars to apply for more than 200 fellowships and grants with more than \$3 million in funding for the 2010-11 academic year. A new initiative is the pilot program which promotes AAUW scholarship opportunities at the local level through the AAUW Branch and State Local Scholarship Clearinghouse. The offerings are available to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations.

Online applications for AAUW's national funding programs are available at www.aauw.org. This funding will help women from the United States and abroad expand their professional opportunities, enter high-paying fields, change careers, or re-enter the workplace. Grants are also available for projects promoting education and equity, particularly in science, technology, engineering, and math. AAUW has awarded more than 10,000 fellowships and grants since 1888. Distinguished recipients include Marie Curie and the prominent psychologist Joyce Brothers.

AAUW branches also provide significant, additional funding for undergraduate scholarships.

New ways of communicating

By Nancy Shoemaker

In AAUW communications you've been hearing mention of "Twitter," "Facebook," "YouTube," and more. Twitter has taken off in the last few months and Facebook has more than 250,000,000 participants. AAUW NC has been using both tools for some time. Here's how we use them.

Public policy efforts are summarized at www.aauwnc.org/about/aauw-nc-public-policy-priorities. It's also the first link on the "Documents" section of the Web site.

Information changes quickly as bills move through the legislature, creating the need for Web updates. I've taken advantage of the information streams from our coalition partners (e.g. @ppcnc and @equalitync) and post updates as I hear of them. This page is updated when there's something significant and persistent, and I post to Facebook and Twitter when something is time critical (a committee vote, for instance). The Facebook and Twitter links can be found at the top of the Web page and on the right-hand column of most of the pages on www.aauwnc.org.

If you are a "follower" of AAUW NC on Twitter or a "fan" of AAUW NC on Facebook, you get "notifications" about the messages that AAUW NC posts through those systems. You can choose to receive them as text messages or check your messages online. Your first reaction may be that "I don't need another way for people to contact me," but if you are interested in AAUW NC announcements, you may want to get them right away. You may be surprised at how this new way of "gathering news" actually helps manage information rather than adding more confusion. Of course, AAUW NC may not be the reason you want to get set up with Facebook or Twitter – but consider connecting with family members, friends you've lost track of, professional colleagues, local sources of information. Once you're there, consider adding AAUW NC to the mix.

Twitter was also used to get the word out about what was happening in St. Louis (see my July 2 post at <http://change.bbv.org> - "What a difference two years makes"), but unless you're already using text messaging to contact folks, you may find Facebook more accessible. The slides and handout from my talk about Facebook in St. Louis are online at wiki.bbv.org. To learn more (maybe a webinar, maybe a talk to your branch), please contact me.

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