

AAUW NC Convention Business Meeting
New Bern, North Carolina
(continued on April 1, 2006)
9:00 AM

Memorial Service

Barbara White, Membership Vice President Elect, presided over a memorial service to remember AAUW NC branch members who had passed away since the April 2005 convention.

Branch Presentations

Both Bryson City and Winston Salem branches received community action project grants from Association this year.

Joanne Hill read the report from Bryson City member Susan Bogart. The report outlined their branch project involving women in Swain County. Entitled "Yes We Can," the project was designed to introduce young women to the benefits of exploring careers, interests, and further study in science.

Ellen Morris, Winston Salem president, gave a presentation on their branch project, "Healthy Life Styles." She discussed the collaboration with local Boys and Girls Club officials, as well as researchers from Wake Forest University, that was central to the success of the project. The project involves a 3-month intervention with middle school minority female students, using physical activity, math and science data and motivational information, in an effort to reduce obesity in this population.

Nominating Committee Appointments

A motion to accept the following appointments to the Nominating Committee was offered, seconded and approved:

Connie Ochse/Jacksonville Regional
Lib Laney/High Country
Gelene Lineberger/Gaston Regional
Pat Abell/Statesville
Etta Alston/Franklin County

The nominating committee will be identifying candidates for President Elect, Treasurer and Program Vice President.

AAUW Program Overview

Nancy Shoemaker showed a power point presentation that is now available from Association and instructed the audience how to access this information on line. The presentation is an overview of the mission of AAUW and emphasizes the themes of workplace earnings, life long learning and higher education which tie into the national theme, "Education as a Gateway to Economic Security."

She presented a second power point program that offers additional information and statistics to demonstrate this theme. She asked for 5-6 volunteers to join a "State Gateway Team" to review and comment on these two programs.

2007 Convention Invitation

A representative from the Winston Salem Chamber of Commerce welcomed all AAUW NC members to attend convention in Winston Salem on April 20 - 22, 2007.

Installation of Officers

Barbara Ann Hughes inducted the following women as officers who will serve a two-year term for AAUW NC.

Nancy Shoemaker, President
Barbara White, Membership Vice President
Karla Atkinson, Secretary

President Hill's Closing Remarks

Joanne thanked the officers and members of the AAUW NC Board for their support, dedicated service to the state organization and commitment to the mission of AAUW.

On behalf of the Board and the officers, Nancy Shoemaker acknowledged Joanne's leadership for the past two years and announced that a gift to the Ann Chipley Fund was made in honor of Joanne's service as president of AAUW NC.

Resolutions

Elizabeth Laney moved the adoption of a resolution commending the program committee for their work on planning a successful convention. The motion carried unanimously.

Closing Remarks

President Nancy Shoemaker urged attendees to take back information from the convention to their branches. She stated that she is committed as the new state president to visit every branch and to identify what branches need to continue their activities and projects at the local level. She briefly reviewed the new six-committee structure of AAUW NC and asked all Board members, as well as general members, to join a committee.

The convention was adjourned at 10: 55 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karla Atkinson, Secretary