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Minutes of the AAUWNC Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, March 26, 2011, Best Western Hotel, High Point, NC

Lill Van Order called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Lill announced that 39 members were present.

Minutes of the April 2010 Annual Business Meeting were presented.

Moved to accept: Barie Baker

Seconded by Lois McCarthy.

The minutes were approved unanimously.

Lill asked for volunteers for the reading committee of the minutes of this March 2011 annual business meeting; the following members volunteered: Pat Abell, Peg Holmes and Kathy Pearre.

Mary Fran Schickedantz gave an overview of the treasurer's report approved by the Board on March 25, 2011. Mary Fran mentioned a few items: Income of \$7,500 would be left as it is; two expense categories were changed: (1) money available for mini grants or special branch projects was increased from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and (2) money budgeted for the Tarheel News was cut by \$1,000 because AAUWNC had cut the number of newsletters from 4 to 3 per year.

Karla Atkinson spoke about a new concept in public policy that may be handled by the branches; this concept is in its early stages; the idea is that each branch could "adopt a bill" and study it, follow it and perhaps contact their legislative representatives about it to urge a vote for or against the bill.

One Member – One Vote, adopted by AAUW for voting in 2011, was reviewed by Doris Bernlohr. In each member's mailbox will be a ballot with their id # and their own pin #. Every member can vote by mail or online, but not both. The first vote received by AAUW is the only valid one. Members can vote by mail immediately, online beginning May 1, 2011 or they can vote at the AAUW convention in Washington, DC on June 17, 2011.

The following motions were presented, moved to approve, seconded and unanimously approved by the members in attendance:

Motion # 1: Accept the proposed new structure for AAUWNC, with the understanding this is a one year pilot project which will be evaluated at the end of the pilot year (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012).

Moved to accept: Jane Petty

Seconded: Grace Knechtel

Motion # 2: Suspend the current AAUWNC By-laws during the pilot year, July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

Moved to accept: Pat Abell

Seconded: Jane McPhaul

Motion # 3: Accept the proposed Slate of Officers for 2011-12 under the new structure for AAUWNC:

Co-Presidents: Lill Van Order and Karla Atkinson

Finance Officer/Treasurer: Denny McGuire

Vice President: Debra Richardson

Branch Advocate Vice President: Pat Abell

Moved to Accept: B'Ann Vance

Seconded: Mary Fran Schickedantz

Motion # 4: Accept the proposed branch members as members of the nominating committee (terms beginning July 1, 2011 ends June 30, 2012)

Kathleen Hespelt (Hendersonville), Grace Knechtel (Raleigh/Wake), Queen Thompson (Charlotte)

Mary Stephens (Greensboro) and Jean Schaefer (Wilmington).

Moved to accept: Denny McGuire

Seconded: Millie Hoffler-Foushee

Karla Atkinson gave an update of future of activities: (1) Regional meetings will be set up with one of the four Board members and the branch presidents in the area, (2) AAUWNC may meet again in September, 2011, but would definitely have the annual meeting in the spring, 2012, and (3) AAUWNC may try webinars for workshops for branch trainings.

Millie Hoffler-Foushee thanked the officers for the past year: Karla Atkinson, Lill Van Order and Mary Fran Shickedantz. She then inducted the new officers for next year as listed in Motion # 3.

Karla Atkinson adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.