

August 4, 2010

## UPDATES & INFORMATION & A **BIG** REQUEST...

Dear AAUW NC Branch Presidents:

### **UPDATES**

1) We are about six weeks away from our September 24-25 fall meeting in Greensboro. Information about the meeting, registration, etc. is posted on our web site for those who have yet to make room reservations or register with Mary Fran Schickedantz, our treasurer. Bring as many other branch members with you who would like to come. Our goal is to have all branches represented at this meeting.

We asked in an earlier email to branch presidents to respond if you are planning to attend the September meeting. Karla has heard from 11 branches.

2) We are waiting for just a few more branches to post their new officer information on the Member Services Database (MSD). If you are having trouble getting on the MSD site at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), please email our web site coordinator, Nancy Shoemaker ([shoemaker@aauwnc.org](mailto:shoemaker@aauwnc.org)) for assistance.

3) Our researchers have all received their interview assignments for contacting new and/or immediate past branch presidents before September 1, in preparation for the fall meeting. You should have received a hard copy of the interview questions, as well as an email which listed the questions.

### **INFORMATION**

4) Lib Laney, as "retired" Bylaws Chairperson, is going to continue with some follow up to branches from whom we have received NO bylaws.

It is very important to have your branch certification on record. Certification is given when a branch's bylaws are first approved at the state level and then sent to Association for the final certification.

There is a model bylaws document that is very easy to use, to help branches bring their old bylaws into compliance with Association's new bylaws. Please contact Lib Laney (828-963-8214 or [ejlaney@boone.net](mailto:ejlaney@boone.net)) for help if you need it. She's glad to work with you.

5) Association has just posted ([www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)) its plan to carry out the "one member one vote" that was approved last year at convention. Please check it out and familiarize yourself the information, especially with the FAQ section. Every member of your branch will now have a "say" in much of Association's business. As President, you will be the leader for not only getting this information to your branch members but for answering any questions they may have.

### **ONE BIG REQUEST**

6) We were sorry to have lost Connie Ochse as our Communications and

Newsletter Coordinator. She did a terrific job, and no one has stepped up to take her place.

As a result we and Nancy Shoemaker are attempting to gather articles for the upcoming issue of the Tar Heel News. There may be a change in format for the Tar Heel News but the immediate priority is to gather articles for the newsletter which hopefully can go out before the September meeting.

What we lack is information about what's been happening in the branches!

Our request is to send just a few SENTENCES about what's been happening in your branch since convention in April. Email this information to editor@aauwnc.org.

No one is looking for a long article -- in fact not even an article -- more like a tidbit or two. Here are some samples of the kinds of things that are newsworthy by adding just another sentence or two:

\_\_\_\_\_ branch recruited the granddaughter of one of their oldest members to join the branch this spring. The branch may be the only one in NC with a three-generation "living" membership to their credit.

\_\_\_\_\_ branch has decided to again sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ as a fundraiser this year. Last year the branch netted \$\_\_\_\_\_ from this event. All monies go for \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ branch reports that they have a clever way of collecting branch, state and national dues for the upcoming year. Self addressed envelopes to the branch treasurer are distributed at general meetings 2-3 months in a row, with a little note inside reminding them of the dues and tax donation for Association dues.

Book club members from the \_\_\_\_\_ branch will be reading \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ this fall as part of their selections for this year. Book club members select their reading list by \_\_\_\_\_.

Branch officer& name was recently honored by organization for service/award.

I think you get the gist. Let's hear it from your branch! Please send your branch information to editor@aauwnc.org. within the next week. We appreciate your taking a few minutes to submit the news from your branch.

Undoubtedly these will not be the last notes from us before the September meeting. Stay tuned for additional updates and information. In the meantime, you can reach us anytime if you have a question or comment.

Best Wishes,  
Karla Atkinson and Lill VanOrder