

**AAUW NC Board Meeting Minutes**

**Minutes:** Friday, March 22, 2019 at 11:00 am

**Location:** PTI Marriott GSO

**Members Present:** Cheryl Wheaton, Jane Terwillegar, Denny McGuire, Laura Garmendia, Diane Schneider, Nancy Shoemaker, Kathy Pearre, Wendy Haner and Debra Richardson

Annual Meeting Coordinators: Elaine Morehead and Janie Dominique

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Discussions/Decisions</b>
<b>Welcome/Introductions</b>	The meeting was called to order at 11am by Co-President Cherrie Wheaton
<b>Minutes</b>	Secretary Debra Richardson emailed the minutes to the board members. Laura Garmendia notes the board voted for a registration late fee but paypal was not set up for that process. Debra Richardson asked for a motion to accept the 1/12/19 minutes with Laura's comment. The minutes were accepted by Diane Schneider, seconded by Wendy Haner.
<b>Treasurer Report</b>	Wendy Haner distributed the Treasurer's Report directing the board to review the current net income from the conference registrations, the fee charged by paypal and the total deposits/expenses from 1/1/19-3/15/19. Wendy also designed and distributed very impressive AAUW Conference pins and labels.  The board discussed the process for refunds when reservations are made but later cancelled. Nancy Shoemaker states a policy is needed to respond to this issue. The board will delay the policy statement until a later date. Janie Dominique asked if there is a budgeted line item figure for the conference?  Nancy Shoemaker motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as written, Denny McGuire seconded.
<b>Policy changes for new branches</b>	The board approved to waive state dues for charter members of a new branch and to allow the use of the mini grant process to support new branches before they are finally approved.  Kathy Pearre distributed an updated branch membership roster.
<b>Election of President and Branch Advocate report</b>	Diane Schneider reports that Judy <del>BalsanekBell</del> /Ashevilleboro branch volunteered for the Branch Advocate position and Jane Terwillegar will serve another term as president. Nominations will be taken from the floor during the annual meeting Saturday, 3/23.
<b>New STEM coordinator Christy Whitworth</b>	Christy Whitworth was introduced as the State STEM Coordinator. The expectations of the position are to promote activities of all AAUW branches and provide fresh ideas, monitor the website and blog AAUW events.
<b>Report on the new website</b>	Refer to the handout
<b>Conferences/Regional meetings?</b>	The board discussed whether to have an annual, bi-annual conference or regional meetings. Kathy Pearre stated that the bylaws require annual meetings for

	<p>elections, but elections can be held at regional meetings. The board is concerned that the momentum gained after conference if changed to bi-annual will be lost. Cherrie suggested a [1] day long [9a-4p] conference and [3] Regional meetings [East/West and Central]. Wendy Haner suggested that the conferences continue as is and ask the branches for their opinion. With a tentative 8/26/2020 Governor's Mansion reception, can business and pleasure be mixed?</p> <p>Co-President Cherrie Wheaton stated that for the 2020 Reception to be a success, we will need collaboration with other organizations, sponsorship and advertising that should start as soon as possible and to charge a small fee.</p> <p>Denny McGuire motioned that AAUW invite members of the 2020 Coalition to participate in the planning of the 100th Anniversary celebration of Women's Right to Vote 8/26/2020 in Raleigh. Note: if unable to reserve the Governor's mansion, we will find another venue in Raleigh. Seconded by Laura Garmendia- vote carried.</p>
<b>Review 2019 Conference</b>	Refer to handouts
<b>Date for next meeting</b>	The Annual meeting and Conference will begin promptly at 8:30 am- Saturday, 3/23.
<b>Adjournment</b>	The board meeting adjourned at 2:30pm to allow members to check in at the hotel and prepare for the evening activities.
	Minutes submitted by DRichardson, Secretary, AAUW NC