



**American Association of University Women North Carolina (AAUW NC)
Board Meeting - January 13, 2021
Minutes**

Meeting Date: January 13, 2021
Meeting Time: 7:30pm-8:30pm
Meeting Location: via Zoom call

Board Members Present: Kathy Pearre; Janet Bunger; Pat Ashe; Wendy Haner; Laura Garmendia; Lena Murrill-Chapman; Adrienne Stuckey; Cheryl Wheaton; Christi Whitworth; Diana Gray; Margie Maddox.

Subject	Discussion/Progress/Decisions
Welcome/Introduction	<p>Kathy Pearre, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 7:32pm with a welcome to everyone.</p> <p>Diana Gray was introduced as an apprentice with Laura Garmendia to take over responsibilities for the <i>Connect</i> newsletter.</p>
Administrative Items	
Approval of the previous meeting's minutes	<p>The meeting for December 16, 2020, was cancelled, so the previous meeting was November 11, 2020. Minutes from the November 11, 2020 meeting were provided via email by Adrienne Stuckey, Secretary, prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Members were asked for review and approval of the meeting minutes. A link to the minutes in Google Docs was also provided in the meeting chat for real-time review.</p> <p>Discussion resulted in the following correction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting is February 17, not February 19. <p>The Board agreed to approve the minutes as corrected.</p>
Treasurer's Report	<p>Wendy Haner, Treasurer, presented the Second-Quarter Treasurer's report for October through December, 2020. Income from dues and MPP totaled \$737.00. Expenses for Tech Triad, DreamHost, Quicken, NC Women United, Communication/Tech Support, ERA NC Alliance, and Amazon Book totaled \$771.68. The sub-total for Communications expenses was \$340.00. The checking</p>

	<p>account balance as of December 15 was \$26,818.61. The savings account balance as of December 15 was \$10,322.92.</p> <p>Wendy Haner reviewed the FY21 Budget with updates. The planned budget was \$7,700.00. Actual expenditures to date are \$1,743.18, with \$5,956.82 remaining. Wendy reviewed adjustments to the remaining budget for the year and answered Board Members’ questions.</p> <p>Cherrie Wheaton recommended reallocating the “Ads and Conferences” budget amount of \$200 to the “Annual Conference” in March, and the Board agreed to this adjustment.</p> <p>Laura Garmendia moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report with the noted change to the budget, and Margie Maddox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<p>Kathy Pearre presented upcoming dates of meetings and events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board Meetings 2/17, 3/10, 4/21 at 7:30 ● Program Series 1/21, 2/25, 4/22 at 7:00 ● Annual Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3/19 (evening) and ○ 3/20 (morning) ● Town Hall 3/24 at 7:00 ● ERA Alliance of North Carolina will hold a “Lunch and Learn” Friday January 15, to discuss action steps needed to pass ERA in NC. ● Orange-Durham-Chatham County (ODC) Branch is hosting - on Jan 23 10:30-12 - a film and discussion with the producer: “I’m Smart Too: Integrated Schools, Segregated Students.” Register through the AAUW NC website (to access the ODC site for registration). ● AAUW National Board Meeting will be on January 19, 4pm.
<p>Planning</p>	
<p>2020-2021 AAUW NC Annual Business Meeting</p>	<p>Kathy Pearre reviewed the current plans for the Annual Business meeting.</p> <p>Friday night, 3/19, the Young People’s Literature award winner will speak After that, Tarheel Branch will sponsor and host a “Wine</p>

	<p>and Wisdom” session. Saturday Morning, 3/20 will be the Annual Business Meeting and Elections</p>
<p>Nominating Committee</p>	<p>Janet Bunger will chair the Nominating Committee in preparation for the Annual Business Meeting Elections.</p> <p>Janet encouraged Board Members to recommend nominees for the two open positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● President ● Branch Advocate
<p>Campaign for AAUW Membership & Town Hall</p>	<p>The Executive Committee has been brainstorming how to educate members about the upcoming AAUW national vote for (a) membership requirement change and (b) dues increase. The open comment period is January 11 until 5pm, February 5. Voting will be April 7-May 17.</p> <p>Our task as state officers is to lead the charge to promote member voting via website or by requesting a paper ballot. Kathy Pearre invited the Board Members to suggest ideas for this goal. Ideas were proposed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Promote the proposed changes and the need to vote at the annual conference with a discussion for attendees. This is important because not all members engage via the website. ● Have Board Members attend Branch meetings between now and then to present information to attendees. ● Include voting links and instructions in <i>Connect</i> ● Provide information about the proposed changes in <i>Connect</i> ● Identify a “Vote Today!” date the Board would promote across the state. ● Emphasize the Diversity & Equity outcomes that are intended to be achieved by the proposed membership requirement change. ● Communicate AAUW National Leadership’s justification, or “Talking Points,” for incremental increase in dues (e.g., to strengthen national advocacy for women and girls), especially as the increase in dues would not stay with the Branch or State, but would go directly to National AAUW.. ● Review the Kim Churches’ recorded presentation about inclusion to identify the reasons for expanding membership by dropping degree requirements, and

	<p>then highlight those to the members across the state.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify meaningful personal stories of Board and Branch members to share across the state about the importance of the organization for womens’ futures. Kathy Pearre invited the Board Members to reflect on their own benefits and value of AAUW participation in preparation for the February Board meeting to either record and share with Branches or to present when attending meetings.
<p>Reports</p>	
<p>Communications</p>	<p>Lena Murrill-Chapman reported that the Communications Committee has been making steady progress on the website with help from the new tech support hire, Jessica Posa. The Committee’s goal is for AAUW NC to be the leader in media and technology for the Branches to look to and receive advice or help from.</p> <p>Laura Garmendia gave an update on <i>Connect</i>. Pat Ashe recommends sending out some surveys via <i>Connect</i> and/or MailChimp about the virtual programs to the whole membership about once a quarter to inform future planning.</p>
<p>Virtual Program</p>	<p>As noted above, Pat Ashe is interested in sending feedback surveys about virtual programming to the statewide membership. Attendance numbers at the Virtual Programs are typically in the 40’s.</p> <p>Upcoming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● January 21 - Paul James - “Race: Myth or Equity Imperative?” ● February - Dr. Shannon Gower, Physician & Medical Director for Medicaid in NC - “Hot Topics in Women’s Health Across NC” ● April 22, 7pm - Cheryl Tung, Wake Co. League of Women Voters - “On Being an Advocate”
<p>Public Policy</p>	<p>Margie Maddox provided an update:</p> <p>Statewide Public Policy Chairs from the Branches met in December and raised the issue of Internet access, so some leftover money from the CARES Act will be allocated across the state.</p> <p>Women’s March, January 23, 9am-9pm will be a Facebook</p>

	<p>Live and Instagram Live event for National AAUW. AAUW NC and the Raleigh Branch have submitted their logos as sponsors but are not actively participating in producing the program.</p> <p>We do not yet have a public policy priority list from AAUW National to work from.</p>
<p>By-Laws and Policies</p>	<p>Kathy Pearre provided a report from Jean D’Addario, who is leading the By-Laws and Policies Task Group.</p> <p>The report noted that any updates to Policies also require By-Law attention. No recommended changes have yet been identified, and any items that come to light in the near future may not be possible to present in time for voting at the Annual Business Meeting.</p> <p>The committee is also working on developing an Operations Manual and reducing redundancy.</p>
<p>Other</p>	<p><i>Grants:</i> Christi Whitworth reported the grant recipients from last year. NC Science Leadership Association received the grant from AAUW NC for teacher workshops, but they were put on hold due to COVID. They are planning a virtual version of teacher workshops in February 2021 and are seeking funding for socially-distanced, in-person workshops in Summer 2021. They will be submitting a one-page updated proposal and revised budget to request funding again. Wendy Haner noted that the new proposal will need to come to her as well.</p> <p><i>“AAUW Response to Capitol Assault”:</i> Margie Maddox asked if the Board supports posting a link to the recent “AAUW Responds to Capitol Assault” statement from Kim Churches on the AAUW NC website. After brief discussion, the Board voted unanimously to do so.</p> <p><i>Inauguration:</i> Lena Murrill-Chapman announced the Greensboro Branch will be holding a virtual inauguration event.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>February 17, 2021</p>
<p>Future Meetings</p>	<p>February 17, 7:30 pm March 10, 7:30pm (this is a week earlier than typical)</p>

	April 21, 7:30pm
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.
Secretary	The minutes were prepared and submitted by Adrienne Stuckey, Secretary, AAUW NC.