



**American Association of University Women North Carolina (AAUW NC)  
Annual State Meeting - March 20, 2021  
Minutes**

Meeting Date: March 20, 2021  
Meeting Time: 9:30 am  
Meeting Location: ZOOM

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Discussion/Progress/Decisions</b>
Welcome/Introduction <i>Jane Terwillegar, President</i>	Jane Terwillegar called the meeting to order at 9:35 am with introductions and welcome.
Establishment of Quorum <i>Virginia Adamson and Christi Whitworth, Certification Committee</i>	Branches Represented: 13 out of 18 branches had members present
Announcement of the Previous Year's Annual Meeting Minutes <i>Jane Terwillegar, President</i>	Minutes from last year's March 2020 Annual Business meeting were recorded by Pat Ashe. The reading committee members were Janet Bunger and Kathy Pearre, who reviewed and approved the minutes. The minutes are available publicly at: <a href="https://www.aauwnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AAUW-NC-2020-Annual-Meeting-Minutes.pdf">https://www.aauwnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AAUW-NC-2020-Annual-Meeting-Minutes.pdf</a>  The reading committee, appointed by Jane Terewillegar, who will review and approve the minutes from this meeting are Christi Whitworth and Laura Garmendia.
Treasurer's Report <i>Wendy Haner, Treasurer</i>	The 2019-2020 Finance Report is posted for public access at: <a href="https://www.aauwnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AAUW-NC-Financial-report-for-website-19-20-1.pdf">https://www.aauwnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AAUW-NC-Financial-report-for-website-19-20-1.pdf</a>
Nominations & Elections <i>Janet Bunger, Branch Advocate</i> <i>Kathy Pearre, Vice-President</i>	Nominee for Branch Advocate for the term 2021-2023: Janet Bunger A verbal vote was taken. The vote was unanimous to elect Janet Bunger.  Nominee for President for the term 2021-2023: Pat Ashe. A verbal vote was taken. The vote was unanimous to elect Pat

	Ashe.
Installation Ceremonies <i>Cherrie Wheaton, Past President</i>	Pat Ashe and Janet Bunger were installed.  Pat Ashe gave a brief statement of goals and vision. Priorities include communication, alignment with national AAUW goals, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives [see resource immediately below].
Resource for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	Link to the AAUW Diversity Toolkit: <a href="https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/dei-toolkit/">https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/dei-toolkit/</a>
ZOOM Usage Report <i>Kathy Pearre, Vice-President</i>	Kathy Pearre reported on the statewide use of the AAUW NC ZOOM account: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 160 meetings have been hosted through the state account.</li> <li>• 1,849 attendees have participated.</li> <li>• This is equivalent to 1,974 hours.</li> </ul> Volunteers are invited to join the AAUW NC ZOOM team to help schedule and host meetings.  The board thanks Kathy Pearre, Janet Bunger, and Margie Maddox for their work to coordinate ZOOM activity.  Through chat, Asheville, Brevard, and Greensboro Branches reported they have ZOOM accounts of their own that have been for meetings and activities.
Virtual Series Report <i>Pat Ashe</i>	Pat Ashe reported on monthly state-hosted speaker events during the past year. They last no longer than an hour and members can read <i>CONNECT</i> for registration information each time.
Media Training for Branches & Communications Activity <i>Siobhan Murphy, Communications Committee</i>	Siobhan Murphy reported on the role of the Communications Committee and upcoming information sessions for media tools that will be available to all members. Registration information will be shared through <i>CONNECT</i> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WordPress (websites): March 29, 7pm</li> <li>• Social Media: April 26, 7 pm</li> <li>• MailChimp (newsletters): May 24, 7 pm</li> </ul>
Public Policy Priorities <i>Kathy Pearre, on behalf Margie Maddox</i>	At the February Board meeting, the Board members approved a legislative policy priorities list for NC General Assembly advocacy for 2021-2023, which is posted at: <a href="https://www.aauwnc.org/legislative-priorities-2021-2023/">https://www.aauwnc.org/legislative-priorities-2021-2023/</a>

**Comment [1]:** Corrected all three times to 7pm per Kathy Pearre email 4/19/21

<p>Recognition of Achievements <i>Jane Terwillegar</i></p>	<p><b>Pat Ashe:</b> for initiating the Virtual Speakers series  <b>Virginia Adamson:</b> for coordinating <i>Sisters of Mine</i>  <b>Sheri Rayford and her troupe of actors:</b> for adapting the <i>Sisters of Mine</i> script to virtual format  <b>Kathy Pearre:</b> for coordinating the <i>ZOOM</i> account  <b>Nancy Shoemaker:</b> for regional and national advocacy around the open membership vote  <b>Laura Tew and the Greensboro Branch:</b> for advocacy for STEM education for girls.  <b>Salisbury, Orange-Durham-Chatham, and Winston-Salem Branches:</b> for branch membership growth.  <b>Hendersonville, Brevard, and Asheville Branches:</b> for the highest per-member donations in 2019</p>
<p>Open Membership Vote <i>Jane Terwillegar</i></p>	<p>A national vote was held for AAUW open membership in 2017 (year corrected by Nancy Shoemaker in chat to 2018). NC was one of the few states who had a majority vote in favor of open membership (51%), but there was low voter turnout in the nation. Members are urged to vote, to encourage others to vote, and to help others to access voting.  AAUW NC Board has endorsed the proposed change to open membership. If branches want to add their endorsement, contact the Board to be added to the statement.  Digital ballots will arrive via email from AAUW national. Paper ballots can be requested by email; those without email addresses will receive instructions in the mail for requesting a paper ballot.  The voting window is April 7 - May 17.  Link to the AAUW Open Membership Toolkit:  <a href="https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/open-membership-toolkit/">https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/open-membership-toolkit/</a></p>
<p>Upcoming Event: Virtual Town Hall</p>	<p><i>CONNECT</i>, scheduled to be sent out on March 22, will include registration information for the Town Hall Wednesday, March 24.</p>
<p>Adjournment <i>Jane Terwillegar</i></p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.</p>
<p>Notetaker</p>	<p>The minutes were prepared and submitted by Adrienne Stuckey, Secretary, AAUW NC.  The reading committee who will review and approve the minutes from this meeting are Christi Whitworth and Laura Garmendia.</p>