

**American Association of University Women North Carolina
(AAUW NC)
Board Meeting - September 18, 2024
Minutes**

Location: Virtual

Members Present: Pat Ashe, Millie Hoffer-Foushee, Lena Murrill-Chapman, Mary Ann Bents, Laura Tew, Kathy Pearre

Members Absent: Sandy Bernard, Tiffany Jacobs

Topic	Discussion
Opening	Pat opened the meeting at 5:33 pm.
Treasurer Report	<p>Millie submitted the income and expense report in advance of the meeting. A CD is maturing on October 7th. Millie will investigate to determine the best rate/time available.</p> <p>A question about who owns the AAUWNC website Dreamhost account was raised. The domain managed by Dreamhost, had expired. Pat was able to reactivate the site, but Dreamhost was reluctant to share information about the site. The board wants to keep the domain utilized in past years. Millie and Pat will continue to research this topic.</p> <p>An internal financial review was conducted by Millie and Pat in August. All is in keeping with approved guidelines, and no recommendations for changes were made.</p>
Minutes	The board approved the deletion of “Mary Ann Bents, Secretary” from the minutes section of the August minutes. Kathy made the motion; Millie seconded.
Executive Committee	Pat, Lena, and Millie met to consider AAUW being a certifying organization for the President’s Volunteer

	Service Award Program; It was approved.
STEM	<p>Laura submitted a STEM report in advance of the meeting. Highlighting her report was the initiation of the President's Volunteer Service Award Program. Laura recommended that AAUWNC apply to be a certifying organization, which would allow us to award a Lifetime Achievement Award annually. She will continue research to determine if having 501 c (3) status is mandatory. The Greensboro branch currently has this status.</p> <p>AAUW is no longer supporting STEM for branches but has plans to continue support by awarding Community Action Grants for this purpose.</p>
<i>Connect</i>	Mary Ann reported an open rate of 53.6% for the August issue. The due date for October is September 23rd.
Website	Mary Ann removed a disbanded branch from the site. Category/Keywords for 'News' were added to Post documents on the websites for posts created since 2023. This will automatically include those Posts in the list of Recent Key News Items on the News webpage. Mary Ann and Pat continue to work on web updates.
Membership Report	Lena is planning statewide membership meetings, to be held every two months. She would like to include information about mini-grants, social media, and member benefits in these sessions.
Programs	<p>Kathy reported that the first statewide program of this year is planned for Tuesday, October 15th. Registrations are low currently, with only 9 on the list. The subject is the elimination of the backlog of sexual assault kits in NC.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion on how to recruit more entries for the Young People's Literature Award. Kathy will research further.</p>
Regional Conference	North Carolina will be well-represented at the Atlantic

	Regional Conference. There are 19 people planning to attend from September 27-29. Pat and Kathy will develop a reimbursement form for those attending who wish to apply for state reimbursement funds through the branches.
2024-2025 Goals	Pat provided the goals ahead of the meeting. There were no additions at this time. The board will use the goals as a guide to fulfill the mission for the current year.
Closing	The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Presidents' Meeting: Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 5:30 pm. Board members welcome!

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 5:30 pm

Minutes prepared by: Kathy Pearre

Appendix A – Meeting Agenda

AAUW NC Board Meeting

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AGENDA

AAUW Mission: Advancing gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy

Strategic Goal of AAUW NC: To develop program planning, communication, and advocacy to advance the climate for women’s equity in North Carolina

- I. Meeting opening (Pat)
- II. Treasurer’s Report (Millie)
- III. Meeting minutes August 14, 2024 (Pat) Still need Secretary
 - a. Who will take minutes or find someone to do so for October meeting?
- IV. Committee Chair Reports
 - a. Executive Committee (Pat)
 - b. Public Policy – need new Chair
 - c. STEM (Laura)
 - d.. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (Tiffany)
 - e. *Connect* newsletter (Mary Ann)
 - f. Website update (Mary Ann)
 - g. Programs (Kathy)
 - h. AAUW Carolinas Fund Chair (Sandy)
 - I. Membership (Lena)
- V. AAUW Atlantic Regional Conference (Kathy and Pat)
- VI. 2024-2025 Goals
- VII. Items for Branch Presidents’ Meeting on September 25th at 5:30
 - a. Do you plan to attend?
- VIII. Other business

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