



**American Association of University Women North Carolina (AAUW NC)**  
**November 20, 2024**  
**Minutes**

Meeting Date: November 20, 2024

Meeting Time: 5:30pm

Meeting Location: ZOOM

Board Members Present: Pat Ashe (President), Lena Murrill-Chapman (Vice-President), Millie Hoffler-Fouschee (Treasurer), Laura Tew (STEM Ed Chair), Kathy Pearre (Programs Chair), Mary Ann Bents (*Connect* Editor), Elizabeth Pou (Secretary).

Guests Present: none

Subject	Discussion/Progress/Decisions
Meeting Opening <i>Pat Ashe, President</i>	The meeting was called to order at 5:35.
Minutes from the Last Meeting <i>Elizabeth Pou, Secretary</i>	<p>The minutes from the October, 2024 meeting were provided to the Board members by email for review prior to the meeting. Correction suggested by Mary Ann added</p> <p>No further changes were suggested. The minutes were accepted as corrected.</p>
Executive Committee <i>Pat Ashe, President</i>	No meeting
Public Policy@ <i>No Public Policy Chair</i>	Still need a new Chair - will hold a public policy meeting for branch chairs on 12/3 (only a couple of chapters have PP chair)
Millie	Will provide detailed financial report at next meeting. Issues

	<p>with confusing messages from paypal -</p> <p>We gave out all the money - 800 to Jacksonville, 1200 Salisbury, 1000 Greensboro (reimbursement for regional conference - \$400 per person)</p> <p>\$196 payment for ?</p> <p>Everything else the same</p>
<p>STEM Ed, <i>Laura Tew, STEM Chair</i></p>	<p>See attached report</p> <p>Combined greensboro committee w/ other ??,</p> <p>Wants to add other chapters. President's Volunteer Service Program - has to take a test to participate, needs higher score to participate</p> <p>Something about gold award</p> <p>Wants photo from henderson/mills river chap</p> <p>Aspirations and computing awards - needs to work on this with ??? to identify students (Greensboro)</p> <p>April 5 conference in G'boro</p>
<p>Diversity, Excellence, and Inclusion (DEI)</p> <p><i>Tiffany Jacobs, DEI Chair</i></p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Connect Newsletter</p> <p><i>Mary Ann Bents, Editor</i></p>	<p>See attached report</p>
<p>Website Maintenance</p> <p><i>Mary Ann Bents</i></p>	<p>See attached report</p>
<p>Programs</p> <p><i>Kathy Pearre, Programs Chair</i></p>	<p>Last night (Charlotte), students who attended NCCWSL reported - about 18 attendees; working on Feb program on climate change (Citizens Climate Presentation- presenter from Winston-Salem) - topic not included at regional conference</p> <p>Attended ERA/Alliance meeting in WS - Biden/Harris promised action in 2019 - nothing happened - trying to encourage Biden to support - ABA approved</p>

	<p>passage of ERA (no legal impediment to publication)</p> <p>- 38 states have ratified - ABA wants archivist to publish it as true amendment - will send info to MaryAnn for publication in newsletter -</p>
<p>AAUW Carolinas Fund</p> <p><i>Sandy Bernard, Chair</i></p>	No report
<p>Membership</p> <p><i>Lena Murrill-Chapman</i></p>	Meeting Dec 5 at 5:30 - will email member chairs in other branches -
NCCWSL changes	<p>AAUW no longer sponsor (now NASPA) - change will be updated on website - recommendation to avoid any contributions until more info from National about impact of change - may be indication of less support from Nat'l for STEM programs</p> <p>National has a couple of short programs on website that are STEM oriented - Worksmart, Smartstart programs discontinued - discussion of possibility of state orgs taking over this kind of program -</p> <p>Question: could branches use some of those programs? May not be able to use National materials.</p>
Other Business	<p>In 2025, will have business meeting to start 9:30 for 45 minutes, break at 10:15, then Meghan Kissell, Director of Policy and Member Advocacy from national for 30 minutes ,and for the keynote a speaker from the regional conference to speak on AI at 11:00 to 11:45, then adjourn no later than 12:00</p>
Notetaker	Elizabeth Pou, Secretary

## APPENDIX A

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Report from Laura Tew

### **November 2024 STEM Ed Report**

**Committee: Laura Tew (chair), Andrea Alemanni-Grunwald, Precious McKoy, Stephany Ghotbi-Teheri, Lena Murrill-Chapman, Tiffany Jacobs, Princess Ferguson**

Tiffany - International STEM Women's event at JSNN, National Apprenticeship Week - Women's Apprenticeship Day

Precious - FIRST robotics enrollment

Lena - STEM reading list which I decided not to push but instead just asked branches (via Connect) to send me their thoughts on K-5 literacy/STEM programs

Andrea - mentoring our Girl Scout GOLD student; input on Find Your STEM flyers from UNCG

Stephanie - for paying our bills and keeping our 501c3 compliant.

### **President's Volunteer Service Award Program**

First awardee in AAUW G is Jasmeh Gill, junior at Grimsley High School, for award year 2023, 110 hours verified by Guilford County Schools X2Vol system. **Full cost with shipping and handling \$34.97**

Jasmeh received her GOLD award presented at Grimsley High School on Friday November 8th. The counselors (especially Mr. Lauer and Ms. Marsh) thought that this might be the first Grimsley student to receive the PVSA.

**Greensboro Branch Committee: We need to discuss how we lay out our process and criteria for selecting students to endorse. We have another student, Janiya Shah, applying for the PVSW Bronze or Silver for 2024.**



**Saanvi Rao Girl Scouts Gold award project - Andrea Alemanni Grunewald and Laura Tew are serving as mentors for Saanvi who is a student at Atkins High School in Forsyth County**

**Hendersonville/Mills River Girl Scout troop - starting December 2nd, Kushala Kota and Smriti Verma will conduct training sessions on Code.org. Session will continue on Mondays in January.**

Stephanie Donnelly - troop leader

Troop 12937

704-659-9280

352-425-0887 [stephaniemdonnelly@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniemdonnelly@gmail.com)

Hendersonville contact is Princess Ferguson - [fletcherprincess8@gmail.com](mailto:fletcherprincess8@gmail.com)

**Committee: we need to make sure we have an adult monitoring the Zoom sessions. Are you interested? Available?**

**AAUWNC STEM Ed [Newsletter](#)**

readership 425 56.8%; most popular clicks FIRST Robotics North Carolina (Marie Hopper) and Dod STEM Activity Book.

**Aspirations in Computing Recognition Awards - the application deadline was extended through November 11th as was the endorsement period.**

The following students have requested endorsements from Laura Tew. There will be additional students (especially in the Charlotte and Raleigh regions) who have applied for awards and their teachers have provided their endorsements. I will attend the [Charlotte Regional](#) awards conference at UNC Charlotte in

April because I can be invited by one of these students. The awards events are by invitation only - so we will need to get an invite from the [Raleigh region](#). I have sent the following

I am writing from Greensboro to ask if we could coordinate the 2025 Aspirations in Computing award recognitions for the Greater Greensboro area to be held on Saturday April 5th during our Find Your STEM conference at UNC Greensboro. This will be an excellent opportunity to promote NCWIT and AiC awards to 7th through 12th grade girls - AND to recognize the local students. We often have students attending the NC School of Science and Mathematics (either in person or virtual) in Raleigh.

Thank you so much for your kind response

Laura Tew

American Association of University Women

AAUW NC STEM Education Chair

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note to both Raleigh and Charlotte coordinators.

Janiya Shah	Freshman at Southwest Guilford	
Harshini Veeraraj	Sophomore at Cabarrus Early College of Technology	
Suchitra Kannan	Sophomore at STEM Early College at A&T	
Suhitha Kannan	Sophomore at Early College at GTCC	
Jasmeh Gill	Junior at Grimsley High School	
Giana Lee	Junior STEM Early College at A&T	

### **Find Your STEM Conference Saturday April 5th 2025**

[Registration Link](#) - UNCG team and high school intern Kavya Donepudi are providing input

[DRAFT tri-fold brochure](#) - UNCG team is preparing a one page flier formatted with QR code for registration

**UNCG Team** Provost Boyette and Vice Chancellor Sherine Obare for Research and Engagement: Chardonnay Bonner (Dr. Obare's assistant), Jerry Walsh (retiring but important link with Science Everywhere), PK Pradyumna Pradhan (chemist for lab set up and undergrad chem club). Jodi Pettazzoni (, Libby Schinnow (marketing), Jaysen Buteri (designer)

**NC Science** Morehead Planetarium Science Center K-12 program assistant Kim Moore  
919.962.3274 | kbmoore@[email.unc.edu](mailto:email.unc.edu) The mission of the Science Center is Science  
for All

## Grants pending

### NC Department of Administration Youth Involvement Office

LiYouth Programs Coordinator

Council for Women & Youth Involvement

984-236-0330 | office

[Doa.youth.involvement@doa.nc.gov](mailto:Doa.youth.involvement@doa.nc.gov)

116 West Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27603

1320 Mail Service Center

[ncadmin.nc.gov](http://ncadmin.nc.gov)

Requested \$500

Student Smriti Verma senior at The Early College at Guilford (ECG)

## Women's Professional Forum Foundation - Greensboro - application in progress

Appendix #2: Report from Mary Ann Bents:

Here are some notes for your reference for tonight's scheduled November board meeting.

### Connect Newsletter

- The November 1st Connect issue has a 52.9% open rate so far
- The following links had a unique open rate of 20% or more
  - <https://www.npr.org/2024/10/14/nx-s1-5152538/lilly-ledbetter-pay-equity-obituary> 92 (20.6%) 91 (21.1%)
  - <https://ies.ed.gov/blogs/research/post/celebrating-national-stem-day-on-november-8-and-every-day> 91 (20.4%) 90 (20.9%)
  - <https://ies.ed.gov/funding/grantsearch/details.asp?ID=2134> 90 (20.2%) 89 (20.6%) (Institute of Education Sciences)
  - [https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?meeting=us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcof-GsqDkiGdfbEV0l-4f9ANc1v7ump3Cs?fbclid=IwY2xjawFvfqZleHRuA2FibQIxMAABHezqIVlah1ge71LDIEuzjIVcwODC7lrMdtlcngCk5b2jQIYr8XvflSnc6Qaem\\_JAnPKo7J-Pf1MnaaT3caYQ#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?meeting=us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcof-GsqDkiGdfbEV0l-4f9ANc1v7ump3Cs?fbclid=IwY2xjawFvfqZleHRuA2FibQIxMAABHezqIVlah1ge71LDIEuzjIVcwODC7lrMdtlcngCk5b2jQIYr8XvflSnc6Qaem_JAnPKo7J-Pf1MnaaT3caYQ#/registration) 89 (20.0%) 88 (20.4%) (Poverty & Opportunity Status of NC Women Zoom event)
- The due date for the December issue is: November 22nd

### AAUW NC Website

- Removed the event, Elimination of Sexual Assault Kit Backlog in NC, from the Events webpage
- Added the WCU sponsored Zoom event, Cherokee Culture, Heritage, and Life Panel to the Events webpage

- Added the November STEMEd newsletter to the News and STEM webpages
- Removed the email aliases from the Board of Directors webpage due to spam issues. Single email, [info@aauwnc.org](mailto:info@aauwnc.org) remains.
- Worked to add more Board meeting minutes to the Documents webpage

### Community Hub and Other National Supported Items

- Revised the AAUW NC log of open [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) help requests (Angie Cooper). 18 records being tracked.
- Scheduled a Zoom meeting on November 26th with Angie Cooper to discuss the open help requests. Status requests have been unanswered for awhile. 12 of the 18 to be discussed with Angie. Two important ones include:
  - Fellowships and Grants
    - *The Fellowships and Grants team is no longer utilizing our previous F&G Directory and the awardees currently listed only go up to the 22-23 award year.* Similar to the MSD, the directory was designed and updated by a staff member who has since retired and it is unable to be maintained in its previous format. *Since migrating all fellowship and grants data to Nimble/Community Hub, a similar directory in this system was explored. In the end, it was determined that building out such a directory in our current system was not feasible.*
    - *The National staff are working on a request form for sponsorship information for recent fellows and grantees. Ahead of that new form – requests for information can be emailed to [fellowships@aauw.org](mailto:fellowships@aauw.org). Please allow for a 2 week timeframe to request information.* Information that can be requested includes what was shared online in the previous directory. *Those requesting information should be limited to state and branch leaders as well as donors who have established endowed funds.*
  - September AAUW NC Disbursement Report - had 2 records for each transaction instead of 1 deposit reference
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