



American Association of University Women
AAUW of North Carolina

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
3-22-2025

TOPIC	PRESENTER	DISCUSSION
Annual Business Meeting	Pat Ashe, President	Pat welcomed all participants at 9:30 a.m., opening the meeting
Quorum	Kathy Pearre Mary Ann Bents	The Credentials Committee reported there were 11 NC branches represented so a quorum was reached
Treasurer's Report	Millie Hoffler-Foushee, Treasurer	Millie reported the total assets for AAUW NC of \$41,455.64, which includes two \$10,000 CD's
Annual Meeting Minutes of 3-16-24	Pat Ashe	Pat stated the minutes stand accepted as posted on the website and distributed to members through the February and March 2025 newsletters
Appointment of minutes reviewers for 3-22-25	Pat Ashe	Joanne Hill of the Jacksonville Regional branch and Da'Tarvia Parrish of the Salisbury branch were appointed to review and approve the minutes of this annual meeting
Election and Installation of Officers	Pat Ashe	The slate of candidates for the President position was presented with one candidate, Lena Murrill-Chapman, with no other nominations from the floor. Lena Murrill-Chapman was elected by unanimous voice vote. She was installed as the President of AAUW NC for the 2025-2027 term. There was no one nominated for the Branch Advocate position
Recognition of AAUW Legacy Circle Members	Laura Tew, Chair of the STEM Ed Committee	Laura gave a brief overview explaining the purpose of the AAUW Legacy Circle and then shared the 10 NC members: Barbara Ann Hughes (Raleigh-Wake), Beverly Larson (Charlotte), Da'Tarvia Parrish (Salisbury), Eileen Hanson-Kelly (Salisbury), Elizabeth Norris (Raleigh-Wake), Laura Tew (Greensboro), Melissa Johnsen (Tar Heel), Mildred Hoffler-Foushee (Greensboro), and two Anonymous during the period of 2020-2025 have planned gifts of \$26,384. Over 700 AAUW members are enrolled as planned donors nationwide

2024 Young People's Literature Award	Pat Ashe	<p>Pat gave a brief history of the Young People's Literature Award. This award has been given as part of the NC Literary and Historical Society annual meeting since 1953 to a NC author whose book was published in the past year.</p> <p>Pat introduced Alicia D. Williams, the 2024 winning author for her book <i>Mid-Air</i>. Giving a brief overview of the text's content and purpose, Alicia welcomed branches to take advantage of the opportunity of future discussions with book purchase and branch visits. Pat reminded participants each branch will receive a copy of the selected book with a book plate designating AAUW NC as the donor on the inner cover. Branch leadership will donate the book to the permanent collection of a local library</p>
President's Remarks and Recognitions	Pat Ashe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat gave an overview of the ways the state has sought to increase communications with the branches, e.g. state Chairs communicating with branch representatives by email and Zoom meetings, President doing same with branch Presidents, Newsletter <i>Connect</i> published every month on the first day of the month, new STEM Ed monthly newsletter created and distributed by Laura Tew. • Salisbury was commended for receiving 4 Stars in the 5-Star program. • Pat announced the \$2.00 increase in national dues to \$74.00 starting April 1, 2025 and encouraged members to pay their new member and renewal dues on-line in Community Hub. • Pat announced that the Cape Fear branch has recently disbanded due to lack of members taking on leadership positions. • The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) will be held on May 28-30, 2025 at the University of Maryland, College Park. Branches were encouraged to select deserving students to attend. The state will reimburse up to 5 participating branches for the registration fee of a candidate(s). • AAUW has begun very interesting and informative webinars this past year and recently instituted the Women's Economic Empowerment Initiative which offers Work Smart, Start Smart and Money Smart. A new series "Defending Equity and Strengthening Our Impact" is ready to start and an updated study on the pay gap has been released "<i>The Not So Simple Truth.</i>" • Lastly, she gave a "shout out" to individual branches represented by participants
Annual Business Meeting Adjournment	Pat Ashe	Pat adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m. for a break

<p>Presentation: Public Policy in the First Quarter 2025</p> <p>Introduction by Pat Ashe</p>	<p>Meghan Kissell, AAUW Senior Director of Policy and Member Advocacy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meghan reviewed some of the Executive Orders by President Trump and an overview of how the slashing of various government departments has affected their functions. • She gave details on the Department of Education dismantling and the potential adverse effects on Title IX, Pell grants and college student loans, Title I, and funds for special needs students. • She encouraged the use of the "Two Minute Activist" and to keep up with news coming out from AAUW regarding up-to-date events and the opportunities to advocate on an issue/policy through contacting elected officials • Meghan encouraged members to say the words "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" instead of "DEI"
<p>Keynote Presentation: Generative AI</p> <p>Introduction by Kathy Pearre</p>	<p>Ajla Glavasevic Laussegger</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ajla underwent a brief history of Artificial Intelligence starting in the 1950's. • She outlined several different ways that AI is being utilized in today's world in our everyday lives and gave several examples of Chat GPT being utilized. • Ajla showed slides of the use of "deep fakes" and how gender based digital violence is becoming more frequently in use. Advocacy opportunities lie in being aware of the potential of increased violence against women as a result. • She encouraged us to "read the fine print" in corporate privacy statements regarding use of AI and understand what the vendor or system has the right to do with our data or information
<p>Drawing for branch gift of \$250</p>	<p>Kathy Pearre</p>	<p>The Tar Heel branch was selected as the recipient to do with the gift as the branch chooses</p>
<p>Annual Meeting Adjournment</p>	<p>Pat Ashe</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.</p>
<p>Meeting Notes</p>	<p>Kathy Pearre</p>	