



NCWU Q&A for
AAUW NC Convention
March 26-28, 2004

1. What is NC Women United?

NCWU is a consensus-based coalition of organizations committed to achieving full equality and empowerment for women. AAUW NC is a member of the coalition. NCWU is run entirely by volunteers.

2. What does NCWU do?

NCWU is a sponsor of the Women's Agenda Assemblies across the state and Women's Advocacy Day at the NC Legislature. It draws on the expertise of its member organizations to prepare the "Draft Agenda" that serves as a basis for the Agenda Assemblies. It releases report cards on the legislative session.

To support these events and ongoing advocacy, it maintains electronic and face-to-face networks to keep the representatives of member organizations in touch with each other's priorities.

3. How can I participate?

- Plan to attend one of the NCWU sponsored Budget Forums this spring (April 1, Morehead City; April 19, Asheville; April 20, Cullowhee; April 23, Chapel Hill) to learn more about the NC budget process.
- Put May 19, 2004 on your calendar and watch for information about how to participate in a Budget Advocacy Day. There will be a gathering in Raleigh as well as a "virtual" event for those around the state.
- Subscribe to the mailing list alerts@ncwu.org to get up-to-the-minute information on public policy issues.
- Read the NCWU newsletter to get more in depth public policy information as well as general news on the member organizations and the other events they sponsor.

4. What if I want to do more?

Since NCWU is an all-volunteer organization, there are many opportunities to help out. In particular, if you wish to be a local contact for NCWU and organize an Agenda Assembly this fall, be sure to contact info@ncwu.org as soon as possible. If you are a member of other organizations, please have them consider joining NCWU.

If you have questions, contact Barbara Ann Hughes, the AAUW NC representative to NCWU, or one of the NCWU board members attending this convention:
June Kimmel, Beth Messersmith, Nancy Shoemaker.

To find out more, please sign the sheet at the NCWU display or visit

www.ncwu.org