

AAUW NC Convention
Winston-Salem
April 20-22, 2007

ANNUAL MEETING

April 21, 2007
1:15 – 3:15

[See separate meeting rules](#)

See separate finance packet

See separate packet with reports

Information on the voting body

Minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting

Proposed changes to the AAUW NC bylaws

We currently have 21 branches:

Asheville
Brevard
Bryson City
Chapel Hill
Charlotte
Cherokee County
Eden
Gaston Regional
Greensboro
Hendersonville
High Country
High Point
Jacksonville Regional
Raleigh/Wake County
Salisbury
Sandhills-Southern Pines
Statesville
Tryon Area
Twin Rivers/New Bern
Wilmington
Winston-Salem

Branch delegates include the branch president or representative (delegation chair) and one additional delegate for each 25 members or major fraction.

The Annual Meeting of AAUW North Carolina has a quorum if a majority of the branches (11) are represented.

State delegates include elected and appointed members of the board and all members of state committees. No person shall have more than one vote.

Each C/U member institution may also name a voting delegate.

AAUW NC Convention Business Meeting
April 1, 2006
New Bern, North Carolina

President Joanne Hill called the meeting to order at 1: 45 PM.

On behalf of host branches Jacksonville Regional and Twin Rivers/New Bern, Twin Rivers President Ellen Govesky welcomed the group to the convention weekend. Several announcements were made regarding the weekend schedule and events.

The roll was called.

Branches Present/Representatives

Asheville/Shirley Quisenberry, Proxy
Brevard/Barbara Wolfe, President Elect
Chapel Hill/Mary Paterson, President
Charlotte/Diane Johnson, President
Franklin County/Etta Alston, President
Gaston Regional/D'Ann Vance, Member
Greensboro/Sue Metz, Proxy
Hendersonville/Rusty Bradke, Proxy
High Point/Mary Stephens, President
Jacksonville Regional/JoAnn Hall, President
Raleigh/Wake/Barbara White, Member
SandHills/Southern Pines/Lois McCarthy, President
Statesville/Pat Abell, President
Twin Rivers/New Bern/Ellie Govesky, President
Wilmington/Phyllis Guberman, President
Winston Salem/Ellen Morris, President

Total Number of Branches Represented: 16

Total Number of Branches NOT Represented: 6

Officers and Committees Represented:

Joanne Hill, President
Judy Atkinson, Program Vp
Evelyn Mercer, Membership; VP
Millie Hoffler-Foushee, Treasurer
Karla Atkinson, Secretary
Rusty Bradke, EF
Barbara Ann Hughes, State PP
Mary Stephens, Federal PP
Marty Folsom, Communications
Queen Thompson, Diversity
Lil van Order, LAF
Shirley Quisenberry, International
Lois Ward, Parliamentarian
Joanne Hall, Finance
Lola Jackson, College/University Relations
Nancy Shoemaker, President Elect
Evelyn Lynge, Corresponding Secretary
Elizabeth Laney, Resolutions
Grace Knechtel, Nominating Committee

Total Number of Officers/Committees Represented: 19
Total Number of Officers/Committees NOT Represented: 4

The minutes of the Spring Convention in Asheville on April 16-17, 2005 were adopted as presented.

A reading committee was appointed which included Lois Ward, Etta Allston and Phyllis Guberman.

Joanne Hill offered greetings from SAR Director Leslie Henderson. No special guests or coalition partners were present.

Credential Committee Report - Evelyn Lange

Officers	6
Branch presidents	12
Branch representatives	15
Board members	18
Delegates	17
First time attendees	13
Past presidents	4
General members	23
Guests	<u>11</u>
TOTAL:	91

Parliamentarian Lois Ward read the meeting rules which were adopted.

NOTE: All committee reports in this business meeting were identical to the reports given at the Board meeting the previous night (March 31), except where additional details are noted in these business minutes.

President's Report - Joanne Hill

Joanne indicated she had wanted to have more time to visit individual branches during her term in office.

The results of Association's Every Member Poll are now available. Joanne will post highlights of these findings on the AAUW NC list serve, since she received them just a day ago from Association.

President Elect's Report - Nancy Shoemaker

Nancy summarized a few of the highlights from the poll which AAUW NC conducted among its branches. Six branches have been removed from the roll. Membership has been declining over the last few years. The results from the poll will be used by the Board to identify what branches have specific skills to share and what branches may be weak in some skill areas. Twelve of 18 branches reported they are doing good-to-well in the technology area. Nancy commented that all branches are composed primarily of older members which points to a need to diversify by age,

The new committee structure will be designed around six areas: advocacy, events, communications, fundraising, membership/leadership development and administration. She noted that the new committee structure is a "work in progress" that will succeed only if board members take responsibility for the health of AAUW NC.

More information on the committee structure, its purpose, design, etc. will be forthcoming, as will details about the results from the recent poll among branches

Treasurer's Report - Millie Hoffler-Foushee

\$900 was spent for the mini grant program,. The CDs have matured and been reinvested. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

Membership Report - Evelyn Mercer

Two 50-year members were added to the AAUW NC membership: Mary Lou Howell and Dorothy Roerke.

Nomination and Election of Officers - Grace Knechtel

The nominating committee proposed a slate of officers to include Barbara White as Membership VP and Karla Atkinson, Secretary. The motion to accept the slate was offered, seconded and approved. President Hill called for other nominations from the floor, Hearing none, she asked that the slate be approved by acclamation. The membership agreed by consensus and by voice vote, the slate was approved.

Appointment of a Nominating Committee

Etta Allston (Franklin County) and Pat Abell (Statesville) were appointed to the nominating committee. Additional appointments to the nominating committee will be made tomorrow at the second business meeting session, to bring the total number on this committee to 5 appointees. The committee will be making nominations for the offices of president elect, treasurer and program vice president.

Finance Committee Report - JoAnn Hall

JoAnn reviewed the budget which the Board approved at their meeting on March 31, 2006 (see earlier notes).

Bylaws - Joanne Hill

See earlier notes.

IFUW - Shirley Quisenberry

Shirley reviewed briefly the history of the relationship between Association and IFUW. AAUW dues to IFUW have been in arrears for the last few years because of Association's tenuous financial situation and the financial restructuring which Association has been undertaking. Negotiations are ongoing between IFUW and Association to determine how Association might honor its dues payments to IFUW. Currently Association has stated it will not conduct a specific fundraising campaign to pay past IFUW dues of \$300,000. Instead Association is willing to encourage individual contributions to IFUW but is not willing to incur any significant administrative expense to promote such a campaign.

Shirley moved that "education about AAUW's history with the International Federation of University Women and its current relationship with IFUW be included in branch programming and newsletters to help AAUW NC members respond to AAUW's possible new role within international women's issues." The motion was seconded.

Discussion centered briefly on the willingness of branches to send contributions to IFUW through Association, given Association's financial history.

The motion then carried with no dissenting votes.

Diversity - Queen Thompson

Queen reiterated her position that branches should have a program of study or activity which continues discussions of diversity. To that end, Queen moved that "AAUW NC adopt Tim Tyson's book, Blood Done Sign My Name, as a statewide branch book read and discussion for 2006-2007. The motion was seconded. Discussion emphasized that each branch can design its own program to use this book as a venue for programming and/or discussion. The motion then carried with one dissenting vote.

EF - Rusty Bradke

Approximately \$450 has been donated to date through the sale of raffle tickets for the branch baskets at convention.

LAF - Lil van Order

Association is trying to find ways to streamline giving to LAF, now that EF and LAF have merged. More information will be forthcoming.

College/University Relations - Lola Jackson

No report.

Federal Public Policy - Mary Stephens

See earlier notes. Mary Peterson urged people to watch the budget negotiations at the federal level and warned that budget allocations for programs which are AAUW priorities are being cut.

State Public Policy - Barbara Ann Hughes

See earlier notes.

21st Century Recognition Programs - Nancy Shoemaker

Platinum awards were given to the Greensboro, Brevard, Bryson City and Winston Salem branches. All other AAUW NC branches received gold recognition.

Corresponding Secretary - Evelyn Lange

Evelyn suggested that conference participation might be increased at next year's convention if branch host members could offer accommodations to convention attendees.

Resolutions - Elizabeth Laney

No report.

Communications - Marty Folsom

See earlier notes.

21st Century Recognition - Nancy Shoemaker

Nancy announced that 5 branches had received mini grant funds this year: Franklin County, Sandhills., Greensboro, Brevard and High Country (new branch). She thanked the judges who reviewed the mini-grant applications.

She announced that power point presentations from Association would be shown tomorrow at the second session of the business meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3: 20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karla Atkinson, Secretary

AAUW NC Convention Business Meeting
New Bern, North Carolina
(continued on April 1, 2006)
9:00 AM

Memorial Service

Barbara White, Membership Vice President Elect, presided over a memorial service to remember AAUW NC branch members who had passed away since the April 2005 convention.

Branch Presentations

Both Bryson City and Winston Salem branches received community action project grants from Association this year.

Joanne Hill read the report from Bryson City member Susan Bogart. The report outlined their branch project involving women in Swain County. Entitled "Yes We Can," the project was designed to introduce young women to the benefits of exploring careers, interests, and further study in science.

Ellen Morris, Winston Salem president, gave a presentation on their branch project, "Healthy Life Styles." She discussed the collaboration with local Boys and Girls Club officials, as well as researchers from Wake Forest University, that was central to the success of the project. The project involves a 3-month intervention with middle school minority female students, using physical activity, math and science data and motivational information, in an effort to reduce obesity in this population.

Nominating Committee Appointments

A motion to accept the following appointments to the Nominating Committee was offered, seconded and approved:

Connie Ochse/Jacksonville Regional
Lib Laney/High Country
Gelene Lineberger/Gaston Regional
Pat Abell/Statesville
Etta Alston/Franklin County

The nominating committee will be identifying candidates for President Elect, Treasurer and Program Vice President.

AAUW Program Overview

Nancy Shoemaker showed a power point presentation that is now available from Association and instructed the audience how to access this information on line. The presentation is an overview of the mission of AAUW and emphasizes the themes of workplace earnings, life long learning and higher education which tie into the national theme, "Education as a Gateway to Economic Security."

She presented a second power point program that offers additional information and statistics to demonstrate this theme. She asked for 5-6 volunteers to join a "State Gateway Team" to review and comment on these two programs.

2007 Convention Invitation

A representative from the Winston Salem Chamber of Commerce welcomed all AAUW NC members to attend convention in Winston Salem on April 20 - 22, 2007.

Installation of Officers

Barbara Ann Hughes inducted the following women as officers who will serve a two-year term for AAUW NC.

Nancy Shoemaker, President
Barbara White, Membership Vice President
Karla Atkinson, Secretary

President Hill's Closing Remarks

Joanne thanked the officers and members of the AAUW NC Board for their support, dedicated service to the state organization and commitment to the mission of AAUW.

On behalf of the Board and the officers, Nancy Shoemaker acknowledged Joanne's leadership for the past two years and announced that a gift to the Ann Chipley Fund was made in honor of Joanne's service as president of AAUW NC.

Resolutions

Elizabeth Laney moved the adoption of a resolution commending the program committee for their work on planning a successful convention. The motion carried unanimously.

Closing Remarks

President Nancy Shoemaker urged attendees to take back information from the convention to their branches. She stated that she is committed as the new state president to visit every branch and to identify what branches need to continue their activities and projects at the local level. She briefly reviewed the new six-committee structure of AAUW NC and asked all Board members, as well as general members, to join a committee.

The convention was adjourned at 10: 55 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karla Atkinson, Secretary

Bylaws change for branch without borders support

This change allows for the creation of a “branch without borders,” following the Montana model but allowing for some flexibility in the way the state supports this branch.

Add a paragraph (3) to

ARTICLE X. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2. Powers and Duties.

b. Branch Supervision.

(3) Special support to one branch. The state board of directors may give special support to one branch which is established to serve the entire state. This support may include appointing members of the state to fill the branch positions required by the Association. This support shall be in accord with the bylaws of the branch. Those members appointed by the state to serve in branch roles shall be required to join the branch.

Rationale

This change to the bylaws will have no effect unless at least 15 members of the Association choose to establish a branch that would ask for support from the state board. Examples of the support that could be written into the branch bylaws could be:

1. The branch shall have no independent fiscal status. Any dues collected will go through the state treasury and any funds needed will be requested from the state.
2. The branch will have at least one meeting a year, and its annual meeting will be concurrent with a meeting of the state. If there is no quorum at this meeting or if there are vacancies on the branch leadership team for other reasons, the state president, with approval of the state board, may appoint members of the state to serve in the branch roles required by the Association.

Why would we want to form such a branch? One reason is to allow a small group of members to form a “satellite” of this branch. They would join the branch, and could then use the AAUW name in their local community, but would not be required to handle the administrative work that a full branch requires. Another reason is to allow at-large members to join the state and this “low profile” branch – their status would be very much like at-large members of the state, but since they would be on the rolls of this branch, the state leadership team would handle things like annual dues renewals.

Montana is implementing their “branch without borders” as a branch formation. North Carolina is including this change to their state bylaws to clarify that the state does agree that this is a reasonable responsibility for the state board of directors.

Bylaws changes dealing with at-large members

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

Section 2. Members-at-Large. A member-at-large of the Association ~~residing within the state~~ may become a member-at-large of the state upon payment of state dues. Individuals who meet the criteria for membership as described in the Association Charter and Bylaws, Article IV., Section 3.a (1), (2), and (3), are eligible to be admitted to membership in this state. The provisions set forth in this section are the sole requirements of eligibility and admissibility for membership. Refusal to admit an eligible graduate to state membership shall result in loss of recognition of a state. The state member shall be entitled to vote, hold office and participate in all state activities and programs and receive the publications distributed to all members

ARTICLE VI. FISCAL AFFAIRS

Section 2. Dues.

- a. The annual state dues for branch members ~~and members at large~~ shall be fixed by a two-thirds vote of the state convention upon recommendation of the State Board of Directors, provided written notice has been given to all members thirty (30) days prior to the convention. Dues shall include a subscription to the state and Association publications distributed to all members. Such dues are payable to state treasurer on July 1. Dues of new members may be accepted any time.
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- d. A member-at-large belonging to the state shall pay the current annual state dues for at-large members, which includes an annual subscription to the state publication. State dues for at-large members shall be established by the state Board of Directors. Dues are payable on July 1 and shall be considered in arrears unless paid to the state, postmarked no later than July 31.

Rationale for changes dealing with at-large members

It is possible that state dues for state members-at-large may need to be set at a different level from that paid by branch members. For instance, if we were to do a special recruiting campaign, we may need to cover those costs from the state dues that we collected. As another example, if the Association were to offer to collect state dues on behalf of the states, it may very well be necessary to set those at-large dues at a different level from the dues paid by branch members. This change gives the state board flexibility in those cases.

In practice, members who reside outside of North Carolina have become at-large members of AAUW NC (at times, at least initially, with gift memberships). This change removes the implicit prohibition against such a membership.