



President's Message

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GREETINGS! WHAT AN exciting summer for AAUW NC! I have so much to share with you, I barely know where to begin! Between the South Atlantic-Southeast Central combined regional meeting in Atlanta, the State Presidents' Leadership Conference in Washington DC, and the AAUW NC Summer Leadership meeting in Winston-Salem, the beginning of my term as your president has been wonderful, colorful, and educational! I am looking forward to a phenomenal year!

Special Thanks

First order of business - thank you, thank ALL of you for "stepping up to the plate" for women and girls. I feel strongly that we have huge opportunities to make many positive differences in the lives of women and girls everywhere. Whether you serve at the Association level, on the state level, in your branch, in your community, or all of the above, your efforts are truly appreciated. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing officers - Laura Rumbley, Pat Abell, and Sue Metz, as well as the appointed board members - Mary Jo Pribble, EF chair; Lou Dean Howard, Parliamentarian; the nominating committee, reading committees, and anyone else who I may have missed. We stand on your shoulders as we carry forward on the solid foundation you built for us through your work.

SAR Conference

Our SAR/SEC Regional meeting in Atlanta was a wonderful experience for six of us from AAUW NC and our student athlete from NC State. Outstanding student athletes from both regions were recognized and conducted a panel discussion about the issues of schoolwork and athletics, equity issues regarding athletics, and how athletics have influenced their lives. Events included an authors' book signing and panel

discussion on Friday night. Beth Farohki and Nancy Rustad led an engaging leadership exercise (Do, Delegate, Dump!) about setting priorities and managing multiple tasks at once.

For those of you who may not know, Farohki is a former Southeast Regional director. She is running for Association President in 2005.

President's Meeting

Much information was passed at the meeting in Washington with all the AAUW state presidents. The most important involved decisions made by the AAUW board, which met two days before we got there. Those on the AAUW NC listserv have already heard this, but the major decisions were:

- To put responsibility for the 21st Century Recognition Program on the states;
- To place the Leader-on-loan program on "hold" for a year;
- To not pay IFUW dues and launching the One-in-a-Million Campaign. The decision about IFUW was a difficult decision, but with the serious financial picture for AAUW, the board decision was unanimous. This is a \$200,000 line item in the budget. E-mail requests for donations are being sent. Learn more about the Virginia Gildersleeve Fund at <http://www.vgjf.org>;
- To launch the "One-in-a million" campaign to raise one million dollars for Association. The primary target is the 11,000 life members. The initiative stemmed from some life members asking how they could help. The new 1881 pin, "...because equity is still an issue" can be purchased for \$120, and at the presidents meeting, \$10,000 was collected to jump-start the program.

Summer Conference

And our summer leadership conference - outstanding program! Because we had already negotiated for a Leader on Loan before the Association made its decision, Nancy Rustad agreed to honor the commitment. We were able to get Lisa Maatz, the head of public policy and government relations. She participated in our Friday evening board meeting and presented a dynamic session on Saturday. She left us to head out for the Democratic National Convention (and will also go to the Republican Convention!).

Two people stepped up to the call for action: Mary Stephens from High Point agreed to be our federal public policy chair, and Lois Ward agreed to remain as parliamentarian for the rest of the year. Thank you both!

At the board meeting Friday evening, two motions carried and they are very important to our work for the upcoming year:

- One was a fund-raising effort for AAUW NC. Please read about the AAUW NC 100 Club!
- The other motion directs me to appoint a task force to look at the 21st Century Recognition Program for North Carolina. So far Marty Folsom and Nancy Shoemaker have volunteered and I will be contacting other members in the future. If you are interested in making this meaningful acknowledgement of the great work our branches do, please let me know.

Finally, the campaign season is in full swing and I know many branches around the state get busy this time of year...voter guides, get-out-the vote campaigns, women's agenda assemblies. Pushing forth our agenda requires courage and strong voices. We are up for it.

Database Guru Needed

I need to do a little AAUW NC recruiting. Nancy Shoemaker has graciously created our on-line branch officer data base and managed it for three years. It is a fair amount of work and she is looking for some relief so she can continue her efforts in other arenas. If you have a working knowledge of the program and would be willing to take on the project, or just want additional information, please let either Nancy or me know.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Eden in October! Thank you all, for all you do!

Women at the Table Workshops

THE N.C. CENTER for Women in Public Service invites women to join the tables where community issues are on the plate and public policy decisions are made.

Women make up 51% of North Carolina's population, but account for only 22% of the elected boards and councils, 16% of the county boards, and 37% of the school boards. Women report that before they seek an elected or appointed position, they want to be prepared to serve in office. Peace College and the Women's Forum of N.C. have created the N.C. Center for Women in Public Service to provide preparation.

Registration for these Saturday workshops is at 8:15 a.m. and the program runs 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch, refreshments, and all materials are included in the \$25 registration fee.

- **October 16** Cullowhee, Western Carolina University
- **November 13** Greenville, Place TBA
- **January (Day TBA)** Hickory, Lenoir-Rhyne College

If you think more women should be at the table, don't miss this opportunity to learn with and from like-minded women. Download a form at <http://www.nccwps.org>. Reservations will be confirmed and directions sent via e-mail or standard mail.

Woman Is State Office Candidate

June Atkinson is the first woman candidate to run for the office of N.C. Superintendent of Public Instruction. Learn more about her at <http://www.June4schools.com>.

Brevard's Voter Guide Is On-Line

Be a well-informed voter. View Brevard's on-line Voter Guide at <http://www.aauwbrevardnc.org/> and encourage others to do so, as well!

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October 16, 2004, Charlotte

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