

AAUW NC Nominations Are Open for 2006-2008

Grace Knechtel
AAUW NC Nominations Chair

THE QUALITY OF AAUW NC leadership depends on each of us and determines the future of AAUW NC and its mission. Your assistance in recruiting nominees for the offices of secretary and membership vice-president is needed and appreciated. If you or any member of your branch is interested in serving in one of these important positions, please inform a member of the nominating committee.

State officers may be reimbursed from state funds for some travel expenses, as well as all administrative expenses.

Membership Vice-President, 2006-2008

1. Attend all board meetings and serve as chair of the committee on membership;
2. Visit and advise any group petitioning to form a branch;
3. Act as the presiding officer in the absence of both the President and Program VP;
4. Perform such other duties as the President and the Board directs;
5. Submit an annual report of each year's work to the State President.

Recording Secretary, 2006-2008

1. Attend all board meetings, call the roll and record the attendance;
2. Record the meeting minutes of the State Board of Directors and the Executive Committee;
3. Distribute the minutes to all members and the Regional Director as required;
4. File all written reports presented at State meetings;
5. Have the following documents available at all meetings: Association bylaws, State bylaws, State policy statements, and a list of State officers, committees, task forces and branch presidents;
6. Submit an annual report of each year's work to the State President.

Nominating Committee

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You may request a nomination form from any member of the committee. Send the form to the nominating committee chair no later than November 15, 2005.

Carolina Authors Luncheon

Saturday, November 5
Warwick Center • UNC Wilmington
Book Sales and Signing 11 a.m.
Lunch 12 noon
Program 12:45 p.m.

AAUW NC Board Encourages Contributions to Ann Chipley Fund

Rusty Bradke, AAUW NC EF Chair

Ann Chipley, a dedicated member of AAUW from the Rocky Mount Branch, served as NC President 1980-1982. She also served the Association as Director of the Program and Policy Department, and at the time of her death was the Legislative Director of AAUW.

The Educational Foundation Board established the Ann Chipley Fellowship in her memory in 1996. It has grown to about \$40,000, short of the \$100,000 needed to fund a fellowship. At the summer NC Board meeting, a motion was passed that AAUW NC strongly encourages all Branches to designate some of their EF contributions to the Ann Chipley Fellowship (#4051).

As your EF Chair, I would like to underline "strongly encourages." This fellowship should be completed and put to work. If every Branch contributes something we can make this fellowship grow to completion. I will be looking forward to your contribution report forms as your fund-raising projects are held this fall. Remember, December 15 is the cut off date for this year's reports.

AAUW Surges Forward With New Leadership and Renewed Purpose, Power, Progress

Leslie Henderson
AAUW SAR Director

Before anything else, I want to let you know how thrilled I am to be your new regional director. My past two years on the Association board were both challenging and exciting, but it is with great pleasure that I return to the field.

My focus this year is three-pronged: communications, leadership, and, of course, programming. If we work toward open and effective communications; toward team-building and relational leadership; and toward pro-active, mission-oriented programming, I have no doubt we will see membership growth. In the spirit of open communications, my first letter to you is chock-a-block full of information. Things are developing at warp speed in AAUW, as we work to position ourselves as the recognized leader in today's women's movement.

General Association News

Kathy Frost, who was to begin as our executive director in August, had to decline the position due to health reasons. Michele Wetherald, past (and last) president of the Legal Advocacy Fund, has ably stepped in as interim executive director. Michele led the search committee that hired Frost, so it is a logical appointment. Association Strategies, Inc., has reactivated its efforts to identify an executive director under the terms of the existing contract with AAUW, and thus no additional cost will be incurred in the search.

The outgoing Association Board adopted:

- A new theme for AAUW: *Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security*;
- A new statement of strategic direction: *To promote education and equity for all women and girls by positioning ourselves as the recognized leader, advocate, and resource on contemporary gender equity issues*;
- A promotional theme for the 2005-2007 biennium: *Expanding a Legacy of Leadership, which promotes the programmatic theme of Women's Economic Security*;
- The slogan for the Association banner: *AAUW 125th Anniversary—A Legacy of Leadership.*

Your Vision, Your Talent, Your Voice – Bring It! was adopted as the theme for the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) to be held in June, 2006.

A pilot project for the new Mentor/Leader Program (formerly the Leader on Loan program)

is in the works for Fiscal Year '06. More news of this pilot will be forthcoming.

The *EdEqChange* will continue under the new AAUW administration. Past issues are now available on the AAUW web site at: http://www.aauw.org/member_center/leader_corner/EdEqChange/EdEqChange.cfm

The 21st Century Recognition Program will continue, with state recognition coordinated by the regional directors and state recognition coordinated by the states.

Membership News

Thanks to your efforts and the hard work of Christy Jones, AAUW membership director, and her team, we have seen membership growth in FY 05, the first time in too many years. This is heartening, and bodes well for our organization. Keeping in mind that it is the power of one – each member bringing in a new member – AAUW is about to launch a new campaign called *Member Get a Member*. This program will be piloted during the fall, with the official program, with concurrent benefits and rewards, going into effect sometime during the first quarter of next year. In the meantime, I encourage all branches to embrace this idea – we can grow AAUW one member at a time!

The *Shape the Future Campaign* continues with a few changes. The major change is that now each member who joins at a *Shape the Future* event will pay one half of national dues – you don't need to have two members joining together to get that perk. Also, for every two new members who join at the event, the branch will earn one free membership, up to three maximum per fiscal year. Guest list and referral form have been combined. Learn more at http://www.aauw.org/member_center/membership_growth/index.cfm. It includes a couple of membership development workshops that look good. Your membership vice-president has received all this information.

At Convention, your delegates voted to open membership to associate degrees and equivalent. A *Membership Requirement Question and Answer* document is found at http://www.aauw.org/member_center/membershipcriteria2005.cfm. This document will also be posted in *EdEqChange* and *Outlook*. Should you have further questions, ask for guidance from Evelyn Mercer, AAUW NC membership vice-president, or e-mail the Association at membercriteria@aauw.org. Some branches have asked whether this new membership requirement is optional, i.e., whether branches can choose to open their

membership to associate degrees or not. This is NOT optional – it is a change in our bylaws, and must be implemented by all branches.

Programming

Programming to coordinate with our *Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security* is in the development phase.

The Communications Task Force (CTF) is preparing to develop a best practices database which will include as many of the existing and replicable programs that we can glean from states and branches around this topic. As co-chair of the CTF with Ashley Carr, AAUW's communication director, I will be intimately involved in this endeavor.

I have also been appointed to the Leadership Orientation and Development Committee. We hope to have some workshops ready and replicable by next spring.

Positions Available

Positions are available on several committees: Association Program Development, Public Policy, College/University, and the Bylaws. If you are interested in applying for an appointment to any of these positions, contact me. I encourage all members to consider membership on an AAUW committee. It affords a fresh and different perspective on our organization.

Communications Notes

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not address communications, especially as co-chair of the CTF. I encourage all branch members with questions, problems, or feedback to first contact their state counterparts or their state president (see page six for directory). Your state officers will be able to solve problems and get questions answered much more quickly, since they have their go-to contacts on the boards and in Washington. This means that your AAUW board members and staff aren't fielding requests from 1,300 branches, but instead only 50 states, which is much more efficient and cost-effective. Of course, I am available at any time to troubleshoot or answer questions at FLAAUW@aol.com.

Thank you for ploughing through this long letter! I think you'll admit that AAUW is alive, well, and prospering. As I said at the state leaders breakfast in June, we are a lean, mean, equity machine, and proud of it! My best wishes for a successful programming year, and thank you for all that you do for AAUW.