

Join the AAUW NC Leadership Team!

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Those who attended the Sunday breakfast during the convention in New Bern heard about the new structure and the new way that groups of leaders will work together. The main idea is to allow each group to:

- Develop SMART goals (specific, measurable, assigned to someone, realistic, with a timetable)
- Decide how to divide the work to accomplish those goals
- Support each other when "real life" makes folks step back from AAUW for a time

and support each other in the work towards those goals. The work is divided into six major groups.

- Advocacy - tracking issues of all kinds (public policy, international, ed equity) and educating members on those issues
- Events - planning convention and other state meetings

- Fundraising - for EF, LAF, AAUW, AAUW NC and ...
- Communications - newsletter, web site, media relations
- Membership/Leadership Development - reaching out to new people and nurturing those who are already with us
- Administration - the other "stuff" that needs to get done

All of these groups need to work with each other -- for instance, Advocacy, Fundraising and Membership have ideas on what should happen at Convention, and Communication needs to get the word out. Other "cross-group" issues that need to be addressed, too - Diversity may be the most important. Our budget reflects the new structure.

People have "signed up" for all the groups, and you are encouraged to get involved, too! If you've got something specific you'd like to contribute, please send your name, contact information and area of interest to nancy.shoemaker@aauwnc.org or fax to 866.525.2155). In the meantime, please see www.aauwnc.org/newstructure for additional information.

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INCOME			EXPENSE		
			Branch/new branch visits	500	
Dues 06-07	8,500		Nominations/board development	200	
Dues 07-08	2,500		Outreach to C/U/ partners	100	
Membership Total		11,000	Group expenses	400	
			Membership Total		1,200
			Advocacy Coalitions	300	
			Group expenses	400	
			Advocacy Total		700
			Convention advance	500	
Reayment Conv. Advance	500		Events other than Convention	250	
Convention Profit	500		Group Expenses	400	
Events Total		1,000	Events Total		1,150
			State donation to EF	250	
EF Fundraiser	250		State donation to LAF	250	
LAF Fundraisers	250		Group Expenses	400	
AAUW NC Fundraisers	1,000		Fund-raising Total		900
Fund-raising Total		2,200			
			Newsletter printing	1,600	
			Newsletter postage	1,800	
			Newsletter services	2,900	
			Web site fees	120	
			Group expenses	400	
			Communication Total		6,820
			Voice mail/fax line	100	
			Juvenile literature award	75	
Miscellaneous Income	50		Group expenses	300	
Administration Total		50	Administration Total		475
			President in-state travel	500	
			Other in-state travel	300	
			President convention/conference	500	
			Other convention/conference	1,000	
			President expenses	250	
			Other group expenses	200	
			Executive committee total		2,760
			Diversity task force expense	300	
			Ad hoc program support	250	
			Miscellaneous	250	
			Total other expenses		800
TOTAL INCOME		14,250	TOTAL EXPENSES		14,796
			Net for the Year		-545

You can dial AAUW NC: 866.525.2155

AAUW NC has a phone number: 866.525.2155. There's no "secretary" answering the phone, but callers can leave a voice mail message or send a fax. A few branches took advantage of the fax capability when sending in their 2005 reports and we are beginning to see other uses for the phone.

At the fall board meeting, we emphasized that the phone is a piece of our strategy to "use technology sensitively." Many of the articles in *Tar Heel News* refer you to the web for more information. If you're not on-line, but care about the issue, feel free to call the phone number and leave a message. If you need a web page printed and mailed, we can do that for you. If you need more information, your message will be forwarded to the right person. In any event, we want to be connected to all of our members.

How does it work? The phone "rings" at a machine on the Internet which turns each voice mail and FAX into an e-mail message. The e-mail goes to a those who have agreed to monitor the phone. [Thanks to Pinkie Byrd of Brevard and Annette Hawkins of Kinston for signing up for the first shift! If you'd like to participate, please let Nancy know.] Faxes are converted into pdf files. When you need to submit information that can't be e-mailed, please do respect the request for a fax rather than a paper copy. The cost is about \$100/year plus \$.10/fax page or voicemail message. Questions? Contact nancy.shoemaker@aauwnc.org or 919.773.1340.



Joanne Hill, 2004-2006 president, Jan Gronosky of Twin River/New Bern Branch, and Judy Atkinson, program vice-president, are all smiles during the convention in New Bern.

Coalition Notes

AAUW NC is in coalition with other groups which advocate for the same issues - equity and education for women and girls, voter education and political reform. Some of the group include:

North Carolina Women United

A note about Women's Advocacy Day, coordinated by North Carolina Women United NCWU, is on page 7. This is the year for women all over the state to provide input for the Women's Agenda Assemblies to determine issues upon which to advocate - more about that later this year. The NCWU's legislative report card is available at www.ncwu.org/.

Democracy North Carolina

This group researches into campaign abuses, is a proponent of public financing for elective offices (they have succeeded in obtaining legislature approval for judicial races; next step is legislative seats), and support a ban on lobbyists providing gifts and campaign donations to lawmakers. Bob Hall, director, has announced a comprehensive education campaign across the state so people will understand what is happening in these areas. Funding is needed for travel and field organizing, printing literature, more research, and strengthening their electronic organizing. Two supporters have offered a special challenge. They will match, dollar for dollar, every donation given. They will triple gifts of \$200 or more. Hall said, "This campaign will extend through July. Every gift is fully tax deductible." If you have questions, contact him at sprc@mindspring.com or 919.967.9942. Donations may be mailed to Democracy NC, 105 W. Main St., Carrboro NC 27510. Their web site is www.democracy-nc.org.

NC Coalition on Aging

Forty groups work together to learn more about the needs of the older adult population and to make recommendations to the General Assembly. Their 2006 talking points include:

- Increase funds to adult care homes, nursing homes, and home care services to increase salaries and benefits ("passthrough") of aides.
 - Appropriate funds to allow increases in the number of participants in the CAP-DA program and in the Special Assistance In-Home project.
 - Increase Homestead Property Tax Exemption income eligibility level to \$25,000 adjusted in subsequent years by the Social Security cost of living indexes with the state and counties to share equally in any revenue loss.
 - Restore the North Carolina Income Tax Credit for long-term care insurance which expired on December 31, 2003.
 - Appropriate \$3 million for Home and Community Care Block Grant for the fiscal year of 2007.
 - Appropriate \$50 million to the NC Housing Agency for affordable housing for elderly and low income persons.
- Contact person is Jean Reaves, president, reaves375@charter.net or 252.536.2756.