

AAUW-NC STATE CONVENTION

April 4-6, 2003

PROGRAM EVALUATION

Thank you for attending our NC AAUW Convention. Please fill out this evaluation and leave it in the box provided at the back of the room or with any board member. Please rate the events you attended by circling a number on the scale.

	Rating				
FRIDAY:	lowest (1)		to	highest (5)	
Registration	1	2	3	4(5)	5(20)
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SATURDAY:					
LAF Breakfast	1	2	3	4(3)	5(22)
<i>General Session I</i>					
Magdalena Maiz-Pena presentation	1	2	3	4(10)	5(23)
Elizabeth Kramer presentation	1	2	3(5)	4(9)	5(18)
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<i>General Session I — Workshops</i>					
I – Emerging Aging Issues	1	2	3	4(3)	5(8)
II – North Carolina Schools	1	2	3	4(1)	5(7)
III – Girls on Track	1	2	3	4(2)	5(7)
IV – Ten Thousand Villages	1	2	3(2)	4(2)	5(2)
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<i>EF Luncheon Speaker Mary Ellen Smyth</i>	1	2	3(1)	4(6)	5(21)
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<i>Business Meeting I</i>	1	2	3(1)	4(6)	5(13)
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<i>General Session II — Workshops</i>					
I – Emerging Aging Issues	1	2	3	4(1)	5(4)
II – NC Schools	1	2	3(1)	4(3)	5(7)
III – Girls on Track	1	2	3	4(4)	5(2)
IV – Ten Thousand Villages	1	2	3	4	5(1)
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<i>First Timers Reception</i>	1	2	3(1)	4(3)	5(6)
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SATURDAY EVENING:					
Social Reception	1	2	3(2)	4(4)	5(6)
Banquet	1	2	3	4(10)	5(13)
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SUNDAY:					
Memorial Service	1	2	3(1)	4(4)	5(15)
Business Meeting II	1	2	3	4(6)	5(16)

PROGRAM EVALUATION — CONTINUED

1. Do you feel the convention program and business meetings provide useful and applicable information for local branches?

25 responses: YES.

Other comments:

Programs were very professional and useful. Very well done.

Some speakers needed microphones in the workshops.

Stayed on schedule well. Good ideas to take back to our branches. A chance to network and learn something new.

Enjoyed the resolutions and coalition information.

Highly motivational. Would like some more information about how to follow up and volunteer for some school and community things.

The business meetings are 100% improved by disciplined orderly methods. There are still too many committees. Carry on with increased use of e-mail and web for information – keeping paper and oral reports to a minimum. Perhaps an optional e-mail Tar Heel News would work.

This meeting was just superb! All of the varied presenters really let us know the difference AAUW makes in individual lives.

2. Please comment on the convenience and ambience of the facilities and the overall climate of the convention.

Facilities were rated good to excellent for convenience. A few found them to be just adequate.

Other comments:

Several mentioned the rather run down appearance of the hotel and some thought it was really not very clean.

Several commented that the food was good and service was excellent. Several commented that the food was not very good and was served cold.

The overall climate and ambience of the convention was considered good to excellent.

Suggestion: First Timers should be introduced at a meeting.

Whole convention was positive and flowed well. (Temperature control in rooms was a little haywire).

Comment by Program VP: This convention site was chosen over two years ago mainly for the location and for the excellent price. It was a Four Points (Sheraton) Hotel at the time. Major renovations were planned for the entire facility. Within the year, the hotel was sold to the Clarion organization. They continued to work with us under the same basic agreement. Again, we were told that major renovations were to be made but obviously, there was no evidence of this having happened. The restaurant (The Bistro) was in full operation at the time we contracted with the hotel and we were not informed that the hours had been curtailed. We regret any inconvenience this caused.

3. Please make any comments relative to future programming or any other aspect of the convention.

Most evaluations rated the program as good to excellent.

Other comments:

The hospitality room should be closer to the elevator.

The speakers were great.

Some training about how to recruit, motivate, and retain volunteers would be helpful.

Particularly enjoyed the student Fellows and LAF plaintiff.

Never enough time. Breaks should be longer. Could lunch be shortened with no speaker and with earlier start of afternoon programs? Workshops were excellent but listening to so many speakers was difficult. More concise speaking by our own members is needed for time element and ease of listening.

Diversity of programs was a great feature of this convention. Things outside of what AAUW is doing is important, especially things that are occurring that impact our mission.

Continue to keep EF and LAF features at the “top” of the program. More people can be there and one is “fresher” to receive the presentation.

Try to condense more committees together. Workshops should be shorter – maybe one hour.

Lunch extended to two hours.

Local branches should have more control. The state program committee meets too late to approve the program.

Suggestion: Membership workshop.

Recommend a specific time for discussion of topics raised by members with lists of topics and copies of resolutions (if applicable) posted in advance.

Be sure there is a restaurant in the hotel for all meals.

Comment: I think it is too bad to have a half day at the end with no program with content offered.

Future programming should include a “Diversity” workshop.

Also, how can we recruit younger members “Strategies, etc.”?