

AAUW NC CHANGES SURVEY SUMMARY IMPRESSIONS

Survey Components

- overview with respondent information
 - branch affiliation
 - current and past involvement at branch and state levels

- emphasis on committees
 - creating new committees by condensing current appointed positions
 - strategic planning

- support for co-chairs and officers
 - voting
 - reimbursements of expenses
 - office and committee chair appointments

- changes for branch presidents
 - group representatives ⁽¹⁾ by cluster chosen by the presidents, ⁽²⁾ statewide reps. chosen by the presidents or ⁽³⁾ group representation by 4-5 members elected at state convention by membership

- cluster impressions
 - value
 - inclusion in bylaws

- other changes in governance
 - voting privileges to all committee members
 - branch presidents naming a proxy to convention

- Open comments

Survey Components: Respondent Information

Branch Affiliation

at least 1 response from 18 of 23 branches
total: 52 respondents
40% from Raleigh/Wake and Brevard
no MAL responses

Branch and State Involvement

68% have been branch presidents
44% have been/are on State Board
3/4 have attended state convention or conf.
38% never attended an AAUW NC Board meeting

Survey Components: More Emphasis on Committees

*Strong support for creating...

Communications Committee (82%)
Administrative Committee (88%)
Public Policy Committee (85%)

Strong support for having EC assume strategic planning responsibilities (76%)

* percentage of votes for "great idea" and "good idea with some modifications"

Survey Components: Co-Chairs and Officers

Strong support for...

two people sharing one Board position (73%)
but giving that position only 1 vote (60%)

committee chairs appointing a committee
member to carry the chair's vote to a Board
meeting (91%)

Nominating Committee appointing its own
chairperson (74%)

all other officers and committee chairs being
appointed by the AAUW NC president with
the approval of the EC (74%)

voting privileges at convention being
extended to all members of AAUW NC
committees (73%)

Evenly divided opinions re. how to reimburse expenses
for those sharing a Board position.

Survey Components: Branch President Representation

Support for...

branch presidents electing representatives to
the Board by cluster (68%)

allowing branch presidents to name a proxy to
carry their vote to convention (93%)

Survey Components: Branch President Representation

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OPPOSITION for...

branch presidents electing 4-5 statewide (at large) representatives (50% BAD IDEA)

membership electing at convention 4-5 members to represent the presidents on the state Board (51% BAD IDEA)

Survey Components: Thoughts on Clusters

Almost 3/4 of the respondents have attended at least 1 cluster meeting

Cluster meetings are valued for their social worth, as well as forums these meetings offer for discussion of AAUW-related issues.

63% favored incorporating the cluster concept into the bylaws.

Other Common Survey Impressions from Open Ended Comments

Improve and keep the communication ongoing between AAUW NC and the branches.

