

AAUWNC Nominating Committee's Report, January 2005

Committee Elected

March 2004 – Charlotte State Convention– Nominating Committee and Chair elected in the presence of the committee members, after several AAUWNC members declined nominations. Committee Chair: Linda Sarkis, and members: Pat Abell, Judy Atkinson, JoAnn Hall, and Carol Kaiser.

Committee's Term Begins

July 2004 – New Nominating Committee is official, and positions to search for candidates were: President Elect, Treasurer, Program VP

The Search

September 2004 through December 2004 – Committee contacted branch presidents by email and by phone to determine interest and potential. Presidents were encouraged to mention the positions in their meetings. Positions were posted in every Tar Heel News. In a parallel process, informal leaders who were active in AAUWNC were often identified, and contacted. In spite of repeated efforts to reach out to the women of NC, there was little interest shown, were numerous avoidance tactics, and a fair number of negative third party conversations. As I understand it, this has happened for many years.

The Candidates

Millie Hoffler-Foushee, the incumbent Treasurer, agreed to another term early in the game. Nancy Shoemaker, State Technology Chair, agreed to be a candidate for President Elect. No candidates for Program VP. No other candidates.

Chair's Closing Remarks

My thanks to the committee members for their hard work. This has been an unfortunate scenario, and one that AAUWNC needs to improve on for its survival.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Sarkis, State Nominating Committee Chair