

AAUW – NM Leadership Team Meeting (LTM)

Summer LTM

July 23, 2011

Las Vegas, NM

Attendance: Ruth Benjamins, Las Cruces; Mary Tyler Browne, Albuquerque; Carol Ann Council, Las Cruces; Barbara Casey, Las Vegas; Ted Cooley, Albuquerque, Louise Drlik, Las Vegas; Cheryl Klenner, West Mesa; Roxanne Lara, Carlsbad; Meta Levister, Las Vegas; Karyl Lyne, Las Vegas; Patricia Maben, West Mesa; Shila Marek, Carlsbad; Natalie Markin, Los Alamos; Deanise Marta, Las Cruces; Karen Nelson, Carlsbad; Georgia Owens, Online; Joy Poole, Santa Fe; Sheila Portillo, Albuquerque; Shelley Rossbach, Santa Fe; Bonnie Rutherford, West Mesa; Mary Sandford, Carlsbad; Nina Thayer, Los Alamos/Santa Fe; Julie Vollmer, Santa Fe;

Guests: Dorothy Maestas, Las Vegas; Elizabeth Tisdell, Las Vegas; Nancy Scheer, Santa Fe; Margaret Vazquez-Geoffroy, Las Vegas; Kay Zollner, Carlsbad.

Call to Order and Announcements at 9:15 a.m.

- **Thank you** to our Las Vegas Branch hosts.
- Introductions - Attendees were asked to visit with another member for 5 minutes and then introduce each other.
- Motion forms are available.
- Send Ruth Benjamins your travel reimbursements.
- Please note handouts and key dates listed on Calendar.
 - Roadrunner deadline is August 14th. Submit articles to Pat Maben.
 - Mini Grant applications due to Nina Thayer by October 1st. Information is in the Policies and Procedures.
- Branch yearbooks need to go to President, Membership VP, Newsletter Editor, Historian and Nominations Chair.
- Branch newsletters should go to President, Program VP, Newsletter Editor and Historian.
- Need Media Relations Chair – Job Description available.
- Congratulations to Nina Thayer who was recently appointed a member of the AAUW Leadership Corps, a two year appointment.

- **List of Appointed Officers** announced. Karyl Lyne moved and Denise Marta seconded. Officers approved.
- **Minutes from April 15, 2011** had two corrections. Karen Nelson moved to accept, Ted Cooley seconded. Minutes were approved as corrected.
- Ruth Benjamins provided the finance report 2010/11. She noted the timing of the report reflects a potential problem with dues; however, she noted overages and shortages with \$413.29 Revenue over Expenditures. We currently have total assets of \$13, 426.13 in the bank.

Correspondence:

Yolanda Patterson –a non-traditional student at NM Central Community College was an AAUW scholarship recipient to NCCWSL and wrote a thoughtful thank you to the AAUW-NM.

Connie Hildebrand from the National Board of Directors wrote a note commenting on AAUW's 130th anniversary year and her desire to return to New Mexico.

Announcements from National Convention were highlighted and are available on AAUW's national website where members are encouraged to access updates twice monthly.

- **At National AAUW Susan Williams and Karyl Lyne received recognition for membership recruitment. Seven of the Eleven NM Branches were recognized for increasing membership.**
- One Member One Vote – 16.2% response from NM which was average. Over 10,000 members voted nationally.
- All Bylaws passed. All Public Policy amendments passed.
- Encouraging social media. Please use Facebook. Gloria Cordova is willing to handle the social media until a Media Relations Chair is found. Please email cordovag@losalamos.com. She'll post branch as well as state news.
- Christy Jones indicated it's appropriate to use the full name of American Association of University Women in addition to the AAUW acronym
- RESEARCH issues
 - Bullying
 - STEM in community colleges
 - Disparity in student loans between males and females
- Recommend hosting Branch Programs on Public Policy Issues to inform members.
- National Member Survey indicated that many members are stuck in their own branch activities and seem to possess a lack of knowledge of National initiatives.
- 2011 Breaking Through Barriers – Honorable mention for Women Across Borders: Chihuahua and New Mexico Initiative – ***Congratulations to AAUW members Ted Cooley and Nina Thayer and the ABQ Branch on this successful event held April 17, 2010 at the National Hispanic Cultural Center. Mary Sandford presented Ted Cooley with a framed certificate which had been awarded at the AAUW Convention in Washington, DC.***

AAUW NM State Convention Finance Report

Grant County Branch reported that the total revenue from convention = \$638 which was split 50/50 with AAUW-NM. The state received \$319, plus \$200 in seed money was returned.

2011 Fall Workshop – Watch for complete information in the AAUW - NM Roadrunner

Location will be St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Rio Rancho. Sherry Robinson will present Apache Voices. Two workshops will follow. All state branches are invited to the meeting.

2012 Spring Convention – Las Cruces

Theme: 100 years of New Mexico Women. Arrangements are being finalized and will include tours of the J.P. Taylor Home, the next NM State Monument within Dept. of Cultural Affairs.

NM-AAUW Job Descriptions – Academic Chair, Diversity Chair, and Awards Chair

Introduced and reviewed by Mary Sandford and Natalie Markin

Discussion of content followed. Decision: universal edits throughout job descriptions that “Board of Directors” will be substituted by “Leadership Team” in all instances.

- **Academic Chair** Job Description - Motion to accept with modifications: Ruth Benjamins and Karyl Lyne seconded. Motion unanimously approved.
- **Diversity Chair** Job Description - Motion to accept with modifications: Karyl Lyne moved to approve. Carol Ann Council seconded. Motion unanimously approved.
- **Awards Chair** Job Description: Natalie Markin made a motion to accept and Karyl Lyne seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

Mentoring Committee Chair – We need a chair to implement the mentoring program.

Nominations Committee – will consist of Shila Marek, Carlsbad; Nina Thayer, Los Alamos (chair) and Mimi Salinger, West Mesa. Karyl Lyne seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

Mini Grants Committee - Nina Thayer moved that the composition consist of Enid Tidwell, Santa Fe; and Phoebe Pearce, Las Cruces, with Nina as chair. Karyl Lyne seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

AAUW Funds – Mary Browne reported the total donation from the State of New Mexico to all funds is \$5,278 with the following breakdown:

AAUW Funds (General)	\$1783
Public Policy Fund	\$850
Educational Opportunities Fund	\$500
Legal Advocacy Fund	\$1280
Leadership Program	\$735

\$START \$MART - Women and Salaries - Pay Equity

Shelley Rossbach reported that the website for her new job is www.simtable.com. She also reported that she hopes to have the \$start \$mart program up and running in New Mexico this fall. She mentioned that interesting reading is a book by Mika Brzezinski. The title is Knowing Your Value, and it had its “birth” when Mika realized that her co-host Joe Scarborough of the TV show Morning Joe was making 14 times more than she was.

AAUW Leadership Programs -Margaret Dike – Albuquerque Branch and former State President and State Parliamentarian (1921-2011)

Nina Thayer moved that AAUW-NM honor long time Albuquerque AAUW member Margaret Dike with a donation of at least \$500 to the AAUW Leadership Programs Fund. Donations will be accepted from now until the (October) Fall Workshop. AAUW-NM will donate any shortage up to \$500. See the 2011 Summer Roadrunner for her life accomplishments and biography. The motion was seconded by Deanise Marta. Discussion followed. Nina Thayer accepted the friendly amendments. Motion unanimously approved.

AAUW-NM Manual of Policies and Procedures

Discussion items: How to organize travel allowances, officer appointments & their terms, and seed money for conventions. Decisions: Additional work will be forthcoming and suggestions should be sent to committee co-chairs Pam Daves and Louise Drlik by August 14th. Appointed Officer terms were discussed and by group count members indicated their preference: staggered: 14, unstaggered: 6.

Officer Reports:

Presidents: Shelley Rossbach presented the Co-presidents' Goals for 2011-2012.

Bylaws: Calendar – January is the deadline for any changes, proposed resolutions.

College/University Relations: Karyl Lyne reported that Institutional Membership is encouraged for all NM higher education institutions. If the institution joins they may join for \$130 this year. Their students can join for free.

International Interests – Shila Marek reported that AAUW supports ratification of CEDAW (Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women) which was introduced during the Carter administration. The best prospect for ratification in Congress is to change the composition of the Senate. (NM will have a Senate election in 2012.) There is also a need to educate voters about this important women's issue.

Barbara Carey Award (funded?) for Virginia Gildersleeve.

Parliamentarian – Carol Ann Council announced that she has applications available for Women Graduates USA.

Brief **branch reports** were given by Albuquerque, Carlsbad, Las Cruces, Las Vegas, Los Alamos, Online, Santa Fe and West Mesa.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Joy Poole