

AAUW - NM Leadership Team Meeting (LTM)

Spring LTM

April 27, 2012

Las Cruces, NM

Attendance: Della Acosta, Grant County; Ruth Benjamins, Las Cruces; Mary Berry, Las Cruces; Mary Browne, Albuquerque/West Mesa; Norma Castaneda, Carlsbad; Carol Ann Council, Las Cruces; Adrienne Dare, Grant County, Cheryl Klenner, West Mesa; Sylvia Fink, Albuquerque, Karyl Lyne, Las Vegas; Pat Maben, West Mesa; Shila Marek, Carlsbad; Natalie Markin, Los Alamos; Deanise Marta, Las Cruces; Cas Mason, Los Alamos; Karen Nelson, Carlsbad; Sheila Portillo, Albuquerque; Shelley Rossbach, Santa Fe; Bonnie Rutherford, West Mesa; Mary Sandford, Carlsbad; Mary Schipper, Las Vegas; Nina Thayer, Los Alamos/Santa Fe; Enid Tidwell, Santa Fe; Dixie Trebbe, Albuquerque/West Mesa; Helena Whyte, Los Alamos/Online

Guests: Elaine Carlson, Grant County; Janie Cox, Carlsbad; Carolyn Garfein, AAUW National President; Mikki Gemin, Grant County

Meeting dedications: Veronica Seminski (Las Cruces), Nancy Childs (Las Vegas), and Jane Gaziano (Santa Fe)

Call to Order and Announcements at 12:49 pm

1. Natalie Marklin of Los Alamos informed us that hotel reservations for the summer LTM in Los Alamos can be made at the Northroad Inn (\$79 including full breakfast, reserve by July 1) or at the Comfort Inn (2Q, \$89).
2. Fall workshop will be Oct. 19-20, hosted by the Albuquerque branch
3. The *Roadrunner* deadline is May 13.
4. Please keep your branch websites up to date!
5. The following appointed officers for 2012-2014 are needed: By-laws, International Interest, Media Relations, Strategic Planning, and College/University Chairs. Contact Shelley.

National Announcements

1. Please update your branch officers on the MSD!
2. Mandated bylaws changes are due to National by May 15!
3. Applications for National committee positions are on the AAUW website.

Team Building Exercise "Women Who Dare" led by Mary Sandford

Minutes of the January 29, 2012 LTM were approved as corrected (moved by Shila Marek, seconded by Nina Thayer). On page 5, the AAUW Funds list should include \$2,165 from Los Alamos.

Finance Report by Ruth Benjamins.

1. The preliminary budget for 2012-2013 was presented. A few changes were suggested during the discussion. Further discussion and adoption will take place at Sunday's convention business session.
2. Please turn in Financial Expense Reimbursement forms by June 15.

Committee Reports

1. \$tart \$mart, Shelley Rossbach

There have been some delays. There will be telephone training for people who attended the first workshop to get certified.

2. Job Descriptions Committee (Helena Whyte, Natalie Markin, and Sylvia Fink, Chair)

Name changes to six elected positions were approved. "Program/Issues coordinator" is changed to "Vice President Program." "Membership Coordinator" is changed to "Vice President Membership." "Recording Secretary" is changed to "Secretary." Suggested wording changes to all other job descriptions were approved. "Board of Directors," "State Board of Directors," and "Board" are changed to "Leadership Team." Suggested changes to the By-laws and Historian positions were also approved. "This is an off Board position" is deleted. "Appointed by the President and approved by the State Board of Directors" is changed to "Appointed for two years with a limit of three consecutive terms by the President and approved by the Leadership Team." The Webmaster job description was approved.

3. Awards

Cas Mason(Chair) thanked her award committee of Candice Jierree and her friend Julie Wilson, who is not an AAUW member.

Karyl Lyne (Chair) thanked her committee of Adrienne Dare, Maryjane Giesler, and Meta Levista who selected the NCCWSL scholarship recipients: Reyna Caro, Flor Ogaz, and Angelica Ruiz-Olivas.

Nina Thayer (Chair), Enid Tidwell, and Phoebe Pierce served on the mini-grant committee. Nina Thayer moved that the Los Alamos Branch receive a mini-grant in the amount of \$150 for voters' guides. The motion was seconded and approved.

4. Nominations

The committee of Mimi Salinger, Nina Thayer, and Shila Marek has the following slate of candidates for 2012-2013:

Co-president: Shelley Rossbach, Santa Fe

Co-president: Karyl Lyne, Las Vegas

Membership co-chair: Sylvia Fink, Albuquerque

Membership co-chair: Natalie Markin, Los Alamos

Secretary: Cheryl Klenner, West Mesa

Academic chair: Joan Goodman, Albuquerque

Nominating committee chair: Mary Sandford, Carlsbad

5. Public Policy

The written report of Chair Dixie Trebbe is in the convention book. She reported that not much was accomplished in the legislative session and she doesn't expect much next year. She is pushing bills on human trafficking and conservation. Dixie thanked AAUW-NM for her experiences in the Lobby Corps. If she is elected to the NM house, please feel free to contact her.

Nina Thayer and Mary Berry agreed to write a resolution for the Convention meeting demanding a Senate confirmation hearing for NM Secretary of Education Designee

Hanna Skandera.

Mary Schipper will submit a resolution for voting on Sunday to add increased funding for educational materials to the proposed public policy 2012-2013.

Officers' Reports

1. **Historian**, Bonnie Rutherford

Bonnie requested that we send any AAUW materials to her to be placed in the archives at UNM.

She also brought with her a very nice collection of AAUW buttons given by Carol Woodworth, a NM Online member who was a member of the disbanded Raton branch.

2. **AAUW FUNDS**, Mary Browne

A written report is in the Convention Book. Donations from NM total \$1,127 this quarter.

3. **International Interest**, Shila Marek

Report in Convention Book

4. **Parliamentarian**, no report

5. **Co-president**, Mary Sandford

Outgoing co-president Mary Sandford expressed her gratitude for all the help from the branches in achieving the co-presidents' goals.

5. **Roadrunner editor**, Pat Maben

Please let Pat know of changes in membership status or address by May 13, 2012.

6. **Diversity**, Della Acosta

Della's report was distributed. She hopes to eventually spread her ideas for diversity events statewide.

Unfinished Business

1. A poll was taken of those thinking of going to the Rocky Mt. Conference in Phoenix June 8-10. We have 9 or 10 NM members thinking of going.
2. Funding in the amount of \$250 from unused line items in the budget for Cheri Burch to attend a National Girls Collaborative Project conference was approved earlier this month by E-vote. There were 30 "yes" votes and one abstention.
3. Proceeds from the *Lia Sophia* Jewelry sales this weekend will go to AAUW Funds: 5% at the discretion of the AAUW Funds Chair with the remainder split 1/3 to LAF, 1/3 to NCCWSL, and 1/3 to Unrestricted.

New Business

1. Changes in the Washington, D.C. corporate codes have required changes in AAUW National by-laws, therefore requiring changes in state AAUW by-laws. Some changes were in wording. We are covered under state law for the Leadership Team to conduct

electronic voting. Our updated by-laws are on the state website.

2. It was moved by Nina Thayer and seconded by Carol Ann Council that the Rocky Mountain Conference scholarship of \$200 be given to Helena Whyte, who will be presenting a workshop about on-line branches. The motion passed.
3. It was moved by Deanise Marta and seconded by Della Acosta that two \$150 travelships be given for the Rocky Mountain Conference. The motion passed. The motion was amended by Natalie Marklin and seconded by Helena Whyte that the travelships be given at the discretion of the co-presidents. The motion to amend passed.
4. Information on NM Vote Matters from Oriana Sandoval was presented by Shelley Rossbach. This effort focuses on voter registration, especially of women, Latinos, and Native Americans. It was discussed and decided that more information was needed before a decision to partner with the organization could be made.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Klenner (substituting for Joy Poole)