

Attendance: Ruth Benjamins, Las Cruces; Mary Berry, Las Cruces; Mary Tyler Browne, Albuquerque; Ted Cooley, Albuquerque; Carol Ann Council, Las Cruces; Adrienne Dare, Grant County; Pamela Daves, Las Vegas; Sylvia Fink, Albuquerque; Lina Germann, Santa Fe; Cheryl Klenner, West Mesa; Karyl Lyne, Las Vegas; Patricia Maben, West Mesa; Deanise Marta, Las Cruces; Karen Nelson, Carlsbad; Joy Poole, Santa Fe; Shelley Rossbach, Santa Fe; Bonnie Rutherford, West Mesa; Mary Sandford, Carlsbad; Mary Schipper, Las Vegas; Dixie Trebbe, Albuquerque; Julie Vollmer, Santa Fe; Helena Whyte, Los Alamos

Guests: Jean Bahr, Santa Fe; Eileen Bentley, Las Vegas; Sandra Bradley, Santa Fe; Linda McDowell, Albuquerque; Nancy Scheer, Santa Fe; Betty Smith, Albuquerque; Janet Lincoln, Santa Fe

Meeting dedications: Jackie Frank (Grant Co.), Mary Grathwol (Santa Fe) and Elizabeth Aiello (Los Alamos)

Call to Order and Announcements at 1 p.m.

1. Convention items: Ingenious Ideas Awards applications due April 1st
2. Judges are needed for the Grace Barker Wilson Award; Contact Cas Mason
3. *Roadrunner* deadline – Feb. 19, 2012 – Officers and branches send in your news to Pat Maben
4. Annual Reports are due from elected and appointed officers and Branch Presidents – April 1, 2012 – Send these to Carol Ann Council – AAUW-NM Parliamentarian (Las Cruces Branch)

Team Building Exercise “Women Who Dare” was led by Mary Sandford

Minutes of the October 15, 2011 were approved as submitted by Karyl Lyne substituting for Joy Poole.

Finance Report by Ruth Benjamins

1. Dues have been received. Expenses included Roadrunner (postage of \$565) and Web site
2. Balance \$5966.19

Membership Report by Helena Whyte

As of January 2012 - There are 478 AAUW members representing eleven branches. There are 225 NM National Members (formerly called Members at Large).

Unfinished Business

1. Summer LTM - Los Alamos Branch will host meeting July 21, 2012 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church
2. Fall Workshop – Albuquerque Branch will host Oct. 20, 2012

3. Job Descriptions – Public Policy, Newsletter, Diversity, College/University Relations have been completed by Sylvia Fink and Natalie Markin. Sylvia Fink submitted a description of Academic Chair with the motion to approve, Carol Ann Council seconded. The description of Academic Chair was approved.
4. Mini Grants – There is \$400 available. Sylvia Fink moved to reopen the application process for Mini Grants and it was seconded by Carol Ann Council. Vote: Unanimous. Discussion: Branches can apply for up to \$150 in \$50 increments. No official form, consult Policies and Procedures for the application content. The spring deadline allows for branches to use the funds in the summer.
5. Presentation: Online demonstration of AAUW template for Branch Webpages by Helena Whyte.

Announcements from National AAUW

1. Congratulations to Cheri Burch from the Albuquerque Branch who has been named to the Leadership Team of the National Girls' Collaborative Project (NGCP)! She will represent AAUW-NM on the Team. The NGCP will be coming to New Mexico as the Young Women in Computing hosts activities in our state. The NGCP is funded through the National Science Foundation to promote STEM activities/interest and coordinate activities among organizations in communities throughout the US. They currently have Collaboratives in 34 states.
2. A State and Branch Records Manual is now available online. It gives information on what to keep, for how long, what to toss, etc. as well as how to manage files, including email files. Also included is advice on archiving materials and finding a location to preserve archived items. To access the site, go to www.aauw.org, then the "member center." Find "branch/state resources" on the left and go to "archives." This information is especially helpful for historians and secretaries, as well as other officers.
3. USE SOCIAL MEDIA!!! - Visit the AAUW NM Facebook. Gloria Cordova is our administrator; she'll post comments for you.
4. CHECK WEB SITE FREQUENTLY!!! Much information that used to be sent in memo form is now on the web site only! For instance the Policy and Procedures Manual is on the AAUW- NM website.
5. AAUW Art Contest – entries accepted through January 31st and voting begins Feb. 4th.
6. Branches are asked to sponsor an activity for Equal Pay Day, April 17th. Suggestions include recognition by your local paper and/or government, Cocktails and "Convos", using Social Media and "Flash Mobs."
7. Student Groups Policy Update – Student Affiliates who don't attend a member institution pay National dues at the student rate. Graduate students do not qualify as "e-student affiliates."
8. AAUW still gives "Named Gift Certificates" for branch donations of \$500 or more. They no longer track the certificates, but will provide them to branches to present to the honored member. You should request them through your AAUW Funds Chair.
9. AAUW has also made changes in its Policy on Candidates for Public Office. These changes are due to the 501c3 and 501c4 regulations and bring AAUW and its states/branches into compliance with election laws and the tax code. Although AAUW's

policy of not supporting partisan candidates for public office has not changed, it would be wise for all branches to review this policy as we enter an active election year and sponsor AAUW activities across the state.

10. Telemarketing calls from AAUW are legitimate calls for National fundraising. Funds are used for scholarships and information gathered is to learn about member concerns.

Convention/Annual Meeting in Las Cruces April 27-29, 2012. Update provided by Deanise Marta.

Committee Reports

National Conference for Collegiate Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) by Karyl Lyne- NCCWSL presents a wonderful opportunity for us to talk to institutional staff and faculty about AAUW and offer this fabulous leadership program to their students. Faculty members, women's studies departments, women's centers, student affairs offices, scholarship centers, Student Support Services or student assistance centers on campuses are places we can go or call to tell them about NCCWSL and Start Smart.

We can also recruit them to join AAUW as an Institutional Member. It begins with developing a relationship with someone on the campus and following up with them on our programs, our work and our benefits. Start Smart and NCCWSL provide us with two dynamite ways to sell that institution on becoming AAUW Institutional Members.

If you have contacts at any New Mexico institutions of higher education—junior or community colleges, regional or major universities, or know the people mentioned above, I invite you to contact them and talk with them about Start Smart, NCCWSL and AAUW institutional membership. If you'd like a bit more information about Start Smart or institutional membership in AAUW, go to aauw.org and type start smart program or institutional membership into the search box in the upper right corner. If you'd like to know more about NCCWSL go to www.nccwsl.org.

AAUW has so much to offer our higher education colleagues and we're the best ones to make them aware of our programs, our strength and our enthusiasm for advocating for women and girls.

AAUW-NM Campus University Representative Report by Karyl Lyne, College/University Representative

As a result of the **Start Smart** program presented in November in Santa Fe by AAUW-NM Co-President Shelley Roszbach, contacts were made at these campuses: Karen Dvorak in HR at Northern New Mexico College in Espanola; Laura Nunnally, Director of Student Life at Santa Fe University of Art and Design; Patty Armstrong in Career Services at Santa Fe Community College and Margaret Odell in Career Services at St. John's. I report this so that we all learn that there are a variety of people on campuses who are interested in a program like Start Smart and

who might work with AAUW-NM to bring that program to their campus. In some cases their areas might be able to help fund the program.

Nominations Report by Nina Thayer, Nominating Committee Chair, Sheila Marek, and Mimi Salinger

The AAUW-NM Nominations Committee has been hard at work and we present this partial slate of officers for election at our April convention in Las Cruces. These officers will serve for one term, 2years.

- Co-President, Shelley Rossbach, Santa Fe Branch
- Membership Chair, vacant at this time
- Secretary, Cheryl Klenner, West Mesa Branch
- Academic Chair, vacant at this time
- Nominating Committee Chair, Mary Sandford, Carlsbad Branch

The Nominations Committee is anxious to present a full slate of officers. Please feel free to nominate yourself or discuss the various vacant positions with any of us.

New Business

1. Deanise Marta proposed a \$50 registration fee (\$45 early registration) and a \$30 Saturday only fee for the AAUW-NM Spring Convention. The fee was approved.
2. Mary Sandford asked for a motion to approve a Budget Committee consisting of Ruth Benjamins (Chair), Carol Ann Council and Virginia Spruiell. The committee will prepare the budget for presentation at the Convention. The motion was made, seconded and approved.
3. A show of hands was taken indicating members' intentions to attend the Rocky Mountain "Regional" Conference in Phoenix June 8-10. Eight people indicated their plan to attend.

Officer Reports

ByLaws Report by Pamela G. Daves and Louise J. Drlik, Co-Chairs

All branches have compliant by-laws. The following branches have not submitted their bylaws' signature page: Socorro. The new Policies and Procedures are in place.

AAUW New Mexico Funds 1/1/2011 -12/31/2011 – Report by Mary Tyler Browne

Albuquerque	\$1,063
Carlsbad	\$ 473
Grant County	\$1,471
Las Cruces	\$1,355
Las Vegas	\$ 140
Santa Fe	\$1,905
Socorro	\$ 65
West Mesa	\$ 673
New Mexico Online	\$ 20
AAUW New Mexico	<u>\$2,325</u>
	\$ 11,655
	AAUW New Mexico

Lilly Ledbetter Impact Grant Giving Circle	\$750
National Conference of College Women	\$320
Leadership Funds Programs Funds	\$565
Individual Gifts	<u>\$690</u>
	\$2,325

Roadrunner Newsletter Report, Patricia Maben, Editor

It was suggested that OfficeMax be used to reproduce the Roadrunner for persons requesting a printed copy. The printing cost for the winter issue was \$1.22 as opposed to \$1.65 for the fall issue. Ninety-four newsletters were mailed in January. There were several changes to the mailing list – two returns and an email request. Please notify editor of needed changes.

Public Policy Report by Dixie Trebbe, Public Policy / Choice Chair.

For full information on the legislature go to: <http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs>. Two blogs you might be interested in are as follows: <http://www.nmcapitolreports.com> and progressnownm.org/blog

HB 51 PARENTAL NOTIFICATION RIGHTS ACT Alonzo Baldonado-AAUW's stand is that if it is by a family member or friend, the parents won't give permission. There is an avenue of going to court to ask for reconsideration but by the time all that took place it would be too late to do it safely. Also it does not excuse rape or possibility of pregnancy being fatal to the woman.

HB 53 LIMIT SCHOOL RETENTIONS THROUGH REMEDIATION Rick Miera -Deals with the situation by involving the school, the parents, and the teacher. Remediation instead of retention. He spoke on this at the Lobby Corps luncheon.

HB 13 ADULT BASIC EDUCATION MATERIALS Rick Miera -His idea is that if books etc are funded more low income people will take advantage. They are more apt to be interested in the child's education if they have completed the program themselves. This bill makes changes in the way that federal funds and state funds pay for education by making a slight change upward in the percentage of the interest from the state funds to be used. He explained this in detail at the luncheon.

HB 82 FAMILY, INFANT, TODDLER PROGRAM Danice Picraux -This is in line with the move to allow young parents to get health care for their children. (1) Maintain the quality of early intervention services for eligible children and their families; fund the projected shortfall in the state's federal match for Medicaid services. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2013 shall revert to the general fund.

HB 14 K-3 PLUS PROGRAM TO PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPT. Mimi Stewart- Proposes to convert K-3 PLUS FROM A PILOT PROJECT TO A PROGRAM IN THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL TIME FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS;

HM 4 OPPOSITION TO CITIZENS UNITED RULING Mimi Stewart -This bill asks the Representatives of the State OF NEW MEXICO that they express strong opposition to the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* and call upon the United States Congress to propose and send to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution to restore republican democracy to the people of the United States.

SB 5: Dede Feldman/Nate Gentry- Restrict the use or sale of firearms.

SB 6: Dede Feldman- NM Health Insurance Exchange Act.

SB 12: Peter Wirth -Campaign Public Finance Charges

SB 9: Peter Wirth- Corporations pay a fair share of taxes in NM.

All three of these bills are by Sen. Mary Jane Garcia and would be very high on AAUW interest list.

*SB 57 CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION TASK FORCE: SB 58 CRIMINAL SEXUAL PENETRATION OF CHILD UNDER 5: SB 59 CHILD MURDER AS AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCE.

Although SB 31 and HB 65 Special needs Student Scholarship Acts sound good by title they basically give people and organizations tax credits for donating to these funds at Private Schools. The school is under no obligation as to use of funds once they are accepted. Rick Miera feels this is a form of voucher because of the fact that the taxes are not paid but given to the private school for their curriculum.

Education Report by Betty W. Smith, Guest from the Albuquerque Branch

The Legislative Education Study Committee has produced an extensive report titled “Staff Brief: Reading in Teacher Preparation Programs: Implementation of Recommendations of HJM 16, Study Reading Curricula in Teacher Education (2010) Work Group”. Nine higher state educational institutions were required to participate. The Work Group Found that every program showed room for improvement in one or more areas. Many NM teacher education programs “missed the target” in addressing the science of reading instruction to a disappointing degree.

Comments on the weaknesses were specified and the Work Group made five recommendations including these two recommendations:

1. Rigorously assess candidate knowledge of how to teach reading based on scientific research as a condition for elementary licensure, either through the NM Teacher Content Knowledge Assessment in Elementary Education or through a separate exam.
2. Develop a list of recommended texts that address the five essential elements of literacy instruction among which programs would be encouraged, but not required to select, for coursework beginning in academic year 2011-12.

Historian Report by Bonnie Rutherford, AAUW State Historian

AAUW has published a new “Records Management Manual” and “Guidelines for Preserving State and Branch Archives”. Both are to be used by both State and Branch AAUW groups for retaining important and historical documents. These manuals are accessible via the AAUW Website.

State AAUW records are archived at the Zimmerman Library at UNM in Albuquerque. The Archive also contains records from the Albuquerque Branch. Other Branches may use this facility if they so desire.

Branch Reports:

Grant County Branch by Adrienne Dare, Co-president

Our December Holiday Fundraiser/Auction was a great success. We raised money for AAUW Funds as well as money for our Barbara Brown Scholarship. This is a scholarship for a returning woman student to WNMU.

We were all shocked by the sudden death of Jackie Frank who died on December 8 while in Michigan awaiting heart surgery for her husband. We are in the process of setting up a scholarship fund in Jackie’s name. Her husband will be donating money for this fund as Jackie had wanted.

We are busy January and February getting ready for our 20th annual Expanding Your Horizons conference for 5th - 8th grade girls in the four counties of southwest New Mexico. At our Work Session on January 14 eighteen volunteers put together teacher packets so that registration could start on January 17.

Our board has met and we are considering adopting the coordinating council form of government for our branch.

Our January meeting on January 26 had a program “A New Year’s Resolution Worth Keeping. Be sure to Laugh More in 2012” where we brought a sack lunch to the city library. With all the work on EYH we needed to take time for ourselves.

Grant County branch continues to grow with more members working on our projects.

Los Alamos Branch Report

By Natalie Markin, Los Alamos Branch Facilitator & Presiding Officer

Highlights of our programs for this year are as follows:

November 4, 2011: A few branch members assisted with the Start Smart program offered at UNM-LA. Shelley Rossbach presented. UNM-LA is planning another Start Smart presentation this spring.

AAUW – NM Leadership Team Meeting (LTM)

Winter LTM

January 29, 2012

Santa Fe, NM

December 3, 2011: Speakers from the Crisis Center of Northern New Mexico in Espanola
Program: Shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual harassment. They are planning to build 4 to 8 units to house woman and children who have been at the shelter for maximum 90 days. These units will serve as temporary housing as the victims plan to return to main stream society. As a gift for the holidays we held a linen and kitchen shower to help them furnish these units. They went home with a truck load of gifts.

January 11, 2012 Annual Legislative Preview held in conjunction with the League of Women Voters. Speakers included Representatives Jim Hall and Carlos Cisneros, Los Alamos County Clerk, Sheryl Nichols, who discussed voter registration from the perspective of the County Clerks, Representative from Free Speech For People, who discussed the move to amend the U.S. Constitution to negate the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision, i.e. the decision that removed bans on corporate political contributions.

Other branches provided highlights of their activities and/or written reports.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Joy Poole, AAUW-NM Secretary