

# AAUW Spring Convention Business Meeting

Spring Convention

Saturday, April 20, 2013

Carlsbad, NM

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## Call to Order

State Co-President Shelley Rossbach called the session to order at 3:06 p.m. The U.S. flag at the front of the room flew over the capitol in Washington, D.C. on January 14, 2013, to commemorate the 130th anniversary of the first meeting of AAUW.

## Credentials Report (Virginia Spruell)

Eight branches were represented: Albuquerque 4 members, Carlsbad 13 members, Las Vegas 3 members, Los Alamos 4 members, Las Cruces 6 members, West Mesa 5 members, Santa Fe 6 members, online 1 member. One national member was present.

## Convention Rules

Jan Lifson- Bray (Albuquerque) moved to adopt the convention rules as presented in the convention handbook, seconded by Mary Sandford (Carlsbad). The motion to adopt conventions rules passed.

## 2012 Convention Business Minutes

The minutes of the 2012 convention business meeting were accepted after a motion by Shyla Merrick (Carlsbad) and second by Carol Ann Council (Las Cruces).

## Election of Officers for 2013-2015

This slate of officers was presented by the nominating committee of Mary Sandford, Pam Daves (Las Vegas), and Deanise Marta (Las Cruces):

Co-vice Presidents Program	Sheila Portillo (Albuquerque and Boulder City, NV) Ellen Cerreta ( Santa Fe)
Finance	Mary Rita Chapman (Las Cruces)
AAUW Funds	Mary Tyler Browne (Albuquerque and West Mesa)
Co-Public Policy	Jan Lifson-Bray (Albuquerque) Sonia Berg (Las Vegas)

Mary Sandford moved that the slate of officers be accepted. The motion was passed.

## Program Report

The report from Karen Nelson (Las Cruces) and Sheila Portillo is in the convention notebook.

## Membership Report

The report from Sylvia Fink (Albuquerque) and Natalie Markin (Los Alamos) is in the convention notebook.

## **Old Business**

1. *Discussion and voting on 2013-2014 AAUW-NM Public Policy Program (Dixie Trebbe)*

## **Proposed AAUW-NM 2013 - 2014 Public Policy Program**

AAUW-NM supports AAUW's mission: *Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.*

AAUW-NM supports the National Public Policy Program. We support constitutional protection for the rights of all individuals, reproductive rights, separation of church and state, social security that is fair to women and opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education.

AAUW-NM supports the issue of "Equity in Education for Women and Girls," academic freedom, protection from censorship, and the National position in favor of diversity.

AAUW-NM works with other organizations in support of AAUW objectives.

AAUW-NM continues to support the NM State Equal Rights Amendment. Any attempt to revoke or change that NM Constitutional Amendment will become a priority for action. We believe in policies that promote justice and human rights and we recognize the need for a clean and healthful environment in an interdependent world.

### **Priorities 2013-2014**

- ❖ Support the AAUW program to educate and galvanize women voters.
- ❖ Support a strong adequately funded program for public education including:
  - Integrity of the funding formula;
  - Equitable funding for all state supported institutions of higher learning;
  - Increased number of instructional days for K-12;
  - Early childhood development initiatives;
  - Reasonable and fair capital outlay expenditures; and
  - Freedom from bullying and harassment.
- ❖ Support programs to encourage women to achieve economic self-sufficiency at all ages including:
  - Pay equity;
  - Education, training and support for success in the workforce, especially women transferring from welfare to work;

- Access to quality, affordable dependent care; and
- Legal reforms for the prevention of domestic violence.
- ❖ Support for quality, affordable health care for all New Mexicans, including choice in the determination of one's reproductive life.
- ❖ Support for campaign finance and ethics reform including creating a statewide Ethics Commission with subpoena powers over statewide elected officials.
- ❖ Support for a healthful environment including:
  - Clean air and water;
  - Sustainable use of natural resources and green technologies; and
  - Reasonable guidelines and efforts to develop new energy sources and conservation programs.
- ❖ Support of civil liberties and all efforts to preserve the rights guaranteed in the New Mexico Constitution. This includes opposition to all forms of human trafficking in New Mexico.

Mary Tyler Browne moved to add a priority point under the second bullet point stating "Opposition to funding out-of-state for profit charter schools". Dixie Trebbe (Albuquerque and West Mesa) seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Bonnie Eisenberg (Las Cruces) moved to add a priority point under the second bullet point stating " Programs for teen pregnancy prevention and dropout prevention". Lina Germann (Santa Fe) moved to amend the motion to become two separate priority points. Her motion was seconded by Barbara Asarch-Aronowitz (Santa Fe) and was passed.

The priority point on "Teen pregnancy prevention programs" was passed. Discussion on the priority point on "Dropout prevention programs" was postponed for a moment.

Lina German moved to remove the bullet point "Support for a healthful environment." The motion was seconded by Bonnie Eisenberg and was passed.

Jan Lifson-Bray moved to amend the motion re "support dropout prevention programs" to read "support evidence based dropout prevention programs". Natalie Markin seconded the motion, and the motion was not passed.

A vote on the original amendment about dropout prevention was passed.

Jan Bray moved to adopt the Proposed AAUW-NM 2013-2014 Public Policy Program as amended. After a second to the motion by Virginia Spruell , the motion was passed.

2. Discussion and voting on AAUW Proposed Budget 2013-2014

**AAUW Proposed Budget 2013-2014**

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>
1.Membership Dues	\$4,955.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,400.00
2.CD Interest	\$72.47	\$100.00	\$80.00
3.Fund Raising	\$0.0	\$200.00	\$200.00
4.LTM/Conventions	\$131.94	\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,159.41</b>	<b>\$6,800.00</b>	<b>\$6,180.00</b>

**Expenditures**

**1.Operational**

<u>6.Communications</u>	<u>\$325.85</u>	<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$650.00</u>	
(6.1)Postage	\$81.20	\$250.00		\$250
(6.2)Roadrunner	\$235.65	\$450.00		\$400
<u>(6.3)Website</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>		
7.Insurance/Fees	\$10.36	\$270.00	\$270.00	
8.Brochures	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
9.Conventions	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
10.Branch Project	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$600.00	
<u>11.Networking</u>	<u>\$419.55</u>	<u>\$2,800.00</u>	<u>\$2,750.00</u>	
(11.1)NCCWSL	\$169.55	\$1,500.00		\$1,500
(11.2)\$tart\$mart	\$0.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,000
<u>(11.3)STEM</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>		<u>\$250</u>
<u>12.Awards</u>	<u>\$12.71</u>	<u>\$180.00</u>	<u>\$180.00</u>	
12.1Terry Sleight	\$12.71	\$20.00	\$20.00	
12.2GBW	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	
<u>12.3Ingenious Ideas</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>	
13.Fundraising Costs	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	
14.Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	

**\$5,370.00**

**II. Travel Expenditures**

<u>15.Board</u>	<u>\$665.20</u>	<u>\$1,575.00</u>	<u>\$1,575.00</u>	
(15.1)Meeting Expenses	\$0.00	\$75.00		\$75
<u>(15.2)Travel</u>	<u>\$665.20</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>		<u>\$1,500</u>
<u>16.President</u>	<u>\$118.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	
(16.1)State Travel	\$118.00	\$700.00		\$700
<u>(16.2)Out of State Mtgs</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$800.00</u>		<u>\$800</u>
			<b><u>\$3,075.00</u></b>	

**III. Officers/Program**

17.President	\$35.81	\$300.00	\$300.00	
18.Program	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
19.Membership	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
20.Secretary	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	
21.Finance Chair	\$9.20	\$15.00	\$15.00	
22.AAUWFundsChair	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	
23.Academic Chair	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	
<u>24.Public Policy</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$450.00</u>	<u>\$450.00</u>	
(24.1)Lobby Corps	\$0.00	\$125.00		\$125
(24.2)Advocacy/LegisAction	\$0.00	\$75.00		\$75
(24.3)Misc/Choice	\$0.00	\$125.00		\$125
<u>(24.4)Pay Equity</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$125.00</u>		<u>\$125</u>
25.Media Chair	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	
26.Historian	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	
27.Diversity Chair	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	
<u>28.Nominating Comm.</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>	
			<b><u>\$1,090.00</u></b>	

**Total Expenditures**  
**\$2,096.68**

**Budgeted**  
**\$9,205.00**

**Proposed**  
**\$9,205.00**

Karyl Lyne moved and Jan Bray seconded a motion to increase line 11.1 NCCWSL from \$1500 to \$1600. The motion passed.

A motion to increase postage from \$250 to \$300 passed.

The budget of \$9355 (including the 2 increases) was passed unanimously.

### *3. Other items of old business.*

Members were asked to think about the number of Leadership Team Meetings (LTMs) we should have each year and when they should occur. We should also consider the possibility of conducting one meeting electronically.

The next LTM will be Saturday, July 20, 2013, in Santa Fe.

### **New Business**

Natalie Marking moved that we pass the hat and the money collected be donated to DNA Saves, the organization founded by our convention keynote speaker Jayann Sepich. Judy Prono seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

### **Branch Reports**

Los Alamos Branch reported that Nina Thayer nominated Rosemary Frederickson to be recognized as a Living Treasure in a Los Alamos program spotlighting outstanding residents.

Santa Fe Branch member Lina Germann urged us to buy quilt raffle tickets. This Santa Fe Branch fundraiser is for the Santa Fe Public Schools Adelante Program, which supports homeless students. They also brought a box of pictures from the Careers and Curiosity Program, and they invite us to a joint meeting in Santa Fe on May 18 with speaker Mary Carter'

### **Call to Convention**

The AAUW New Mexico Spring Convention will be held in Las Vegas, NM. Exact dates are to be determined.

### **Announcements**

Postponed to tomorrow morning's convention session.

The meeting we adjourned by AAUW-NM Co-President Karyl Lyne at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Klenner, Secretary

## **Addendum**

Because the Convention Banquet and announcement of award winners was held after the business session, this addendum is offered so that the announcements are part of the Convention record.

The Grace Barker Wilson Award for 2013 was presented to Helena Whyte of the Los Alamos and Online Branches.

The Marjorie Bell Chambers Ingenious Ideas Awards for 2013 were presented to these branches:

*Los Alamos Branch* for their Holiday Community Outreach Program to assist families and women in need in Northern New Mexico

*Santa Fe Branch* for their Community Outreach to the Esperanza Shelter for victims of domestic abuse

*Las Cruces Branch* which purchased a copy of the *Invisible War* and arranged showings of the film at local theaters.