

AAUW-NM Spring Convention Business Meeting

Spring Convention

April 18, 2010

Albuquerque, NM

1. 9:10 am Call to Order

Credentials Report—Marilyn Dunn

1. 25 branch delegates present
2. 9 state delegates present
3. 1 Association Guest—Jackie Littleton
4. 9 branches represented (including the online branch)

2. Adoption of Convention Rules: The convention rules were provided to all registrants in their convention handbooks. **Karyl Lyne moved that we adopt the convention rules as presented.** Deanise Marta seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.**

3. Minutes of Spring Convention 2009 Business Meetings: **Karen Nelson moved that the minutes provided to registrants in their convention handbooks be approved.** Karyl Lyne seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.**

4. Membership Report: Helena Whyte

- Provided her written report with numbers accurate through February 1st.
- Reminded members to consider participating in the Give-A-Grad-A-Gift Program.
- Announced that she had presented Carol Parr and Nancy Scheer certificates at the banquet as the top recruiters for 2009-2010. She also presented the Santa Fe Branch with a certificate for the largest increase in membership.

5. Finance Report: Ruth Benjamins went over the finance report pointing out that

- The \$400 registration fee for each of the two NCCWSL scholarships has been sent.
- The checks for the two \$100 mini-grants to Carlsbad and Santa Fe have been written.
- The \$1000 contribution to The Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund has been sent and acknowledged.
- When a CD came due in March she, Mary, and Nina decided to roll it over for 1 rather than 2 years, because the difference in the amount of interest was minimal and they are hoping that interest rates might go up.

6. Nominating Committee: Carol Ann Council gave the report for the nominating committee thanking those who have served on the LTM for 2009-2010 and presenting the names of the nominee's for the 2010-2012 term.

7. Public Policy Report: Dixie Trebbe gave her report presenting the Proposed Public Policy for 2010-2011 asking for questions.

8. NCCWSL: Karyl Lyne gave the report for the NCCWSL committee stating that Yolanda Olivas and Crystal Montoya both students at NM Highlands University were selected to be the recipients of AAUW-NM's two NCCWSL scholarships.

9. Albuquerque Women's Expo: Cheryl Klenner of the West Mesa Branch reported on AAUW-NM's participation in the Albuquerque Women's Expo on March 6. AAUW-NM paid the registration fee for our organization to participate in this event sponsored by Soroptimists. She feels like the event was a success and feels it gave AAUW a great deal of visibility. She recommends that we do it again and keep a tally sheet showing how many people frequent the booth.

10. Bylaws Report: Jan Bray reported that the bylaws revision is complete. She thanked Shelley Rossbach for her tremendous support and help. She also thanked the branches for completing their mandatory changes and submitting their bylaws to the committee.

Unfinished Business

11. VGIF: Mary Sandford read two thank you notes to AAUW-NM for our \$1000 contribution to the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund noting that AAUW-NM would be featured in their next newsletter.

New Business

12. Adopting the new AAUW-NM Bylaws: Nina reminded the group that adoption of the proposed bylaws would require a 2/3 vote. Minor typographical errors and changes can be made later by the bylaws committee, but any substantive change will require a motion and unanimous vote. **Jan Bray moved that the bylaws be adopted as proposed by direction of the bylaws committee.** The delegates then discussed each article of the proposed bylaws and voted on each one individually.

Article I unchanged

Article II unchanged

Article III unchanged

Article IV Section 3 Pam Daves moved to delete Article IV Section 3 from the AAUW-NM Bylaws. Natalie Markin seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed unanimously. Article IV was unanimously approved as amended.**

Article V It was noted that throughout the document the bylaws committee needs to change "Spring Convention" to "Annual Meeting" in accordance with incorporation requirements. Also throughout the document "Member-at-Large" needs to be changed to "National Member" in accordance with the directive from National. The vote was taken, and the delegates voted unanimously in favor of the changes. **Article V was unanimously approved as amended.**

Article VI Section 2 Natalie Markin moved that the term "diversity chair" be added to the list of Appointed Officers. Lina Germann seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed unanimously. Article VI was unanimously approved as amended.**

Article VII Article VII was unanimously approved.

Article VIII The consensus was that Section 3a should read "The elected officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting." Article VIII was unanimously approved as changed.

Article IX Article IX was unanimously approved.

Former Article IX will be deleted. This decision was unanimously approved.

Article X Article X was unanimously approved.

Article XI Section 2a(2)(c) is referred to the bylaws committee for review; changes to be presented at the next Annual Meeting. Article XI was unanimously approved.

Article XII unchanged

Article XIII unchanged

Article XIV unchanged

Article XV Article XV was unanimously approved.

13. Proposed Budget: Ruth Benjamins opened discussion of the proposed 2010-2011 budget.

- **Pam Daves moved that the amount budgeted for Outreach/GBW be increased to One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars from its present amount of Sixty-five (\$65.00) Dollars.** Deanise Marta seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.**
- **Carol Ann Council moved that the amount budgeted for Nominations be changed from \$15 to \$10.** Karyl Lyne seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.**
- In the Line Item Notes in the place where it now says "Eight (8) brochures were reprinted in 2008," it should read "Line Item 8 Brochures were reprinted in 2008."

Ruth Benjamins moved that the proposed 2010-2011 Budget be adopted as amended. Sandra Bradley seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.**

14. Election of Officers: The following members have agreed to be nominated for the open State offices:

Co-Presidents-Mary Sandford (Carlsbad) and Shelley Rossbach (Santa Fe)

Membership-Helena Whyte (Los Alamos)

Secretary-Karen Nelson (Carlsbad)

Academic-Mary Berry (Las Cruces)

Media Relations-Rita Stopa (Las Cruces)

Nominations-Nina Thayer (Los Alamos/Santa Fe)

Program (1 year)-Adrienne Dare (Grant County)

AAUW Funds (1 year) -Rosmarie Frederickson (Los Alamos)

Nominations from the floor were requested. There were none. **Karyl Lyne moved that the slate of officers nominated by the Nominations Committee be accepted by acclamation.**

Deanise Marta seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.**

15. AAUW-NM Public Policy Program for 2010-2011: Dixie Trebbe moved that the proposed Public Policy Program be adopted by AAUW-NM for 2010-2011. Ruth Benjamins seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.**

16. Branch Reports: All branches submitted written reports (see attached), but because of time constraints kept their oral reports very brief.

- Helena Whyte (**online branch**) reported that they have several discussion groups that are active.
- Ted Cooley (**Albuquerque**) reported that Albuquerque has elected a co-president for him for the next year. He thanked AAUW-NM for their help in making the Women Across Borders Symposium a reality.
- Cheryl Klenner (**West Mesa**) reported on their new task force focused on changing the culture in nursing homes.
- Karen (**Carlsbad**) reported that her co-president for 2010-2011, Roxanne Lara, is one of two New Mexico women selected to participate in Vision 2020.
- Adrienne Dare (**Grant County**) reported that they had over 500 girls registered to participate in Expanding Your Horizons.
- Sandra Bradley (**Santa Fe**) shared information about their very exciting Equal Pay Day Luncheon to be held on Tuesday, April 20.
- Deanise Marta (**Las Cruces**) reported that their membership is back at 101 and 286 girls participated in GIRLS CAN!
- Natalie Markin (**Los Alamos**) reported that they would be presenting "Let's Read Math" again this summer. She also congratulated Helena Whyte on her Ingenious Ideas Award winning "Cyberbullying" program.
- Pam Daves (**Las Vegas**) stated that she is pleased that "philanthropy" has been put back into AAUW's mission statement, because many of the Las Vegas Branch efforts are focused on supporting scholarships and contributions to important causes.

17. Announcements:

- Adrienne Dare issued an invitation on behalf of her branch to AAUW-NM to hold the Spring Convention 2011 in Grant County.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Nelson, Recording Secretary