

AAUW-NM Leadership Team Meeting (LTM)Winter LTMFebruary 8, 2009Santa Fe, NM

Attendance: Jean Bahr-Santa Fe, Sandra Bradley-Santa Fe, Ted Cooley-Albuquerque, Carol Ann Council-Las Cruces, Pamela G. Daves-Las Vegas, Margaret Dike-Albuquerque, Louise Drlik-Las Vegas, Marilyn Dunn- Albuquerque, Rosmarie Frederickson-Los Alamos, Denise George-Los Alamos, Lina Germann-Santa Fe, Dolores Halls-Las Cruces, Cheryl Klenner- West Mesa, Karyl Lyne-Las Vegas, Natalie Markin-Los Alamos, Deanise Marta-Las Cruces, Karen Nelson-Carlsbad, Shelley Rossbach-Santa Fe, Mary Sandford-Carlsbad, Nancy Scheer-Santa Fe/Los Alamos, Diane Scholfield-Albuquerque, Virginia Spruiell-Carlsbad, Nina Thayer-Los Alamos, Dixie Trebbe-Albuquerque, Helena Whyte-Los Alamos Guests--Sarah Fassett-Santa Fe, Dorris T. Hamilton-Las Cruces, Carolyn Glen Kaye-Albuquerque, Sharon Seto- Las Vegas

12:55 pm Call to Order

1. Announcements, and Introductions: Co-President Mary Sandford presiding.

- Welcome to Santa Fe, and thank you to the Santa Fe Branch for making the arrangements for the winter LTM and Lobby Day.
- The meeting is dedicated to Mary Ann Fisher and Barbara Schlactus both of the Albuquerque Branch.
- Motion forms and reimbursement forms were made available.
- Applications for the Grace Barker Wilson Award can be given to Deanise Marta who will take them to Beverly Stiles. The awarding of the Terry Sleight Award will be postponed to the spring convention since the recipient will not be able to make this meeting.
- *Roadrunner* deadlines have been changed to February 16<sup>th</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Annual reports by AAUW-NM officers and branch presidents need to be turned in to Helena Whyte of Los Alamos by April 10<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the convention notebook.
- The updated AAUW-NM Policy & Procedures is on the AAUW-NM website.
- Congratulations to Katherine Barit and Michelle Stump, the New Mexico artists that were winners of the AAUW Note Card Design Contest.

2. Team Building Exercise: Members were asked to identify several 20<sup>th</sup> Century feminists.

3. Approval of Minutes: Karen Nelson presented the minutes of the Fall 2008 Workshop and LTM. Karyl Lyne moved that the minutes be approved. Pamela Daves seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed.

4. Finance Report: Virginia Spruiell presented the AAUW-NM Comparative Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balance, as well as the Revenue and Expenditure Statement for the last quarter. Our balance on December 31, 2008, was \$12,250.35.

5. Membership: Helena Whyte reported that AAUW-NM membership as of January 31<sup>st</sup> according to the Association was 451 full year, 17 half year, and 10 honorary for a total of 460. Several branches reported additional half year members: Carlsbad +1, Las Cruces +5 Las Vegas +5, and West Mesa +2. She also reminded branches that she would be contacting them to get the names of their top recruiters, and branches should also honor these people.

6. Program: Natalie Markin reported that the theme for the AAUW-NM Spring Convention in Los Alamos April 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> will be "Think Green, Think Smart". The committee will propose that the registration fees be set at \$35 for early bird, \$45 late, and \$25 one day. Lodging will be at the Best Western Hilltop at a rate of \$85.95 for king or two queens, and reservations should be made by April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1-800-462-0936 to get that rate. Lily Ledbetter will be speaking on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 at UNM-LA. The first LTM will be held before that. The second LTM will be at Nina's house on Sunday morning.

7. News from Association:

- 1-800-326-AAUW or [connect2@aauw.org](mailto:connect2@aauw.org) are the new Association contact numbers.
- Branches can create displays about their successful projects and have them displayed in the "Taste of Success" event at the Association Convention in St. Louis.
- Mary spoke on Association briefing #16. Under this restructuring the Association would no longer be divided into regions. Regional directors would no longer exist. AAUW will have a Leadership Corps that is Board approved. All members are eligible

to apply to become part of the AAUW Leadership Corps. These members would be assigned to be the Association liaison to certain state organizations (not necessarily divided by geographical location).

- Mary spoke on briefing #17 on the MPP-Membership Pilot Program. This initiative is in response to requests from membership that they be able to pay dues online. This VOLUNTARY method of paying dues will be available as of May 1, 2009 to pay 2009-2010 dues. AAUW-NM opted-into the program, and therefore branches will be able to do so as well. All checks for dues would be sent to Association, then Association would deposit state and branch organizations' portion into their accounts within 30 days. Instructions are to be available online by April 15<sup>th</sup> and at the spring convention.

### Unfinished Business

8. Travelships for Association Convention: Shelly Rossbach presented the following proposal for funding travelships to the Association Convention in St. Louis June 26-28, 2009:

#### **RATIONALE:**

- Our State Co-Presidents do not want to take more than \$1000 out of reserves.
- I think that providing less than \$200 is not meaningful, and providing more than \$333 is not appropriate.
- The registration fee increases \$41 (from \$399 to \$440) on March 23. If money is a significant reason why someone is able to attend convention or not, then everyone should know before March 23 how much support the state organization will be able to provide them.
- All AAUW-NM members are eligible to apply and members must fill out and sign the attached application to receive a travelship.

#### **MOTION:**

- I move that the we authorize the use of up to \$1,000 of AAUW-NM reserve funds to be used to support travelships to the National Convention in St. Louis in June of 2009;
- That this \$1,000 will be split evenly among those who apply, up to 5 people, except that no one person will receive more than \$333;
- That interested members of the AAUW-New Mexico must fill out an application form and submit it to co-president Nina Thayer so that she has it in her possession by midnight on March 15;
- That all Branch presidents need to notify their members of this opportunity as soon as practicable;
- That if Nina Thayer receives more than 5 applications she is authorized to hold a drawing to determine which 5 members will receive the travelships;
- That Nina Thayer will notify all applicants of their travelship dollar amount by March 20; and
- If, for any reason, an applicant changes his/her mind and is unable to attend the convention, his/her portion of the total will be divided among the other recipients (as long as no one receives more than \$333).

Karyl Lyne seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed.

9. Speaker: The group heard a presentation by Kristina Fisher from THINK NEW MEXICO on their proposed legislation, Senate Bill 255: Small Schools.

10. AAUW-NM brochure: Jean Bahr presented copies of the new AAUW-NM brochure that has been printed. She thanked committee members Denise George, Marion Isidoro, Deanise Marta, Nancy Scheer, and Carol Ann Council, as well as Nina Thayer for their help. She asked that

branches needing more copies not reprint them in black and white, but simply submit a request for more to her.

11. Symposium 2010: "Women Across the Border: Chihuahua & New Mexico:" Ted Cooley gave a report updating the group on the organizing of this event. The group was polled on their interest in having this event in conjunction with our AAUW-NM Spring Convention 2010. The response was overwhelmingly favorable.

12. Support of NCCWSL (National Collegiate Conference for Women Student Leaders) Proposal:

Karyl Lyne reported on the research by the task force for helping New Mexico students attend the next conference.

**AAUW and NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education) present the 2009 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders June 4 – 6 at the University of Maryland, College Park. The two and a half day conference features keynote speakers, workshops, Women of Distinction Awards, dialogue and networking with the 500+ participants from all over the nation.**

**Early Bird Registration is March 9 – April 17 is \$395 and Regular Registration April 18 – May 28 is \$445. The registration includes lodging and five meals. Air fare from Albuquerque to Baltimore ranges from \$178 - \$300. Additional costs include ground transportation to Albuquerque, parking, ground transportation from BMI to College Park and two meals. The total cost will be \$800 – \$850.**

**NCCWSL provides an excellent opportunity for young women to learn leadership strategies and techniques from outstanding women leaders as well as develop relationships with other young women leaders across the country. In an effort to extend this opportunity to young women in New Mexico, the AAUW-NM NCCWSL Task Force makes the following proposal.**

**We propose that AAUW-NM support two or three young women for NCCWSL 2009 with \$300 - \$350 each. Young women will be nominated by an AAUW branch which is prepared to match the state support of successful candidates. Nominees can be graduate or undergraduate students currently pursuing degrees. Branches will submit the following information on their nominee/s to the AAUW-NM selection committee: name, contact information (phone, mailing address, email address), institution of enrollment, classification, field of study, a listing of current and/or past leadership roles, and a brief statement of why the nominee wishes to attend NCCWSL. Nominees will be interviewed by the AAUW-NM Selection Committee.**

**The AAUW-NM Selection Committee will be appointed by AAUW-NM President/s.**

**Branches will be encouraged to promote NCCWSL on campuses around the state by advertising the AAUW website [www.aauw.org/nccwsl/2009/program](http://www.aauw.org/nccwsl/2009/program) and printing and posting the downloadable materials available there.**

**In order for scholarship recipients to take advantage of the Early Bird Registration, nominees must be received by the AAUW-NM Selection Committee by March 1. Selections will be announced by March 20.**

After some discussion Dixie Trebbe made a motion to support NCCWSL. Her motion was not seconded, and the proposal was sent back to committee.

13. Introductions: Each person in attendance was asked to introduce him/herself.

New Business: Co-President Nina Thayer presiding.

14. Registration Fee for Spring Convention 2009 in Los Alamos: Natalie Markin moved that the registration fee for the Spring Convention 2009 in Los Alamos be \$35 for early registrants, \$45 for late, and \$25 for one day (and includes lunch on Saturday). Deanise Marta seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed. The budget submitted for the convention is set at \$4,415 for 60 registrants and up to 5 guests.

15. Preliminary 2009-2010 Budget: Virginia discussed in detail the preliminary budget for 2009-2010. This budget was discussed and changes suggested. Pamela Daves moved that there be a separate line item in the budget under operational for \$1,000 directed to NCCWSL scholarships. Lina Germann seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed. The second draft will be mailed to all delegates and be proposed at the AAUW-NM Spring Convention.

16. St. Louis Convention: Virginia Spruiell moved that line item 14.2 presidents' travel be changed to \$750 in order to cover the cost of Mary and Nina's registration for the convention. Natalie Markin seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed. At this point there were 8 people that indicated they are already registered to attend the convention.

17. THINK NEW MEXICO Support: Pamela Daves moved that AAUW support SB 255 (THINK New Mexico legislation). Ted Cooley seconded the motion. Nina added a friendly amendment to change AAUW to AAUW-NM. The amendment was accepted. The vote was taken, and the motion passed.

18. Location of Spring Convention 2010: The Albuquerque branch indicated that they will be willing to host the Spring Convention 2010 in conjunction with the Chihuahua and New Mexican women's issues symposium described earlier.

19. Officers' Reports:

- Presidents-Nina announced that she had 2 tickets left of the 20 she purchased for the Gloria Steinem speech on March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Georgia O'Keefe Museum. Mary and Nina will be making "Where the Girls Are" presentations in Santa Fe and to the Albuquerque, and Los Alamos branches in the near future and are willing to travel to other branches for presentations as well.
- Nominations-

The following AAUW-NM members have agreed to serve in the positions that are up for election at the 2009 AAUW-NM State Convention.

All positions are for the two year term: 2009-2010 & 2010-2011.

• (1) a. Co-Program/Issues Coordinator	Louise Driik	Las Vegas
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• (2) Finance Chair	Ruth Benjamins	Las Cruces
• (3) Outreach Coordinator	Pam Daves	Las Vegas
• (4) a. Public Policy Coordinator	Dixie Trebbe	Albuquerque
• b. PP for southern NM	.....	
(5) Newsletter Editor	Deanise Marta	Las Cruces
(6) Legal Advocacy Fund Chair	Lina Germann	Santa Fe

Nominations are still being sought for open positions.

Serving AAUW-NM is an opportunity to develop and further leadership skills.

Please encourage local branch members.

Job descriptions are available and self nomination is welcome.

- *Road Runner*-Deanise Marta needs branches to get changes in email addresses to her ASAP, so that she will be ready to implement the new electronic *Road Runner* distribution. This will cut the number of printed copies mailed to about one third of what has previously been printed. The number is still enough to warrant the purchase of the bulk rate postal permit.
- LAF- Rosmarie Frederickson and Lina Germann are still selling raffle tickets for the quilt donated by the NM Quilters that is being raffled with the proceeds going to EF/LAF. Tickets are \$5 or 3/\$10 with the drawing to be held at the 2009 Spring Convention. Lina reported that LAF-NM donated \$3,539.80 in 2008.
- Academic-Jean Bahr presented a list of House and Senate Bills that are important to education that we need to support.
- Outreach-Deanise Marta will deliver Grace Barker Wilson applications to Beverly Stiles by the February 10<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- International-Carol Ann Council reported that Women Graduates-USA, which is the vehicle for individuals in the US to maintain their affiliation with IFUW, has achieved its 501-C3 status making donations tax deductible. Their charter has been accepted by IFUW. Membership is \$50.
- EF-Rosmarie congratulated branches and members for bringing the total for the Corrine Wolfe Endowment to \$83,827, exceeding last year's goal, with \$11,507.89 donated in 2008. She challenged AAUW-NM to complete this endowment during the next year.
- Historian-Sandra Bradley indicated that she is still collecting any materials that branches wish to send her to add to AAUW-NM archives.
- Media-Betty Smith is recovering from a car wreck, and we wish her well.
- Public Policy-Dixie Trebbe passed out AAUW Pay Equity Resource Kits to the branches and to those who would be lobbying on Monday. She also handed out instructions for lobbying to them. She indicated that she would have further information during the evening's program.

20. Branch Reports: The following branches presented written and/or oral reports: West Mesa, Los Alamos, Albuquerque, Las Vegas, Carlsbad, Santa Fe, and Las Cruces. (See attached reports.)

21. Announcements:

- The Spring Convention is in Los Alamos April 24-26, 2009.
- Association Convention is in St. Louis June 26-28.
- Date for the Summer LTM in Las Cruces is still to be announced.
- The Fall Workshop and LTM in Carlsbad is tentatively set for October 24<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Nelson, Recording Secretary