

AAUW-NM Leadership Team Meeting (LTM) I

Spring Convention LTM

April 24, 2009

Los Alamos, NM

Attendance: Jean Bahr-Santa Fe, Ruth Benjamins-Las Cruces, Sandra Bradley-Santa Fe, Jan Bray-Albuquerque, Ted Cooley-Albuquerque, Carol Ann Council-Las Cruces, Rosmarie Frederickson-Los Alamos, Denise George-Los Alamos, Kathie Gilbert-Grant County, Dolores Halls-Las Cruces, Marion Isidoro-Albuquerque & 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, Betty W. Smith-Albuquerque, Virginia Spruiell-Carlsbad, Beverly Stiles-Las Cruces, Nina Thayer-Los Alamos, Dixie Trebbe-Albuquerque, Helena Whyte-Los Alamos

Guests: Jackie Littleton and Jeanne Clark-Association, Barbara Perea Casey-Las Vegas, Louise Drlik-Las Vegas, Judy Kares-Santa Fe, Corrine Howard-West Mesa, and Phoebe Pierce-Las Cruces

12:50 pm

1. Call to Order--Co-President Mary Sandford presiding.

- Welcome to Los Alamos and thank you to the Los Alamos Branch and UNM-LA for the arrangements for this LTM.
- The meeting is dedicated to Judy Sanderson, Colorado Springs, CO (50 year active member, Branch and State president, and Rocky Mountain Regional Director), Ava Beard (Santa Fe), Wanda Deming (Las Cruces), and Gertrude Dazzo (Albuquerque).
- Motion forms and reimbursement forms were made available.
- *Roadrunner* deadline is May 10th.
- Branches need to go to the Member Services Database on the Association web site and fill out officer forms by June 1st.
- The summer LTM will be in Las Cruces Saturday, August 1st.
- Barbara O'Connor will not be attending the convention, because of family medical problems. Jackie Littleton from the Association board will be acting as our AAUW Champion.
- Jeanne Clark from Tucson will be attending the convention. She is on the EF board and running for the new combined Association board.

2. Team Building Exercise: Co-President Nina Thayer presiding. Members were asked to form teams and identify several 21st Century feminists.

3. E-Vote Results: An executive committee e-vote was taken on the following motion by Nina Thayer and Mary Sandford: **I move that AAUW-NM pay up to \$300 to the National Hispanic Cultural Center as a deposit to reserve two rooms for April 17, 2010, for the public symposium being planned to coincide with our 2010 convention in Albuquerque. The total rental estimate is \$1085. Results of the vote: 5 "yes", 0 "no". The motion passed.**

4. Approval of Minutes: Karen Nelson presented the minutes of the Winter LTM on February 8, 2009. An "l" was added to Lilly Ledbetter's first name, and the comma in "Think Green, Think Smart" was changed to a hyphen. There being no other corrections **Natalie Markin moved that the minutes be approved as corrected.** Carol Ann Council seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.**

5. Finance Report: Virginia Spruiell held a discussion on the AAUW-NM proposed 2009-2010 budget that is to be presented at the convention business meeting. Based on a recommendation by Sandra Bradley, the Historian, **Dixie Trebbe moved that Line Item #27 Historian's budget be changed to \$65.** Karen Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.** It was suggested that further amendments be made at the convention business meeting. Virginia then handed out the quarterly report for discussion.

6. Convention Report: Natalie Markin recognized the following committee that was instrumental in helping her plan, organize, and present the AAUW-NM Spring Convention 2009: Nina Thayer, Rosmarie Frederickson, Rozelle Wright, Helena Whyte, Mona Wecksung, Marilyn Minshall, and Alahna Weller.

7. Officers' Reports:

- **Historian**—Sandra Bradley
- **EF**—Rosmarie Frederickson
- **Academic Coordinator**—Jean Bahr
- **Public Policy Team and Lobby Corps**—Dixie Trebbe
- **Media Relations**—Betty W. Smith shared an article that she was able to get into Tuesday's Albuquerque Journal.
- **Parliamentarian**—not present.
- **Presidents**—Mary Sandford
- **Roadrunner Editor**—Deanise Marta asked that officers and branches send her electronic copies of their reports for her to use them easily in the next *Roadrunner*.
- **Webmaster**—Denise George informed the group that we have the capability to have a password protected area on the webpage and that we need to consider the possibilities for this.

Old Business

8. NCCWSL: Coming out of committee—

**Proposal to Create AAUW-NM Scholarship Budget Line Item
for New Mexico College Women to Attend the
National Conference for College Women Student Leaders
(NCCWSL)**

Background:

AAUW and NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education) present the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders in early June of each year. It is sponsored specifically by the AAUW Leadership and Training Institute (AAUW-LTI). It is usually held at a university campus in the Washington, DC area. 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.

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. The cost of the conference is about \$1000 (registration which includes lodging and five meals--\$400, air fare--\$450, ground transportation, parking, etc.--\$150).

Proposal:

In an effort to extend this opportunity to young women in New Mexico, the AAUW-NM NCCWSL Task Force proposes that AAUW-NM create an ongoing budget line item beginning with the 2009-2010 budget of \$1000 for NCCWSL scholarships to support young women from New Mexico to attend the NCCWSL.

Carol Ann Council moved that we accept the proposal of the NCCWSL committee. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.**

9. Distribution of the *Roadrunner*: After a discussion of the proposal by Deanise Marta, **Denise George moved that snail-mail distribution of the state *Roadrunner* be handled by the *Roadrunner* editor. Branches are responsible for providing accurate address lists to the *Roadrunner* editor.** Carol Ann Council seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.** **Denise George moved that electronic distribution of the *Roadrunner* newsletter be accomplished by emailing a link for the newsletter by the state newsletter editor to the entire state membership. Branch membership chairs and/or newsletter editors are responsible for supplying the *Roadrunner* editor with an accurate email list of their members.** Jan Bray seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and with a vote of 9 "yes" and 13 "no", the **motion failed to pass.**

10. Return to Officers' Reports:

- **Outreach**—Beverly Stiles informed the group that the Marjorie Bell Chambers Ingenious Ideas Awards and the Grace Barker Wilson Award would be presented at the Convention banquet the following day.
- **Strategic Planning**—Kathy Gilbert will be leading us in strategic planning for the 2009-2010 year at the summer LTM in August.

The meeting was recessed at 3:27 pm (to be continued at the Sunday, April 26th, LTM) in order that the room could be readied for Lilly Ledbetter's speech.

AAUW-NM Leadership Team Meeting (LTM) II

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April 26, 2009

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Attendance: Jean Bahr-Santa Fe, Ruth Benjamins-Las Cruces, Helen Brasfeild-Socorro, Jan Bray-Albuquerque, Ted Cooley-Albuquerque, Carol Ann Council-Las Cruces, Denise George-Los Alamos, Dolores Halls-Las Cruces, Marion Isidoro-Albuquerque & 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, Virginia Spruiell-Carlsbad, Beverly Stiles-Las Cruces, Nina Thayer-Los Alamos, Dixie Trebbe-Albuquerque, Helena Whyte-Los Alamos **Guests:** Jackie Littleton-Association, Mary Brooks-Los Alamos, Gloria Cordova-Los Alamos, Barbara Perea Casey-Las Vegas, Louise Drlik-Las Vegas, Corrine Howard-West Mesa, and Phoebe Pierce-Las Cruces

11:20 am Call to Order—Reconvene LTM recessed on April 24, 2009

1. Announcements: Co-President Mary Sandford presiding.

- Thank you again to the Los Alamos Branch for hosting the Spring Convention 2009.
- Thank you to Nina Thayer for hosting this LTM in her lovely home.
- Reminder *Roadrunner* deadline is May 10th.
- Branch and State officer forms must be updated on the Association website by June 1st.

2. Roadrunner e-distribution: Shelly Rossbach moved that the electronic distribution of our state newsletter be handled as follows:

- 1. The State newsletter editor is ultimately responsible for electronic distribution.**
- 2. Each branch president is responsible for providing the State newsletter editor with either:**
 - a. At least one central email contact for the branch (e.g. the branch newsletter editor or email coordinator) or**
 - b. A complete list of branch email addresses with quarterly updates (additions or changes).**
- 3. The State newsletter editor is responsible for emailing copies of the newsletter to Members-at-Large in New Mexico as appropriate (typically once a year).**

The motion was seconded by Deanise Marta.

- 4. (Amendment motion by Jan Bray) The State finance chair is responsible for providing names and contact information for State-paid MALs to the newsletter editor.** The vote was taken on the amendment motion, and the **motion passed.**

After some discussion, **Beverly Stiles called for the question.** The vote was taken on the call and **passed.**

The vote was taken on the amended motion, and the **motion passed.**

New Business

3. Proposed Changes to Association By-Laws:

- **Jan Bray moved that NM sponsor an amendment to the National by-laws to create a category of Associate member, the qualification for which would be support of the mission and age 18.** Nancy Scheer seconded the motion. The vote was taken. With a vote of 6 "for" and 12 "against", the **motion failed.**
- **Dixie Trebbe moved that AAUW-NM support an amendment to the Association proposed by-laws that all members will be at least 18 years of age.** Phoebe Pierce seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.**

- A straw poll was taken of members indicating support of the proposed by-laws change that will do away with the education requirement for membership. The poll indicated a relatively even split of "for", "against", and "undecided".

4. Announcements:

- There will be an *El Camino Real* continuing education trip prior to the convention next spring.
- Nancy Scheer shared an article from the *New Mexican* spotlighting the *Railrunner* and the stories of how it has provided transportation for abused women and children seeking refuge at the shelter in Santa Fe.
- AAUW-NM wishes to express our gratitude to Jean Patrick of Santa Fe, who helped arrange for Lilly Ledbetter to speak at our convention.
- Dues for 2009-2010 should be sent to Ruth Benjamins, 6620 Vista Hermosa, Las Cruces, NM.

5. Outreach: Beverly Stiles voiced a recommendation that both the Grace Barker Wilson Award and the Marjorie Bell Chambers Ingenious Ideas Awards continue based on increased interest this year.

After parting words from our AAUW Champion Jackie Littleton, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Nelson, Recording Secretary