

AAUW-NM Spring Convention Business Meeting II

Spring Convention \_\_\_\_\_ April 17, 2011 \_\_\_\_\_ Silver City, NM (Grant County Branch)

## 1. 8:09 am Call to Order

- Credentials Report—Adrienne Dare
1. 14 branch delegates present
  2. 11 state delegates present
  3. 1 Association Guest
  4. 9 branches represented

2. Minutes of Spring Convention 2010 Business Meeting: Natalie Markin moved that the minutes of the Business Meeting at the 2010 Spring Convention be approved. Sylvia Fink seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed.

## 3. Awards: Pam Daves announced that the following awards have been presented.

- Will Anne Ricer has been awarded the Grace Barker Wilson Award.
- These branches have been awarded the Marjorie Bell Chambers Ingenious Ideas Awards: Los Alamos for their AAUW Funds "Learn to Play Mahjong" fundraiser and Las Cruces for their joint project celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Amendment giving women the right to vote.
- Dixie Trebbe received the Terry Sleight Award at the Winter LTM and Legislative Day.

4. Finance Report: Ruth Benjamins went over the finance report pointing out that Revenues received in April after the report was printed were \$48 in dues payments and \$18 for notecards. Expenditures after the report was printed were \$1,185 for the NCCWSL scholarships and \$89.82 for the Choice Coalition. As of April 1<sup>st</sup> we have \$4,310.26 in checking, \$3,077.98 in savings, and with \$99.99 in interest the CD is now worth \$5,813.84.

5. Program Report: Adrienne Dare highlighted her written program report. During her year as Program Chair we have had a successful Fall Workshop in Socorro and now this convention. She praised the Grant County Branch for their hard work hosting the AAUW-NM Spring Convention titled "Why So Few?". She thanked Kathie Gilbert for her work on all of the arrangements. She reported that we have been pleased to have Dr. Andresse St. Rose, co-author of the "Why So Few?" research, as our special guest for the weekend.

## 6. Membership Report: Helena Whyte highlighted a few points from her written report.

- We are pleased that the Online Branch now is operating under written bylaws.
- We successfully revitalized the Portales Branch. Members there are very interested in \$tart \$mart. We need to keep these members updated on our progress in this area.
- She urged members and branches to consider Give-A-Grad-A-Gift.
- She recognized Adrienne Dare for recruiting 9 new members.
- She also recognized the Las Cruces Branch for recruiting the most new members and the Grant County Branch for the highest percentage increase in membership.

Unfinished Business

7. Public Policy Report: Dixie Trebbe moved that we adopt the AAUW-NM 2011-2012 Public Policy Program as presented in the Convention Handbook. Several editorial changes were recommended: add "philanthropy" in the correct place in the mission statement and change "Association" to "National" throughout the document. The vote was taken, and the Public Policy Program was adopted with the editorial changes. Dixie Trebbe presented the following motion. "When there are changes made to the Public Policy at the National Convention, if they change or add to items in our State Public Policy, I move that the changes be applied to the AAUW-NM Public Policy so that it will be up to date with the National Public Policy." After some discussion regarding when the National changes become effective, Dixie withdrew the motion.

## AAUW-NM 2011 - 2012 Public Policy Program

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

AAUW-NM supports the Association 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 Association 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 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 2011-2012

1. Support the AAUW program to educate and galvanize women voters.
2. Support a strong adequately funded program for public education to include:
  - 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
  - Adequate federal funding for the "No Child Left Behind" Act.
3. Support programs to encourage women to achieve economic self-sufficiency at all ages to include:
  - Pay equity,
  - Education, training and support for success in the workforce, especially women transferring from welfare to work,
  - Access to quality, affordable dependent care,
  - Legal reforms for the prevention of domestic violence.
4. Support for quality, affordable health care for all New Mexicans, including choice in the determination of one's reproductive life.
5. Support for campaign finance and ethics reform to include creating a statewide Ethics Commission with subpoena powers over statewide elected officials.
6. Support for a healthful environment including:
  - Clean air and water,
  - Sustainable use of natural resources and green technologies,
  - Reasonable guidelines and efforts to develop new energy sources and conservation programs.
7. Support of civil liberties and all efforts to preserve the rights guaranteed in the New Mexico Constitution.

8. Budget Report: Ruth Benjamins moved that the AAUW-NM Budget be approved as revised by the Leadership Team. (Line Item #23 the Awards budget would be left at \$100, since the added expense on the Grace Barker Wilson Award last year was a one-time occurrence. Line item #25 would be changed to \$35 because there hasn't been any money spent in this line item for several years.)

## AAUW-NM Proposed 2011-2012 Budget

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>2010-11 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed 2011-12 Budget</u>
1. Membership Dues	\$6000	\$6000
2. Interest	\$120	\$100
3. Fund Raising	\$200	\$200
4. Workshop/Convention	\$200	\$200
5. Miscellaneous	\$100	\$100
Withdrawal Savings	\$500	\$1000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$7120</b>	<b>\$7600</b>

### Expenditures

#### Operational

6. Communications	\$660	\$660
(6.1) Postage	\$200	\$200
(6.2) Roadrunner Printing	\$300	\$300
(6.3) State Website	\$160	\$160
7. Insurance/Regulatory Fees	\$270	\$270
8. Stationary/Brochures	\$50	\$50
9. Workshop/Convention	\$500	\$500
10. Branch Mini Grants	\$500	\$500
11. Networking (Spec ext support)	\$200	\$200
(11.1) NCCWSL)	\$1500	\$1500
12. Start Smart		\$1000
13. Miscellaneous/T. Sleight	\$85	\$85
(13.1) T. Sleight Award	\$35	\$35
(13.2) Fundraising Costs/Expenses	\$50	\$50

#### Travel

14. Board	\$1700	\$1550
(14.1) Meeting Expenses	\$100	\$50
(14.2) Travel	\$1600	\$1500
15. President	\$1500	\$1400
(15.1) State Travel	\$700	\$600
(15.2) Out of State Meetings	\$800	\$800

#### Officers/Program

16. President	\$300	\$300
17. Program	\$100	\$100
18. Membership	\$100	\$100
19. Secretary	\$10	\$10
20. Finance	\$30	\$30
21. AAUW Funds	\$85	\$85

<u>Officer Programs (con.)</u>	<u>2010-11 Budget</u>	<u>2011-12 Proposed Budget</u>
22. Academic	\$25	\$25
23. Awards	\$100	\$150
(23.1) GBW	\$100	\$125
(23.2) Ingenious Ideas		\$25
24. Public Policy	\$250	\$750
(24.1) Lobby Corp	\$125	\$125
(24.2) Advocacy/Legis Action		
(24.3) Misc/Choice Coalition	\$75	\$75
	\$50	\$550
25. Media	\$50	\$50
26. Nominating Comm.	\$10	\$10
27. Historian	\$65	\$65
28. Diversity	\$5	\$5
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 8095</b>	<b>\$ 9395</b>
<b>NET REVENUES</b>		
<b>OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(\$ 975)</b>	<b>(\$ 1795)</b>

#### Notes

1. Based on 500 full year paid memberships
2. Gross Sales reported in income. Cost of goods sold will appear in expenditures (Line 12.2)
8. Brochures were reprinted in 2008. Cost was \$ 222.57. This was amortized over 3 years.
12. Money to be withdrawn from Savings Account.
- 14.1 Leadership Team Meetings/Legislative Day included here.
- 24.3 Miscellaneous Public Policy includes Choice and Pay Equity

Nina Thayer moved to amend the motion on the floor to increase Line Item #4 under Revenues from \$200 to \$500. Rosmarie Frederickson seconded the motion. The vote was taken on the amendment, and the motion passed. Dixie Trebbe moved to amend the motion on the floor to change Line Item #24.3 from \$550 to \$450. Pam Daves seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed. The vote was then taken on the motion on the floor to approve the AAUW-NM 2011-2012 Budget, and the motion passed.

9. Recognition of Branch Presidents and those officers continuing on the Leadership Team: Mary and Shelley presented gifts and thank you notes to these people.

#### New Business

10. Lilly Ledbetter Giving Circle donation: National guest Connie Hildebrand explained what the Giving Circle is and how it came about. She further explained that individuals, branches, and states who donate \$500 or more will be recognized at the National Convention in June. Natalie Markin moved that AAUW-NM make a \$500 contribution to the Lilly Ledbetter Giving Circle. Deanise Marta seconded the motion. Sylvia Fink then spoke up saying that she personally would donate \$250 changing the donation to \$750. Natalie then amended her motion to state that AAUW-NM will donate \$750. The vote was taken, and the motion passed.

11. Invitation to attend the Rocky Mountain Conference: An invitation from AAUW-Arizona president Sara Wolters to attend the Rocky Mountain Conference in Tucson, Arizona, in June 2012 was explained. Carol Ann Council moved that AAUW-NM participate in the Rocky Mountain Conference in Arizona in 2012. Natalie Markin seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed. At this point Helena Whyte offered to conduct a workshop on

creating an online branch. She added that the Los Alamos Branch might also offer a workshop on their project on cyber-bullying.

12. Nina Thayer moved that the \$500 to be given to the Lilly Ledbetter Giving Circle may be taken from the savings account if necessary. Carol Ann Council seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed. It was then suggested that we "pass the hat" at this meeting to make that unnecessary.

13. Branch Reports: Most branches submitted written reports (see attached). These representatives from each branch commented on these reports.

- Sylvia Fink and Ted Cooley (Albuquerque)
- Pam Daves (Las Vegas)
- Shelley Rossbach (Santa Fe)
- Roxanne Lara and Karen Nelson (Carlsbad)
- Natalie Markin (Los Alamos)
- Adrienne Dare (Grant County)
- Helena Whyte (Online)
- Cheryl Klenner (West Mesa)
- Deanise Marta (Las Cruces)

14. Silent Auction Results: Rosmarie Frederickson announced that proceeds from the silent auction total \$936. (Note: A recount following the close of the convention indicated that total proceeds of the silent auction are \$896.50.)

15. Call to Convention 2012: Deanise Marta invited AAUW-NM to hold its 2012 Spring Convention in Las Cruces. The theme will be "100 Years of New Mexico Women".

16. Announcements:

- Carol Ann Council announced that \$380 of the \$500 pledged by AAUW-NM to the Lilly Ledbetter Giving Circle was collected as we "passed the hat."
- NCCWSL Scholarship recipients are Serena Allingham-NM Highlands, Michaela Rempkowski-NM Tech, and Yolanda Patterson-CNMCC. It was noted that one of the recipients was also awarded a National scholarship that paid her registration, but the NCCWSL Committee decided to give her the AAUW-NM scholarship to be used toward her other expenses.
- The Summer LTM will be held July 23<sup>rd</sup> in Las Vegas at the World College.
- The Fall Workshop and LTM will be held at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in West Mesa on October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.
- National Convention is June 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> in Washington, DC.
- Don't forget to vote!

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Nelson, Recording Secretary