

AAUW - NM Leadership Team Meeting (LTM)

Summer LTM

July 21, 2012

Los Alamos, NM

Attendance: Barbara Casey, Las Vegas; Angela Carrejo, Carlsbad; Carol Ann Council, Las Cruces; Cheryl Klenner, West Mesa; Sylvia Fink, Albuquerque; Liz Gordon, Albuquerque; Karyl Lyne, Las Vegas; Natalie Markin, Los Alamos; Karen Nelson, Carlsbad; Shelley Rossbach, Santa Fe; Bonnie Rutherford, West Mesa; Mary Sandford, Carlsbad; Nancy Scheer, Santa Fe (branch president substitute); Mary Schipper, Las Vegas /Santa Fe; Dixie Trebbe, Albuquerque/West Mesa; Helena Whyte, Los Alamos/online

Guests: Barbara Asarch-Aronowitz, Santa Fe; Nancy Rojas, Carlsbad; Dorothy Shaner, Los Alamos; Jane Sherwood, Los Alamos; Nina Thayer, Los Alamos

Call to Order and Announcements at 9:00 am

1. Jane Sherwood and the Los Alamos branch were thanked for making the meeting accommodations.
2. Nina Thayer was thanked for hosting the salad supper at her home on Friday night.
3. Everyone was welcomed to Los Alamos by Natalie Markin.
4. Shelley is leaving at 10:30 to work as a finance officer at a fire in South Dakota, so the meeting agenda will not be followed in order.
5. The 2013 Spring Convention will be held in Carlsbad.
6. We need a location for the fall LTM.
7. There is new contact information on the state officers list.
8. Branches are reminded to send the 990-N (e postcard filing form) by October 15. A reminder e-mail was sent.
9. Motion and reimbursement forms are available, as well as Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, officer and presidents lists, calendar, job descriptions, and strategic plan
10. Mini-grant applications are due to Mary Sandford by October 1.
11. The *Roadrunner* is August 10 (to Pat Maben).
12. Please ensure that "snail mail" addresses are sent to Pat Maben by July 31.
13. Spring LTM and Convention minutes are on the state website under "governance."
14. Branch yearbooks (electronic versions are okay) should be sent to Carlyle, Shelley, Bonnie, and Mary Sandford

Team Building Exercise

Attendees paired off for a few minutes to get better acquainted and then introduced each other to the group.

Committee Reports

1. **Finance Report** sent by Ruth Benjamins.
The Financial Report for 2011-2012 reports total assets of \$12,065.20.
The Convention Financial Report 2012 reports a net income of \$97.55.
2. **Convention Report**, Deanise Marta
Please see the article in the Summer *Roadrunner*.

3. **Fall Leadership Team Meeting**, Sylvia Fink
The LTM will be in Albuquerque on October 20, 2012. A poll of members in attendance today showed a preference for a one day meeting. Look for information and registration form in the fall *Roadrunner*.

[At this point, the meeting departed from the written agenda.]

New Business

3. Dixie Trebbe informed us of two possible dates for the Winter LTM and Lobby Day during the 60 days of the 2013 legislative session, with Feb. 14 being the last day to enter bills. January 27-28 would be before all bills would be introduced. February 17-18 would be midway during the legislative session. This group recommends the January 27-28 dates if confirmed by the host Santa Fe branch.

Unfinished Business

2. Shelley distributed four handouts for discussion:
 - A) A description of the Polling Place Participation & Protection Campaign
 - B) The workplan draft of this campaign
 - C) "Essential Information for New Mexico Voters" compiled by Count Every Vote New Mexico
 - D) A letter from Oriana Sandoval, Executive Director of New Mexico Vote Matters stating their purpose and desire to collaborate with AAUWDixie Treebe moved that AAUW-NM become a member of the Polling Place Participation & Protection Leadership Table and be willing to partner individually with any of its members during the 2012 General Election to further AAUW goals. The motion was seconded by Sylvia Fink and passed unanimously. This vote gives permission to add the AAUW-NM name to the Polling Place Participation & Leadership Table and allows Dixie to represent us and participate in the Leadership Table to gather information and disseminate it to branches so that branches and individuals can participate in election activities to get out the vote as they see fit.

New Business

6. Karyl and Shelley have received a request from AAUW-Nebraska president Marilyn Bombac asking us to help them complete the Stan and Mary (Browne) Tyler Research and Public Grant Fund #1503, established in memory of Stan Browne. Mary Tyler Browne is currently our AAUW-NM Funds Chair and serves on the grants panel for AAUW Community Action Grants. She was AAUW-Nebraska President (1974-1975), was appointed to the Association Committee on Women and became its chair (1978-1980), and was elected Regional Director, Upper Midwest Region (1983-1985).

Natalie Markin moved that we adopt the AAUW-NM Funds formula approved for 2011 for the 2012-2013 AAUW-NM year, from July 2012 through June 2013. The motion was seconded by Carol Ann Council and passed unanimously. The formula is 5% at the discretion of the AAUW Funds Chair, with the remainder split 1/3 to LAF, 1/3 to NCCWSL, and 1/3 unrestricted.

Karen Nelson moved that the AAUW funds undesignated and the 5% for other funds

from AAUW-NM for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, go to Fund #1503. The motion was seconded by Sylvia Fink and passed unanimously.

[At this point, Shelley had to leave and the gavel was passed to Karyl. We returned to the remaining agenda items.]

Pass and Share Box was circulated.

Approval of Appointed Officers

Sylvia Fink moved to approve the appointed officers as listed on the 2012-2013 AAUW-New Mexico State Officers handout. The motion was seconded by Carole Ann Council and was passed. The officers are Cas Mason (Awards), Della Acosta (Diversity), Bonnie Rutherford (Historian), Mary Sandford (Mini-grant chair/immediate past president), Patricia Maben (Newsletter Editor), Carol Ann Council (Parliamentarian), Dixie Trebbe (the Lobby Corps) and Lina Germann (Web Mistress).

Appointed officers needed are Bylaws Chair, College/University Chair, International Interest Chair, Media Relations Chair, and Strategic Planning Chair.

Minutes of the April 27, 2012, LTM meeting in Las Cruces were approved as written.

Committee Reports (continued)

4. **Job Descriptions**, Sylvia Fink (Chair), Helena Whyte, Natalie Markin

5. **Start Smart (the Wage Project)**, Karyl Lyne

New Business

1. **Nominating Committee** Pam Daves, Deanise Marta, and Mary Sandford (Chair) have agreed to serve. Their appointment was approved.

2. **Mini-grants**

Mary Sandford (Chair), Phoebe Pierce from Las Cruces, and Enid Tidwell from Santa Fe have agreed to serve. Their appointment was approved.

Mary Sandford moved that the mini-grants offered to branches by AAUW-NM be renamed "Branch Project Grants," that the maximum amount awarded be raised from \$150 to \$200 and that Article V, section F of the AAUW-NM Policies and Procedures be amended to reflect these changes. The motion was passed.

3. Previously discussed.

4. **A Resolution to Eliminate Human Trafficking in Our Society**, submitted by Karyl Lyne and Mary Sandford

WHEREAS, for over one hundred thirty years, AAUW has worked to secure educational, social, and economic equality for women and girls in American society and worldwide,

AND WHEREAS, AAUW recognizes that a growing problem in the United States and worldwide is the trafficking of women, girls, and boys for the purpose of sexual exploitation,

AND WHEREAS, human trafficking is a particularly revolting form of exploitation that exists in many communities in our society,

BE IT RESOLVED, that members of AAUW-NM, a part of the Rock Mountain region of AAUW, will work to publicize this problem in our communities and states, and will work with public officials and other like-minded organizations to reduced and ultimately eliminate the trafficking of persons wherever it occurs.

Sara Wolters, AAUW-AZ President will collect a resolution from each state AAUW in the Rocky Mountain Region and send them on to National. The resolution was passed today by AAUW-NM.

5. Medicaid Expansion under the Affordable Care Act

Dixie read a letter from 14 organizations to Governor Martinez urging her to implement the Medicaid Expansion for low-income adults under the federal Affordable Care Act. Because of a short deadline, co-presidents Caryl and Shelley authorized Dixie to submit AAUW-NM as a signatory to the letter.

6. Previously discussed.

7. Mary Berry advises that the resolution passed at the April convention regarding a senate confirmation hearing for Hannah Skandera has been written and sent.

Officers' Reports (elected)

1. Co-presidents Shelly Rossbach and Caryl Lyne submitted their goals for 2012-13.

2. Membership, Sylvia Fink

On February 1, 2012, we had 577 state members and 243 New Mexico members at large. On June 13, we had 308 life members or renewals, which number is expected to increase in September.

Natalie Markin distributed the roster of National MALs.

3. Program, Karen Nelson

Sheila Portillo regrets she cannot attend today. The Fall Workshop will be held in Albuquerque on October 20, 2012.

4. Academic, inactive

5. Nominations, not active yet

6. AAUW Funds, Mary Browne

The preliminary total for January - June 13, 2012 is \$4,695.

7. Public Policy, Dixie Trebbe

The Lobby Corps meeting and luncheon will be January 12, 2013, at the Rail Runner Depot in Bernalillo. David Maddox will speak on human trafficking. You don't need to be a Lobby Corps member to come to the luncheon. A catered meal of brisket, potatoes, gravy, green beans, green salad, pasta salad, rolls, iced tea, coffee and cookies will be \$15.

Dixie asks for each branch to have a local Lobby Corps member to make phone calls, visit local offices, and distribute information to members.

Look forward to a fall LTM workshop on advocacy.

Officers Reports (appointed)

1. Awards, no report

2. By-laws, no report

3. College/University/NCCWSL, Karyl Lyne

4. Diversity, no report

5. Historian, Bonnie Rutherford

Bonnie urges branches to consult AAUW information online as to what materials should be retained by your branch and/or submitted to the historian for archiving.

6. International interest, no report

7. Mini-grants, see new business item 2

8. Newsletter, Pat Maben

Costs for mailing the summer *Roadrunner* to 92 people were \$20.00 for postage and \$123.59 to Staples for printing. Please send updated lists of members receiving the newsletter by mail so she can amend the address file. The *Roadrunner* deadline is August 10.

9. Parliamentarian, Carol Ann Council

Carol Ann advises us that when calling for the question, it is more courteous to say "I move the previous question" or "I move to close debate." The motion requires a second and a 2/3 vote.

Branch Reports

Las Cruces had a fun year end meeting and party at the home of Deanise Marta. They got a great picture of their newly installed officers in the *Las Cruces Sun News*. Programs are planned for next year and the yearbook is in progress.

Los Alamos has a fall brunch tentatively scheduled for September 22 with speaker Margaret Wood, author of a new book "Remembering Miss O'Keefe" about artist Georgia

O'Keefe. At the membership tea in May the speaker was the author of a book about Peggy Pond Church, daughter of Ashley Pond for whom the pond in the middle of Los Alamos is named. She also read some of Peggy Pond's poetry.

Santa Fe branch co-president Enid Tidwell is spearheading a project to have a five branch meeting (Las Vegas, Los Alamos, Albuquerque, West Mesa, and Santa Fe) in the spring of 2013. The speaker will be from Anthony, NM, who gave a presentation during the state convention in Albuquerque.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Klenner