

**AAUW Missouri State Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, April 29, 2011**  
**Osage Beach, Missouri**

**Called to Order:** The regular quarterly meeting of the AAUW Missouri State Board was held Friday, April 29, at 1:20pm, in Building AB, Level 6, Room 62 at the Tan-Tar-a Resort in Osage Beach, Missouri.

**Attendance**

Marsha Koch, Holly Burgess, Yvonne Morrison, Joyce Katz, Ellen Johnson, Carol Davis-McDonald, Diane Ludwig, Debbie McWard, Betty Takahashi, Toni Thornton, Jan Scott, Shirley Breeze, Grace Butler, Alyse Stoll, Julie Triplett, Jane Biers, Linda Berube, Pat Shores, Patt Braley, Doris Nistler, Ellen Johnson, Elizabeth Hendrix and National President Carolyn Garfein.

**Welcome and Introduction**

Julie Triplett opened meeting with introductions of board and committee members and read Lynne Roney's thank you card.

**Approval of Minutes**

- MOTION: Linda Berube moved to approve the January 29 board meeting minutes. Alyse Stoll seconded. Motion passed.
- Debbie McWard and Marsha Koch were assigned to read and approve the April 29 minutes before taking them before the Board in July.

**State Officers Reports**

VP Program, Conference and Site

- Linda Berube reported on the convention preparations that still needed to be. Line up of speakers includes state representative, Stacey Newman, and Sam Lehman, Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator, on Working for Pay Equity who will join us for dinner.
- A wine and cheese reception would take place Friday night from 7pm to 9pm in Julie Triplett and Pat Shores' Suite 1703 in Tower E.
- Pat Shores announced convention would take place on the main floor. Eleanor Roosevelt Walk is tentative and may be rained out on Sunday morning.

Membership

- Ellen Johnson reported an increase of 22 members since January 27, 2011, totaling 831 statewide members.

Treasurer

- Carol Davis-McDonald reviewed details of the Treasurers 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter report comparing the 2010-11 budget with actual expenses. She cited membership dues were up from last quarter; newsletter expenses stayed under budget and public policy funds were carried over from last year. The operation fund is currently \$4300 before expenses paid. Books will close June 30.
- Julie Triplett reminded board members that \$15 is included in the budget for printing expenses.
- MOTION: Marsha Koch moved to approve the Treasurers Report. Jane Biers seconded. Motion passed.

- Carol reviewed details of the Missouri 2011-2012 budget, citing the \$500 has always been carried forward and asked for questions. Betty Takahashi asked why Missouri History day was reduced and Carol explained that no expenses were turned in last year.
- Carolyn Garfein asked about the Peg Witt fund and Alyse Stoll explained it was for special branch projects. A discussion ensued on whether or not the Peg Witt fund could legally be renamed to the Incentive fund. Julie Triplett asked the board to defer the issue and assigned Parliamentarian Yvonne Morrison to review the current policies and address the issue at the next board meeting in July.
- MOTION: Yvonne Morrison moved to accept the 2011-2012 Budget. Joyce Katz seconded. Motion passed.
- Julie Triplett asked the board to approve payment of convention expenses deficit resulting from attendance being lower than projected. Linda Berube explained that immediate measures had already been taken to reduce expenses by negotiating with Tan-Tar-A on eliminating high-speed Internet and \$50 rooms.
- MOTION: Marsha Koch made a motion that if the shortage was less than \$300, draw from the Contingency Fund, otherwise, use current Budget funds. Motion passed.
- Julie Triplett announced that she personally paid for Lynne Roney's flowers and those present donated to her deficit.

## Board and Committee Reports

### College/University Relations

- Debbie McWard reported they need information for packets and that branches are not comfortable with going online.
- St. Louis Community College and Park University are newest partner members.

### By Laws/Parliamentarian

- Yvonne Morrison deferred to her emailed report, citing the Standing Rules for the 2011 AAUW Missouri State Assembly were included in the membership packets at the convention.
- She promised to conduct a review of policies at the July meeting.

### Education and Equity

- Toni Thornton reported that total branch contributions for 2010 were \$75,008.39 and there are now 122 Century Club members who contributed \$100 or more.
- Century Club members, Branch contributors and Named Gift recipients will be honored in *Missouri in Motion* and in a brochure distributed at the convention.
- Diane Ludwig invited discussion on how branches can best report local scholarship awards, which are outside the AAUW Clearinghouse. Carolyn Garfein agreed there should be a better way to report all scholarship monies given by AAUW branches.

### Communications

- Joyce Katz announced the deadline for the next newsletter was May 4.
- AAUW Missouri is now on Facebook and receiving feeds from National.
- Members are encouraged to use the communications infrastructure to send information out across the state.

### Historian

- Grace reported that work on the history project has been difficult because branches are not sending material, although they claim to be sending their monthly newsletters.

- The historical collaboration would integrate material from the 1946 and 1976-96 publications with state reports and records up to 2010. Only three branches have contributed material: Columbia, Ferguson-Florissant and Independence.
- Julie Triplet appointed Holly Burgess, Joyce Katz, and Grace to a committee to determine how best to market and format the historical information.

#### National History Day - Missouri

- Betty Takahashi reported on the success of this AAUW History day on April 9 at the University of Missouri, Columbia. The award program was changed to include the parents of student awardees. Certificates of merit were given to the history students and they were invited to a potluck dinner where branch members spread out among the families to help build awareness of AAUW.

#### Public Policy

- Holly Burgess reported that 58 members responded to the Missouri Impact Grant Survey but the results had not yet been reviewed.
- On Lobby Day, Holly testified on behalf of Stacey Newman's pay equity bill. Legislative members treated her respectfully and union members acknowledged the participation of AAUW and its good work.
- Received a \$1000 Public Policy Impact Grant for creating voter guides for November elections and implementing policy activities throughout the state.
- In January, AAUW members attended the Women's Legislative retreat in Jefferson City that was coordinated by the Missouri Women's Network. Julie Triplett reported the retreat was a wonderful opportunity to make connections and shared an email she received from Dorothy Witherspoon of the Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor.

#### Branch Incentive Program

- Alyse reported that three branches received grants: KC Northland, Parkville and St. Charles.
- Linda Berube expressed concerns about the KC Northland branch receiving a second grant when none of them come to convention, a requirement for receiving a grant. Grantees should be required to submit a report of their grant project to *Missouri in Motion*.

#### Nominating Committee Report

- Shirley Breeze announced the names of the candidates to be elected: Linda Berube for President-Elect, Diane Ludwig for Program Vice President, and Diane Krizek for Secretary as presented by the nominating committee: Alyse Stoll, Toni Thornton and Debbie McWard and Lynne Roney.

#### Fund Raising Committee

- Diane Ludwig announced note cards would be going out in the mail, including six lovely designs by artists.

#### Update

- Carolyn announced her PowerPoint presentation in the afternoon and her talk at the banquet would be about expanding membership and closing the deal - making the next generation sold on the AAUW mission.
- Shirley Breeze will serve on the "Why So Few" panel at the National Convention and reported on the availability of AAUW report, "Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics", and its public relations impact.
- Julie Triplett added that the Ballwin-Chesterfield branch produced a YouTube video that is gaining recognition for dealing with the issues of "Why So Few".

## **New Business**

- Lilly Ledbetter Giving Circle: Julie reported a request that Missouri sponsor the \$500 Lilly Ledbetter Circle.
- Two Missouri projects made the Top 20 Breaking Through Barriers competition.

## **Branch Updates**

- Carol Davis-McDonald reported Kirkwood-Webster Groves branch was celebrating their anniversary on May 11.
- Julie Triplett, Yvonne Morrison and Doris Nistler attended the St. Charles branch program.
- Toni Thornton reported the Independence branch gives certificates of recognition and T-shirts for "I'm an AAUW Kind of Girl".
- The Metropolitan St. Louis Inter Branch Council honored Betty Takahashi with its 2011 Barbara Lackritz Award.

## **Board Meeting Dates**

- Julie Triplett reported next board meeting on Saturday, July 16, at the Hy-Vee in Columbia, Missouri.
- October meeting scheduled for October 15.

## **Calendar**

- National Convention, June 16-19, in Washington, D.C.
- Equality Day scheduled for August 20 in St. Louis

**Meeting Adjourned:** Friday, April 29, at 4:30pm.

Diane R. Krizek, Secretary  
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