

Minutes of the AAUW-MISSOURI Board Meeting
Saturday, January 29, 2011, Strickland Building, University of Missouri, Columbia

In attendance were Gloria Bandstra, Linda Berube, Jane Biers, Holly Burgess, Sandy Camillo, Ellen Johnson, Diane Ludwig, Carol Davis McDonald, Yvonne Morrison, Lynne Roney, Jan Scott, Alyse Stoll, Toni Thornton, Julie Triplett. Betty Takahashi attended in the afternoon.

President Julie Triplett called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Julie thanked Jane Biers for making arrangements at MU. She introduced Sandy Camillo, Leadership Corps and Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch member, who is running for AAUW director at large.

Julie asked people to tell briefly about a thing that was good for AAUW that had happened to them.

Julie asked for additions to the agenda. She added to the agenda that Jane Webb, Board secretary, has submitted her resignation.

MOTION: Jan Scott moved and Alyse Stoll seconded that we accept Jane's resignation.
 MOTION PASSED.

MOTION: Jan Scott moved and Alyse Stoll seconded that we appoint Diane Krizek [to replace Jane Webb as secretary]. MOTION PASSED.

Julie asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the October Board meeting.

Linda Berube asked that the e-mail vote from October regarding a board donation in memory of Julie's husband George Triplett be added in today's minutes. The motion was as follows:

MOTION: Sue Barley moved and Elizabeth Hendrix seconded to make a donation of \$50.00 to LAF in memory of George Triplett and in honor of Julie's service to AAUW-MO, to be taken from the Board line item in the budget. MOTION PASSED.

Julie asked for volunteers to read the minutes. Holly Burgess and Carol Davis McDonald will be readers.

President's Report

Julie has been in contact with other state presidents about some of their problems with state organizations, and we are lucky that ours is thriving. The success of our state meeting will be an important indication of the state's continued health.

Vice President for Program

Linda Berube reported on 2011 state convention plans. The cost needs to be \$98 to cover Tan-Tar-A costs of \$83.62 and allow a reduced rate for students. Our goal was to try to keep the cost under \$100. Ideally we will get 89 attendees including 6 students. Anyone spending anything for the conference should get Linda's OK first. Diane Ludwig asked whether we can bring in our

own audiovisual equipment. Linda will check but thinks that is OK. One room of AV equipment is provided, with Internet access. Cost of the Board dinner Friday night will be \$30. Guests will not be included in this dinner because of space. Lynne Roney asked about room costs. Linda distributed a spreadsheet giving costs for two or four people (\$51 and \$25.49). Suites can hold four for around \$30 each. Information will be in *Missouri in Motion*. Our contracted minimum is 12 rooms for Friday and 20 for Saturday. Linda will ask whether a two-room suite counts as two rooms for this minimum.

Five student affiliates have already asked to come from the University of Missouri, Columbia. Diane Ludwig asked that we see whether the students can help with their own costs before giving them a “free ride.” Jane Biers and Holly Burgess think the students may need some help up front. Possibly they will only come for part of a day. Linda will discuss with them. Diane mentioned that all states are being asked to help send a student to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), so we need to allow money for that in our budget. Julie suggested individuals sponsor a student and sit with them at the banquet (and spreading student seating around).

Regarding an EF/LAF speaker, Toni Thornton will try to contact Washington University AAUW fellows Tanya Roth and Rebecca DeRoo. Holly suggested Holly Kearns at the national office as a speaker on sexual harassment. Holly Burgess will send information to Toni. We may not be able to have another person from National since Carolyn Garfein, AAUW President, is coming.

Linda explained her ideas for breakout sessions. Alyse Stoll asked whether any legislators would be present, and Holly asked whether there could be a public policy speaker. Holly and Jan Scott may have connections to ask Sen. Claire McCaskill for Saturday morning or afternoon. State legislators Mary Still, Sara Lampe, Beth Low, and Jolie Justus are other possibilities.

The Internet access could be used for “Making the Most of AAUW Resources” to demonstrate national and state websites and Facebook. Alyse Stoll suggested an IT specialist she knows who takes apart a computer, and Karen Stelling, Kansas City Branch member, an engineer.

For another session Julie Triplett suggested a presentation on the health care law by Judith Parker, and she will check on her availability for a Sunday morning presentation. Jan Scott mentioned a new report coming out from MU on the status of Missouri women. Kristin Metcalfe-Wilson from Columbia and Nancy Wegge are other possibilities to speak on this topic as a panel for the main session (9 a.m.). Linda asked Jan to put together the panel.

Diane Ludwig asked to be on the schedule regarding AAUW Funds, with the topic “Understanding AAUW Funds.”

Linda will condense the information and registration form for *Missouri in Motion*. More detailed information will be put on the state website and sent to branches for their newsletters. The Eleanor Roosevelt Walk registrations will go to Toni Thornton and conference registrations to Linda Berube.

The time of the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk was discussed. It is currently scheduled in the middle of breakfast. Julie will ask Pat Shores to check with Tan-Tar-A to see if it could be set for 7 to 7:30 a.m. Toni suggested "Garden Walk" as the title, as it will be a tour of the resort grounds.

For the reception Friday evening, State Board members will bring in food and wine. It will be described as "Meet and Greet With Carolyn Garfein, with the State Board Hosting." Julie will ask Pat Shores to send out a request to the Board asking what they will bring.

Linda asked about other fund-raising that we may want to have. Diane and Holly will organize this. Branches are allowed to have sales; any money made above costs must go to AAUW. Branches can request sales space from Diane. Diane suggested a lottery-ticket money tree. Linda will donate a handmade nativity scene for a raffle. Julie will donate an afghan. A quilt will be donated by the Kansas City Branch. Other donations are welcome. Send information to Toni.

The 90th anniversary celebration skit has not yet been put together. Alyse Stoll and Gloria Bandstra will work on this. Jan Scott will perform the national anthem on the flute. Julie's daughter will sing. We decided not to have a Girl Scout troop. Linda will handle the evaluation.

Vice President for Membership

Ellen Johnson reported statistics on membership. We have 733 branch members and 373 national members (MALs). She and Gloria Bandstra will be talking with branch membership chairs regarding the end-of-year process. We discussed reasons for decline. Toni said she understood there was some money that the Rolla Branch intended to donate but it has not been received yet. Ellen is available to attend a meeting in St. Joseph where Elizabeth Hendrix is trying to reorganize the St. Joseph Area Branch, but nothing has been scheduled yet. Linda Berube asked whether the MAL list will be distributed. Ellen will let branch presidents know that they can access it online and send them a copy.

Treasurer

Carol Davis McDonald reported on the second quarter. We received the second \$500 of our Public Policy Grant. There were few expenditures this quarter. Linda Berube will add the conference deposit and expenses of \$575 already incurred to her program budget. The state directory was less expensive than budgeted. Board members are reminded that they can file an expense form to receive \$25 for one printer cartridge a year.

College/University

Jane Biers reported that the AAUW national office has added a College/University Relations Manager, Bridgette Behling. Jane will serve on the review team for proposals for NCCWSL sessions. Two representatives from each institution are now allowed. Jane is trying to get the reps changed at the University of Missouri, Kansas City, because the chancellor is listed as the rep but has not been active. Linda Berube will talk to Brenda Bethman at the UMKC Women's Studies Department to try to get her and her assistant as the reps. Gloria Bandstra will follow up on getting a rep at William Jewell.

Bylaws and Policies

Yvonne Morrison reported that we will be tweaking bylaws and policies in July, so Board members should be thinking about changes. Julie pointed out that model bylaws are available online to help branches.

Education and Equity

Toni Thornton reported 2010 total state donations of \$74,892, a large increase because of large gifts in the Breaking Through Barriers campaign. Some branches have not responded to Toni's calls. Lynne Roney asked about Branch Named Gift Awards. These are still being recognized by the state. Toni will print their names and distribute the list at the state meeting. They will also go in the state newsletter. Certificates are still available from the Association. Branches should get information to Toni by March 1.

Communications

Lynne Roney asked that branches send special events to feature on the website. She would like to have the convention breakout session include the topic "Social Media."

History

On behalf of Grace Butler, Holly Burgess reported that she now has the previous state AAUW history on her computer. A number of branches still have not sent in their history updates.

Public Policy

Holly Burgess presented the public policy survey that she and Elizabeth Hendrix developed.

MOTION 1: Holly Burgess moved that the Board accept the survey and that it be sent to Missouri AAUW members by e-mail and mail when needed. Jan Scott seconded.

MOTION 2: Holly Burgess moved that we present our public policy priorities at the April 2011 board meeting on the basis of the results of the survey sent to the state members. Jan Scott seconded.

Discussion included to whom the survey should be sent. Is there a conflict with the philanthropy survey? This one needs to go out right away. Joyce Katz can send it to members with e-mail. Holly will contact Joyce and perhaps investigate using SurveyMonkey. We discussed how to present it to branches. The president or public policy chair should present it.

MOTIONS PASSED.

Diane Ludwig pointed out that information should appear in *Missouri in Motion* that these surveys are going out. Julie will also include this in her next president's letter.

We discussed applications from branches for the public policy grants. Information was sent to branch presidents, but Holly and Elizabeth haven't had any applications yet. The Public Policy Committee will meet in February and give a written report to the board.

Holly attended the Missouri Women's Network Legislative Retreat. The Social Security Trust Fund and Right to Work Bill are the two top legislative topics. She will send out information. Lobby Day is March 29. Holly asked if we want her to write up the bills for this year. Some legislators have good summaries, but we can't use partisan information on the website or other

material we distribute. She'll send information about district visits. Holly will participate in the AAUW Voices Project, in which members are trained to write op-eds or letters to the editor.

Diane Ludwig distributed a sample philanthropic survey to be taken over lunch.

After lunch, the meeting resumed at 1 p.m.

Holly Burgess asked whether the state has an interest in being an exhibitor for \$30 at the "Celebrating Women: Reinventing Ourselves After 50" workshop March 26 at the University of Missouri, St. Louis. Holly will attend all day. This would give us visibility, and if we got new members that would be a plus.

MOTION: Holly Burgess moved that AAUW participate as an exhibitor at "Celebrating Women: Reinventing Ourselves After 50," sponsored by Continuing Education Programs at UMSL March 26. The fee for being an exhibitor of \$30 would come out of the public policy fund. Jan Scott seconded. MOTION PASSED.

Sandy Camillo will help Holly with this event. She will let area branch presidents know about it.

Holly reported that the Missouri Civic Engagement Table is a consortium of organizations with no charge to join, but an application must be filled out. Access to information is available. This is a possible way to obtain a 2-Minute Activist feature for our website. Many of our partner organizations belong. Shirley Breeze has recommended we join. Jane Whiteside is Holly's contact. Julie Triplett asked that Jan Scott and Shirley Breeze investigate the organization further and make a recommendation on joining at the April Board meeting.

History Day

Betty Takahashi reported that state History Day is Saturday, April 9. More judges are needed. Betty has put an article in *Missouri in Motion*. People can let Betty know if they can be a judge.

Peg Witt Branch Incentive Program Committee

A committee of Alyse Stoll, Sandy Frank, and Grace Butler (plus Julie Triplett ex officio) has been set up to examine the guidelines for this program and report at the April board meeting. One issue to be discussed is how to get the award money to awardees earlier.

Nominating Committee

Lynne Roney presented the report of the Nominating Committee, which was accepted. Nominees for state offices are Linda Berube, Kansas City Branch, president elect; Diane Ludwig, St. Louis Branch and dual member with Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch, program vice president; and Diane Krizek, Raytown Branch, secretary. The information will be published in the next *Missouri in Motion*.

Fund-Raising Committee

Diane Ludwig reported on the philanthropy survey that was filled out in beta test form by the Board with their comments. A notecard contest is underway. No calendar will be sent out by AAUW this year. More donations than this time last year have been coming in every period. The

Fund Facts e-newsletter still goes out to branch presidents and Funds chairs. Jan Scott distributed a flower sales fundraising idea.

Convention/National

Anyone interested in volunteering at the National Convention in June can e-mail Marcia Posner.

Sandy Camillo, Julie Triplett, Kenyatta Thacker, and other Leadership Corps members will finish their term this year. Anyone interested in being a new Corps member cannot hold a current elected branch, state, or national position.

St. Louis Interbranch Council

Diane Ludwig invited everyone to the St. Louis IBC luncheon Saturday, March 19.

Yvonne Morrison said AAUW has asked Missouri to consider sponsoring two Campus Action Projects at \$5,000 each, but we will put this request on the back burner because we don't have the money for it. Board members were unclear how this could be "sold" as a fund-raising project.

The St. Louis Branch is helping with the Washington University Campus Action Project. Columbia Branch is sending one student to NCCWSL.

MOTION: Yvonne Morrison moved that AAUW of Missouri send a student through the national scholarship fund for the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders in the amount of \$400 out of the contingency fund as has been done in the past, with preference for a Missouri recipient. Linda Berube seconded. MOTION PASSED.

Holly Burgess mentioned that Mid-Missouri is considering forming an IBC consisting of Jefferson City, Columbia, and Boonville Branches.

Branch Updates

Lynne Roney invited everyone to the Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch 40th anniversary luncheon Wednesday, May 11, at Sunset 44 Restaurant in Kirkwood. Gloria Bandstra asked about getting copies of *Show Me Missouri Women*. Holly may try to have some copies at the state meeting. Sandy Camillo invited everyone to the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Title IX Forum on Feb. 1.

Other Announcements

Julie announced that Lynne Roney was appointed to the national Career Development Grant selection panel.

Board Meeting Dates/Locations

For the Board meeting on April 29 dinner will be at 5 p.m. The Board meeting starts at 1 p.m. and the Reception starts at 6. Pat Shores will make arrangements.

Future board meetings: July 16 in Columbia (possibly the grocery store) and October 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Roney, substituting for Jane Webb