

AAUW Maryland

Business meeting 4/30/16

The business meeting of AAUW Maryland was convened at 11:25 am by co-president Dorothy Fraquelli.

A quorum was declared after a roll call of the branches by Carol Graves. The attendance included three Association affiliates, 45 attendees, 11 branches, 10 members elected to the state board, 4 past presidents, and 28 branch delegates.

**The Nomination Committee** presented a report. The committee submitted the following nominees for terms beginning July 1, 2016.

State President– Eileen Menton

Program co-Vice Presidents – Kate Campbell Stevenson, Markonette Richardson

Communications Vice President – Bernadette Low

Public Policy Co-Vice President - Sandra Smith

Vice President for AAUW Funds: (none)

Nominations from the floor were requested. Anita Rosen was nominated and agreed to a nomination of a partial term of one year as Public Policy Co-Vice President.

Nominations were declared closed. The president asked for objections to voting on the nominations as a slate. Hearing no objections, the slate was elected by a unanimous vote.

The continuing officers are:

Public Policy Co-Vice President: Louise Chatlynne

Finance/Treasurer: Judy Flood

Secretary: Mary Anne Williams

Membership Vice President: Angela Mickalide

The president named the following branches to be on the Nominating Committee 2017: Harford, Hagerstown, Silver Spring, and Salisbury. Branch presidents are to name a branch member from each of their branches to serve.

Hagerstown has noted that they were on the nominating committee for two consecutive years. The president will review this appointment. Dorothy reported after checking that Garrett rather than Hagerstown should have been listed as a member of the Nominating Committee for 2016.

No one was nominated for Funds Vice President. Christine Schmitz urged that someone nominate him/herself from the floor. A brief description of the position was given by Schmitz. The biggest task is monitoring the contributions to the Women of Distinction Event, and signing necessary papers from

National. She also alerted members to upcoming deadlines. Much of the work is done at the National level, although there are short periods of busy activity.

Pat Stocker conducted the installation of the new officers. New officers were called forward. Each was asked to affirm publicly that she would carry out the role for which she was elected with enthusiasm, commitment and competence. Each officer responded in the affirmative and all were duly installed as officers.

**The Maryland Funds report** was given out of order due to a specific request from some attending members. Maryland continues to raise money for sponsorship of The Women of Distinction event to be held at the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders. The deadline was April, but Maryland is still running a little short, needing \$800 to fully fund this project. Attendees were encouraged to contribute during the ensuing lunch break. Checks should be made out to AAUW Funds, memo "Women of Distinction", and given to Schmitz. A video is available online about the Maryland honoree Nancy Grace Roman. Those interested in viewing it can search under the term, "The Search for Hubble". The state has 20 tickets to the Women of Distinction event on June 2, 2016. Schmitz will circulate a list for attendees to request a ticket. Pat Stocker spoke to support the fund, stating that NCCWSL is an amazing project, our future, with 1000 women from around the country.

The business meeting was suspended for lunch at 12 noon and was reconvened at 1 pm.

Lorraine DePaul called the roll of branches. A quorum was declared.

Heather Reichardt, president of the Gaithersburg Branch, announced their used book sale on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday next weekend in the Rosburrough Community Rooms, Ashbury Methodist Village. Thousands of books will be available, sorted and categorized. The proceeds will benefit National AAUW, Montgomery College and the Universities at Shady Grove. The sale will include a silent auction for a signed autobiography of Hillary Clinton. The last day of the sale features the special of a full bag for \$10; on the other days, the costs are \$1, \$2 or \$3 each.

**The secretary's report** was presented in writing in the convention booklet. Minutes from the 2015 Convention were read by tellers. Marjorie Sullivan moved that the minutes be accepted as printed in the convention booklet. The motion passed.

Tellers for the minutes of the 2016 Convention were appointed by Fraquelli. Susan Wierman and Heather Reichardt are tellers.

**The Treasurer's report** was printed in the Convention booklet and given orally by Judy Flood.

The balances as of 4/30/16 were given: \$15,400.01 in the nonprofit checking account; and \$20,048.92 in the business premium account. The money market account reflects interest of \$.32 and \$.35 per month. Flood request that a discussion be held at the summer board meeting about putting money in another account for greater interest.

Flood asked officers and others to submit reports. She recommends that expenses be submitted by sending a pdf file from a photo of receipts.

All line items are compliant with the budget approved. A reconciliation will be done in June. She will submit a proposed budget at the summer board meeting. Thanks were expressed for the 38 women in

Maryland who have already renewed memberships online. Anne Arundel has the most with 14. Doing this online can be difficult for an old computer. New computers or computers in a public place should not have a problem. Members were reminded to close the browser when done. The branch treasurer gets an immediate notification of renewal.

**The continuation of the Maryland Funds Report** by Schmitz updated donations to NCCWSL. Maryland reached its goal. The donations for 2015 are listed in the report included in the convention booklet. We should be pleased with total amount of giving this year. In the first quarter of 2016, we have had contributions of \$47, 825.

Certificates were presented to the top 3 branches in donations: 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Howard County, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Baltimore, and 1<sup>st</sup> place - Kensington-Rockville. Schmitz reminded branch delegates to see her to receive certificates for any named gifts. For every \$500 a branch contributes to AAUW Funds, a branch can honor a person who will receive a certificate recognizing this honor.

**Charting the Course** – Eileen Menton, one of the national volunteers for this campaign, was asked to speak to this topic. Charting the Course is a way to raise funds for AAUW programs. Rather than giving money to specific funds, donations to Charting the Course can be applied to any fund as determined by a national committee. It is considered beneficial to support a specific program, but members should also consider giving to general funds. The National AAUW is looking for individual donations of more than \$5000. In addition, a branch which raises \$25,000 or more and has at least 10 different donors will be recognized as a Charting the Course Branch. Some branches in Maryland are getting close. Donations must be made by end of 2016. Questions were raised about fairness to small branches. Menton reminded attendees that individual members can be recognized. There is a per capita recognition by AAUW national. There are 3 branches nationwide that have met the challenge. On the Maryland website, Schmitz has written a blog about it. Menton can share written information about the campaign to be disseminated among branch members.

The remainder of reports are in the convention booklets. Oral reports will not be given.

#### **New business:**

A discussion was held on whether AAUW Maryland should allow national members to become state members without joining a branch. Menton read the bylaws, which allows an individual to be a state member if the individual is a member at the national level. A committee to study the issue and report at the summer board meeting was appointed by Fraquelli. The committee will include Mickalide, Stocker, Rosen, and Joyce Graf

A discussion was held on whether AAUW Maryland should draft a Public Policy Statement. Fraquelli summarized the discussion: Members would welcome a flyer that documents what happened over the last year(s). It would be used for publicity, to attract potential members, and within branches to encourage members to participate. Rosen volunteered her committee to study this and prepare a proposed flyer to be presented at the summer board meeting.

Rosen introduced a discussion on an Impact grant of up to \$1000 available from AAUW national for projects related to pay equity and related issues. If we can come up with a plan for the state to engage more members to participate in public policy events, an application may be successful. The concept would be to engage more people with action alerts, testifying, and an AAUW Annapolis Day. With a

grant, the state organization can print materials. The deadline is May 27, and requires approval from the Board and engagement from branch members. Susan Wierman moved to give public policy vice presidents authority to prepare and submit an impact grant application for the coming year. After a second by Flood, the motion passed.

### **Announcements:**

Branches were reminded to update the branch bylaws to meet requirements from national. Copies of branch bylaws should be sent to national, not to state.

Between the 2010-2012 update, some items were accidentally deleted from the State bylaws. Work will be in progress to be presented at the next convention to make corrections. Menton requested a volunteer to be Maryland State bylaws chair.

A small group will work on AAUW Maryland bylaws to bring them into conformity with National bylaws and to correct any inconsistencies with the document. Voting will be done by conference call.

The Summer Training and Summer Board Meeting will be on July 23, at a location to be announced.

The Maryland Convention 2017 will be in late March or April in Easton. This will be our 75<sup>th</sup> state convention. All meeting dates will be announced. The state will endeavor to avoid late April due to branch conflicts. Menton requests that branches submit firm dates for big events so the state can avoid those dates.

Menton requested that 3 positions be filled: Archivist, who will ensure that records go to the University of Maryland library; Webmaster; and Facebook Coordinator.

Wierman asked for ideas for topics to be covered at the summer leadership conference.

Elizabeth Matthews announced that Salisbury Branch received an email from National AAUW congratulating Salisbury for being established 70 years ago.

Thanks were given to the event planning committee and to Dian Roca, chair of the committee.

The business meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.