

AAUW Maryland

State Board Meeting

July 23, 2016

The business meeting was convened at 2:10 pm by Maryland President Eileen Menton. Following a roll call of the branches and Maryland state officers, a quorum was declared. The following papers were distributed to attendees: Treasurer's Report, a list of branch officers, a list of state officers, and the agenda for the current board meeting.

Sandra Smith, Public Policy co-vice president, made the following motion:

I move that the AAUW board appoint Maryland Branch Presidents/Administrators as members of the Board, ex officio, with vote. Each branch will receive one vote. Angela Mikalide, Membership vice president, seconded the motion, and it was carried.

The Secretary reported that the minutes from the board meeting of January 2016 were read and corrected by readers. The corrected copy was approved as read. Heather Reichart and Kate Campbell Stevenson were appointed Readers for the minutes of the June 2016 board meeting.

The President's Report

AAUW Maryland currently has the following vacancies: co-secretary, bylaws chair, webmaster, and diversity chair. Branch representatives were asked to request volunteers from their branch membership to fill these vacancies. The Webmaster position will include updating the AAUW Maryland web site and Facebook page.

Calendar for upcoming meetings – AAUW Maryland needs a location for the Fall Meeting, scheduled for October 15, 2016. Menton requested that a branch volunteer to host this meeting.

The Annual AAUW Maryland Convention is scheduled for April 8 in Easton.

A proposed publication schedule for *The Marylander* was sent by Bernadette Lowe, editor. The schedule currently suggests a publication date for the Spring *Marylander* which would be after the convention. The winter date for publication is too early to name nominees for the election to be held at the Convention. Menton will speak with Lowe to adjust the date for the Spring *Marylander*.

Menton asked branches to give a status of their updated bylaws. There has been a change in process for submitting. If branches have already submitted the updated bylaws, no additional work is necessary. For those not yet submitted, please check with National to submit them correctly. Baltimore, Easton and Frederick Branches have already submitted their updated bylaws.

Menton asked branch representatives to check the distributed list of branch officers for any errors. Corrections must be made by the branch officers in the Member Database on the National web site.

A report was given by Pam Collins, Chair of the Host Committee, AAUW National Convention 2017. The Convention will be June 14 – 18 in Washington, DC, at the Renaissance Hotel. Public Policy is driving a lot of the program, with Lobby Day being a highlight. There will be plenary sessions, workshops

designed to give opportunities to see how things are done by other branches or states and to enhance leadership skills, daily dialogues, and networking. The Mission is to leave us affirmed, renewed to commitment, and inspired for what could be by providing additional resources and training to take back to the state and local levels of AAUW. There is no call for volunteers at this time, but after New Year's there will be requests. Positions to be filled will include registration, information for directions within the convention and for the host city, workshop assistants, and greeters. There will be assistance with registration/hotel costs in return for hours of volunteering, but there is no firm information about the ratio at this time. Those interested in serving on the planning committee should contact Collins now at ppcollins@hughes.net. The cost for registration will be approximately \$400, with meals and hotel rooms extra. All costs and benefits for volunteers will be determined by the National Board of Directors. Collins encouraged all to attend.

The Funds Report

Outgoing Funds Chair Christine Schmitz presented the report. In the April 2016 Convention booklet, donations were \$53,910.96. This represented donations by 174 individuals and 8 branches. Those branches were: Baltimore, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Silver Spring, Howard County, Anne Arundel County, Gaithersburg and Patuxent River. Current giving through June 30, 2016 is \$209,309. This included a large donation from one member and some large donations for Charting the Course. As of this date, 112 individuals and 3 branches have contributed to AAUW Funds.

Schmitz moved that we again raise funds to be the platinum sponsor at the Women of Distinction Ceremony at the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in June 2017, and the motion was seconded by Kate Campbell Stevenson. During discussion, it was pointed out that the cost for 2017 was not yet known, but it has been \$20,000 for several years. It was requested that information was needed from the state officers to help promote donations to the fund at the branch level. Menton will need to name members to a committee to look at criteria and name an honoree. Branches need to submit names for consideration as the honoree. Donations are tax deductible; the fund number is 4355. Schmitz explained why this event is a benefit for young women and that it benefits AAUW MD by publicity and recognition. The motion carried.

Maryland has received a drawing and letter of thanks from national organizer and a student who participated at NCCWSL. The student is willing to speak at branch meetings if invited.

Membership Vice President's Report

Angela Mikalide moved to approve the proposal to establish an online community for national members who reside in the state of Maryland. They would pay an additional \$10 to be a state member. Kate Campbell Stevenson seconded. Mikalide presented a memo giving benefits for the proposal. Discussion followed. A question was raised as to whether this would encourage branch members to leave branches and be state and national members only. At this time there is no information on that question. It was pointed out that it might also interest those who are thinking of leaving AAUW entirely, as they would stay in as a state member. The motion was carried.

President will form a committee to establish procedures and policies for state members. The committee will include the state membership co-vice presidents as well as a bylaws chair and the webmaster.

Program Report

Co-vice president Kate Campbell Stevenson announced that they are seeking volunteers to help with the state convention in Easton. Program co-vice president Markonette Richardson requested that branches send information about branch meetings and events so they can be displayed on the AAUW MD web site and calendar. Please send items to Menton to be posted.

Public Policy Report

Co-vice president Sandra Smith moved to approve AAUW Maryland's affiliation with the following organizations:

MLAW, \$75 – Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women

MCASA, \$100 - coalition against sexual assault

Women's Caucus, no cost

The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Judy Flood distributed a report. At this time, the President's name needs to be changed on the checking account. All branches have received information about liability insurance and were encouraged to get it. Expense forms were attached to her report. She asks that forms be submitted electronically as able, but she will accept forms by mail as well. Expenses paid during 2015-16 are in the memo. She was pleased to announce that the three state meetings did better than break even, and no category of the budget was overspent. She distributed a proposed budget for 2016-17. Mikalide moved that we accept the proposed budget for 2016-17 as outlined by Flood, with a second by Bea Danes. The motion carried.

New Business

The Archives are behind. The last deposit was made in 1996. If you have been a president or officer for the state, please contact archivists Terry Saylor or Teri Bisceglia.

A donation was made last year to the Maryland Women's Heritage Center to enable the publication of "Images and Expressions, Women in the Arts". Copies are available for those present. Also, contact Bea Danes to receive additional copies to distribute to local schools, and other appropriate programs.

Smith encouraged attendees to meetings and other gatherings to call her. She may be able to book hotel rooms through her private business. She will donate any commission received to the branch.

Reminders were made to complete the evaluations and return nametags.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

