

AAUW MARYLAND 76TH STATE CONVENTION BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2018
Catonsville, Maryland
CCBC Campus

The 76th Annual Business Meeting of the American Association of University Women Maryland was convened on April 14, 2018 at 11:34 am by President Eileen Menton. Co-State-Secretary Heather Reichardt read a roll call of branches. Credentials were reported by Diane Roca as follows:

11 of 14 branches represented
28 Branch delegates
7 members of the State Board of Directors
6 past State Presidents
0 Corporate representatives
1 National member

This constituted a total of 42 delegates, and a quorum was declared.

The Convention Rules as printed in the Convention Booklet were adopted by unanimous voice vote.

The minutes of the April 8, 2017 convention were referred to and approved by the appointed reading committee. A copy appears in the convention booklet.

Readers appointed to approve the 2018 Convention minutes are Diane Roca of the Howard County branch and Raluca Rosca of the College Park branch.

Pat Stocker, member of the Nominating Committee, reported the following officer nominations for the 2018-2020 terms:

Kate Campbell Stevenson and Susan Wierman – Co-Presidents
Tracy Lantz and Nora Putt – Co-Vice Presidents for Programs
Bea Dane – Funds VP
Eileen Menton – Vice President for Communications

The following officers continue in the second year of their two-year terms:

Christine Schmitz – Treasurer
Mary Anne Williams and Heather Reichardt – Co Secretary
Carol Mueller – Vice President, Membership
Erin Prangle – Vice President, Public Policy

The Nominating Committee for the 2019 nominees are to be selected from Baltimore, College Park, Gaithersburg, and Kensington-Rockville Branches.

Menton asked for further nominations from the floor. Hearing none, nominations were declared closed. Because it was an uncontested election, the nominees were elected by unanimous standing vote.

Menton announced that the officer installation would follow after the lunch break/speaker.

Mention announced the following meeting dates:

- May 26 – Board conference call or transition meeting (TBD)
- July 21 – Summer Leadership Conference – Harford Community College

New Business

1. Comments on new dues? No major comments were made on the dues increase proposed by National organization.
2. BYLAWS – PROPOSED CHANGES TO NATIONAL BYLAWS:
 - Extensive discussion was facilitated by Menton regarding the three ByLaws changes that are up for a vote at the National AAUW organization.
 - Many members voiced opposition to the proposed changes with compelling arguments about how AAUW has operated for so many years under the current ByLaws. The changes to be voted on include:
 - i. Implementing staggered 3 year terms for National Board Members
 - ii. Allowing non-members on the national board
 - iii. Allowing members that do not meet the current educational degree requirements
3. All members received emails regarding the ByLaws vote as well as information in the printed version of the Outlook magazine, if received.
4. No national convention will be held in 2019, as would be the regular schedule (bi-annual). The next national convention will coincide with the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in 2020.
5. The national AAUW annual meeting is open to all members. It will be held in Washington, DC AAUW HQ on Sunday, June 10 at 9am (Menton to confirm). Pause for lunch – 12:36.

Additional announcements:

Katherine Hill presented greetings from the MD General Assembly Women's Caucus and a thank you from Delegate Ariana Kelly. She thanks AAUW Maryland for assisting with the sexual harassment bill, which got out of committee-a major step in the process.

Erin Prangle – Vice President Public Policy for AAUW MD discussed the great amount of participation and volunteer time that was provided by Maryland members during the legislative session including handing out policy booklets, testifying at committee hearings for our policy priorities. Six of the bills passed through the assembly. One has been signed by the Governor as of today. Six bills did not pass.

Public Policy Dates to consider:

- May 4 – Gubernatorial candidate forum at the Frederick Hilton Garden Inn
- May 21 – LWV Silver Spring Library – Legislative Wrap-up

- April 23 – Voter Education session at Gaithersburg High School
- June 5 – Last day to register or change party affiliation
- June 26 – Primary election day
- October 16 – Last day for voter registration for general election
- November 6 – General election

Pat Stocker announced that Donna Shalala is running for Congress in Florida; asking for checks for \$20.18. She is an AAUW advocate.

3:09pm – Business meeting reconvened

Pat Stocker –

- Proposed possible motions on bylaws change – her board wanted to mention to their votes on these issues.
- There was no interest by other members in taking up a motion on that topic.

Susan Wierman – convention announcements included request to fill out the evaluation and return name tags. She thanked the sponsors which are mentioned in the convention booklet and recognized those members who passed away this year. The silent auction raised \$725!

Bea Dane – Funds announcements included 20 tickets available for the Woman of Distinction event on Friday, June 1 at College Park – starts at 5:30.

Final credentials report by Diane Roca:

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Officer Installation - Dian Belanger presented a speech on AAUW Leadership and officiated the ceremony.

Outgoing President Menton asked those present to join her in thanking the officers completing their terms and those continuing their terms.

The 76th Annual Meeting was adjourned at 3:31pm.

The Baltimore Branch committee was recognized for their efforts in organizing an outstanding convention.