



**AAUW Maryland 78th State Convention
Minutes of Business Meeting
May 26, 2020
Meeting convened via Zoom**

1. Call to Order and Procedural Determinations:
 - a. Meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by Kate Campbell Stevenson, who welcomed the large group of participants and thanked Diane Roca and Eileen Menton for coordinating the first state Zoom convention.
 - a. Roll Call of Branches: Eileen Menton confirmed attendance.
 - b. Adopt Convention Rules: Kate noted that convention rules posted online were adapted for online meetings; in voting, Kate called for abstentions or objections. There were none, there will not be a full roll call. Diane Roca moved to adopt the rules of the meeting. The motion was passed without objection or abstention.
 - c. Credentials Report by Diane Roca: 12 branches represented; 29 branch delegates; 22 state board of directors; 8 past presidents; and 1 national member for a total delegate body of 60. For a 2/3 (two thirds) vote, 40 votes would be needed. For a majority vote, 31 votes would be needed.
 - d. Appoint Timekeeper: Mary Anne Williams was appointed timekeeper; 2 minutes would be allowed for each speaker and repeat speaking allowed only after others had spoken.
 - e. Approve Minutes of 2019 Convention: Minutes of the 2019 convention were posted on the AAUW-MD website. Heather Reichardt moved to approve the minutes. Motion was agreed without objection or abstention.
 - f. Appoint Readers for 2020 Convention Minutes: Kate asked for volunteers to read the minutes; Patricia Maclay and Dorothy Fraquelli volunteered.
2. Officer Elections:
 - a. Nominating Committee Report by Bernadette Low, Chair: In the absence of Bernadette, Kate read the nominating committee report. Nominees' biographies were posted on the website: Erin Prangley, president; Roxann King; public policy co-vice president with Kashay Webb, who was elected last year; Pat Stocker and Tracy Lantz, programs co-vice presidents; Eileen Menton and Susan Wierman, communication co-vice presidents; and Dian Belanger, funds vice president. No nominations were received from the floor, and nominations were closed.
 - b. Election of Officers: Kate asked for any objections or abstentions for considering the full slate; there were none. The ayes carried the voice vote electing the officer slate.

- c. Approved Branches for 2020-2021 Nominating Committee: Kate reported that the traditional rotation of branches on the committee would include: Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Frederick, Garrett County, and Howard County, with Bernadette and Kate as ex officio members. Susan Wierman moved that the participating branches be approved. Motion carried without objection or abstention.
 - d. Remarks by Incoming President: Erin Prangle thanked everyone and briefly described her main objective as president would be to better engage students as members and perhaps as interns, and to fight social isolation via technical means, such as Zoom
3. Officers' Reports (all are posted on the AAUW-Maryland website):
- a. Treasurer's Report: Christine Schmitz noted that all expenses are within the 2019-2020 budget and asked that anyone having expenses should submit them for payment before the end of the fiscal year. Combined checking and money market account balance on May 22 was \$40,089.78. Christine explained the proposed budget includes a smaller number for dues income in 2020-2021, and money for a fall conference but not a summer conference. She also noted the actual dues number for 2019-2020 is likely not correct. She believes some dues money has not yet transferred to the State from AAUW National as certain Branches may not have that option set, yet, in the Membership Database. Kate stated that the report is received; a vote is not required at this time.
 - b. Report on Fundraising: Bea Dane, vice-President for funds, thanked members for the \$67,378 of state donations that have been received for CY 2019 for all purposes. NCCWSL Women of Distinction Ceremony's \$20,000 platinum sponsorship is short about \$8,000, but there was time to collect the full amount because of the 1-year delay in the event.
 - c. Recognition of Contributions by Branches: Bea Dane congratulated the top 5 branches: Baltimore, Kensington-Rockville, Anne Arundel, Gaithersburg and Howard County. In response to a question, Bea also explained that legacy gifts, such as the one by Maryland member Nancy Grace; are not tallied by AAUW for branch or state recognition because they would create a one-year distortion.

Concern was raised that small branches can't compete with the donation amounts from large branches. An explanation was given the listing was meant as a recognition, not a competition. State officers also agreed that per-capita donation levels would be reported as a separate category of recognition.
 - d. Membership Vice-President's Report: Carol Mueller reported that the state had 96%-member retention. Salisbury was listed as a branch but has completed dissolution paperwork and awaits completing the process with AAUW National. The members formerly in Salisbury branch are now active in the Easton branch.
 - e. Public Policy Co-Vice Presidents' Report: Kashay Webb reported on items viewed by the meeting attendees in the web slides and thanked Anita Rosen and Kate for their Women's Legislative Briefing efforts. Successes included many bills supported by AAUW-MD that became law, although several priority bills did not pass. In addition, Maryland and 17 states have enacted laws precluding employer's use of a job applicant's salary history. (Kashay noted that Rebecca Dreisbach helped with this legislation.) The public policy team plans to make health parity a Maryland AAUW issue in light of the ongoing Coronavirus impacts.

Anita Rosen noted that the number of bills passed was exceptional given the unique circumstances this year. She proposed increasing advocacy for older women more strongly than in the past. Kashay agreed to add this policy topic.

- f. Report of Communications Vice President: Eileen Menton stated her appreciation that Susan will be joining the communication effort. She also noted the AAUW-MD paid Zoom account, which allows larger groups and longer meetings, and would be available for branches' use. Eileen offered help to branches for revising links to national programs that changed with the new AAUW website. She encouraged branches to share their news for the state newsletter.
4. AAUW Board of Directors' Report: Eileen reported that all AAUW staff are now and will be working from home at least through September. All would be off Friday afternoons. Informative webinars were archived and available to membership at *2020 Vision* and *Equity Network web pages*. Of note, an AAUW member wrote the book that is the basis for the movie "Mrs. America."

Erin requested Eileen to ask AAUW to provide a work-around for AAUW election ballots that don't arrive by email.

Eileen agreed to report on the multiple concerns about the new website navigational difficulty and poor organization. Another concern expressed was that the new website does not provide material to copy or reproduce for handouts; Carol Mueller offered to share handout material that she has.

5. Program Committee's Report and Plans for Upcoming Programs: Tracy Lantz reported great summer 2019 and fall 2019 conferences. The program team that includes Pat Stocker and branch members had lined up excellent speakers for the cancelled AAUW-Maryland Summer Convention and fall meeting. There were plans to reschedule the celebration of women's suffrage and to offer June or July online programs and meetings.

Virtual happy hour Zoom meetings were suggested as opportunities for people to interact and catch up with others without an agenda. Tracy and Pat will explore this. The program team thanked Jacki Gray for her hard work on diversity programs and for arranging for Dr. Yvette Myrick as the MD Woman of Distinction.

6. New Business: No new business or announcements were offered.
7. The next board meeting will be scheduled in the next 6 to 8 weeks and will include installation of officers.
8. Co-Presidents, Kate and Susan, thanked all attendees and Pat Stocker thanked our outgoing co-presidents.
9. Kate adjourned the meeting at 9:07 pm.

Submitted, Edith Allison, secretary