

AAUW Maryland 80th State Convention and Annual Meeting

March 26, 2022

The morning program began with Zoom greetings from AAUW CEO, Gloria Blackwell. Sara Morning Collina provided the keynote presentation, "Title IX: where have we been, where are we going" and Nancy Hogshead-Makar talked on "Leveling the Playing Field"

Minutes of AAUW Maryland Business Meeting, Part 1

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1. **Call to Order:** After a short break following the program, President Erin Prangley called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.
2. **Declaration of Quorum:** Edith Allison, Secretary, called the roll of the branches and reported that 9 of 12 branches were represented, which meets the requirement for quorum.
3. **Credentials Report:** Roxann King reported attendance of 47 persons, but asked for a delay in reporting the full delegate tally until the numbers were confirmed. This report was provided after lunch.
 - Attendance included:
 - 9 Branches represented
 - 31 Branch Delegates
 - 16 State Board of Directors
 - 0 College/University Representatives
 - 0 National Members
 - 47 Total Delegate Body
 - For a 2/3 (Two thirds) vote, 31 votes are needed (2/3 of 47)
 - For a Majority Vote 24 votes are needed (1/2 + 1)
4. **Adopt Convention Rules:** The President reported that the convention rules were provided to members before the meeting and asked for their approval. Eileen Menton so moved. There was no discussion, and the rules were adopted unanimously.
5. **Nominating Committee Report:** Kate Campbell Stevenson, chair of the nominating committee, thanked committee members, Tracy Lantz; Jacki Gray; and Pat Stocker for their service on the 2021 - 2022 nominating committee. The committee submitted the following nominations for officer positions for the 2022 – 2024 term.
 - Tracy Lantz, Anne Arundel and Kensington-Rockville Branches, for President
 - Bea Dane, Howard County Branch for Vice President for Funds
 - Jacki Gray, Baltimore Branch, and Heather Reichardt, Gaithersburg Branch, for Co-Vice Presidents for Programs
 - Erin Prangley, Kensington-Rockville Branch, and Susan Wierman, Baltimore Branch, for Co-Vice Presidents for Communications
 - The following officers continue in the second year of their two-year terms:
 - Roxann King and Debby Chessin, Co-Vice Presidents for Public Policy
 - Christine Schmitz, Vice President for Membership
 - Edie Allison, Secretary

- Carol Mueller, Treasurer
- The Members of the nominating committee submitted the following nominations for the 2022 - 2023 Nominating Committee:
 - Ruth Spivak- Kensington Rockville branch,
 - Dorothy Fraquelli - Baltimore branch,
 - Jeannie Parr- Howard County branch, and
 - Bernadette Low- Harford County branch.

Erin thanked the nominating committee, then announced that the floor was open for additional nominations. No additional nominations were submitted.

Erin stated that since the election was uncontested, there would be a standing vote for the entire slate. The vote unanimously approved the entire slate of officers and nominating committee members.

Erin invited the participants to join in thanking Eileen Menton and Tracy Lantz who are completing two terms and Dian Belanger, Pat Stocker, and Erin Prangley who are completing one term. At 1:26 Erin recessed the meeting until 2:30 p.m.

6. Business Meeting, Part 2

The President called to order the second session of the business meeting of the 80th AAUW Maryland Annual State Convention at 2:37 p.m.

7. Final Credentials Report, Roxanne King reported:

- 9 Branches represented, including:
 - 31 Branch Delegates
 - 16 State Board of Directors
 - 0 College/University Representatives
 - 0 National Members
 - 47 Total Delegate Body
 - 55 Total Available Votes for Election of Officers
- For a 2/3 (Two thirds) vote, 31 votes are needed (2/3 of 47)
- For a Majority Vote, 24 votes are needed (1/2 + 1)

8. Appointment of Tellers and Timekeeper:

Erin appointed the following tellers: Margery Sullivan and Jeri Rhodes. The appointed timekeeper is: name

9. Minutes of 2021 Convention:

Erin reported that the minutes of AAUW Maryland's 2021 Convention were prepared by Secretary, Edie Allison, read by Dorothy Fraquelli and Margery Sullivan, and distributed to the board members by email. A copy was also provided in each

person's convention booklet.

Edie moved that the minutes be approved as written. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved by voice vote.

Erin appointed Margery Sullivan and Bernadette Low to be readers of the minutes of the 80th Convention and business meeting.

10. Officer and Committee Chairs Reports

- **Presidents Report:** Erin stated that it has been a pleasure and honor to serve as president, and said she appreciated the help given by supportive members, making her tenure a wonderful experience.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Carol Mueller, Treasurer, referred participants to her report, which includes the receipts from the tea honoring Pat Stocker. She also reported that dues receipts are currently down, which is not unexpected because they are not due until July. In addition, this conference's finances are only partially recorded in the report.
- **Funds Report:** Dian Belanger, Vice President for Funds, provided highlights from her Funds report, which was submitted before this meeting. For 2021, members of Maryland branches, including some that had not been heard from for a long time, contributed a total of \$64,107.69, without counting large bequests.

Dian and Erin present certificates to 3 branches making the largest contributions: Howard County, Baltimore, and Kensington-Rockville. The three branches with the highest per-capita generosity were, Gaithersburg branch (third), Baltimore branch (second) and Kensington-Rockville branch (first).

NCCWSL MD Woman of Distinction fund reached its goal of \$20,000 before this convention – AAUW financial accounting had not caught up on donations. During this meeting, the fund received \$1893 from the Silent Auction. Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Kensington-Rockville and Baltimore branches ranked highest for NCCWSL support. For per-capita giving to NCCWSL, Bethesda-Chevy Chase branch ranked third, Kensington-Rockville branch, second, and Baltimore branch, first.

- **Public Policy Report:** Roxann King and Debby Chessin, Co-Vice Presidents for Public Policy, provided highlights from their report. They meet monthly with national and state chairs, and they supported Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women, MLAW, agenda. They reminded attendees that time remained for calls and emails to encourage delegates and senators to support bills. Before the legislative session started, Roxann and Debby hosted a webinar on contacting legislators. They concluded by reminding attendees of the opportunity to bid on

mini-grants.

- **Membership Report:** Christine Schmitz, Vice President for Membership, provided highlights of her report. The version in the convention booklet showed 469 members. However, an update shortly before the meeting showed 475. Christine commended two branches for increasing membership, Bethesda-Chevy Chase (13 new members) and Easton (11 new members). Pat Stocker explained that her campaign to grow members centered on contacting friends and a couple of organizations that she belonged to and inviting these women to a tea.
- **Communications Highlights:** Susan Wierman, Co-Vice President for Communications, noted that the communications report was distributed, and she thanked her co-VP, Eileen Menton, for her valuable leadership with the website and social media aspects of communication and for her historical knowledge of branch, state and national AAUW.
- **Bylaws Revision, Committee Report and Vote:** Diane Roca, Bylaws Chair, noted that the report with proposed bylaws changes was distributed to all members, with time provided for comments and requested edits. Therefore, revisions would not be allowed at this meeting. Diane thanked the bylaws committee members for their help, Janet Wert Crampton, Terri Massie-Burrell, Eileen Menton, Diane Roca and Christine Schmitz.

Diane summarized the changes, and on behalf of the bylaws committee, moved to adopt the proposed changes.

Erin asked if there was any discussion, and she noted that bylaws changes must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those delegates present and voting. There was no discussion and a standing vote agreed to the changes

- **Archives Report:** Terry Sayler, Archives Chair, described Maryland AAUW records that are archived at the University of Maryland, and said she would check on the answer to a question about digital record archiving and get back to us.
- **Diversity and Inclusion Chair Report:** Erin reported that Jacki Gray, Diversity and Inclusion Chair, had completed her service in this position, and no additional report was provided. Erin also thanked Jacki for her hard work.

11. **Installation of Officers:** Erin invited Eileen Menton, a past AAUW Maryland President, and the newly elected officers to come forward for the Installation of Officers.

Eileen Menton, who is a member of the AAUW national board until her term expires this year, started by describing the first annual convention in Baltimore —this is the 80th convention. She then asked each officer if they would accept the responsibilities of their office, which she briefly described. Each one agreed. Eileen announced Tracy Lantz, Heather Reichardt, Erin Prangley and Susan Wierman as installed officers. Bea Dane was unable to be present, but will be installed at a later date

Tracy Lantz and Pat Stocker presented gifts to Erin Prangle and other departing officers with thanks for their work.

12. **Adjourn:** Erin asked for any additional announcements or new business. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to adjourn. Pat Stocker's motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.

Erin declared the 80th annual meeting of the American Association of University Women, Maryland, adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Edith Allison, Secretary