

AAUW-MARYLAND ERA TASKFORCE REPORT

April 20, 2024 – State Convention

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Work of the Task Force: To educate our members and others on what the Equal Rights Amendment says, its history, its current status, and what we can do to move it forward and over the line to be officially recognized as the 28th Amendment.

Task Force Actions Related to Goals: Our work will be limited to these goals and objectives; additional members will be recruited as needed to help on each.

- To get the word out to Eastern Shore members, encouraging them to put pressure on Andy Harris
 1. Member list secured and emails sent to each with action items last fall.
 2. AAUW-Maryland is sponsor of the VoteEquality Tour of the Maryland Eastern Shore, April 17-29. Tracy is a lead advocate for part of the trip. Karina is driver of the RVG for the first leg of the trip and Judy is driver for the second leg. All are on the tour planning committee.
- To publish details on AAUW-Maryland Social Media about ERA related actions.
 1. Judy has been adding some posts to AAUW-Maryland Facebook page.
- To encourage branches to reach out to their area colleges for ERA tabling opportunities and create a Toolkit for them to be able to use, including for presentations if additional opportunities arise.
 1. Susan worked with Roxann to get some meetings with local schools during which to identify tools that might be effective to keep the attention of young people. Setting table appointment was challenging. They worked on a video that their branch might use with young audiences.
 2. Judy presented on the ERA to AAUW Howard County Branch on March 12, 2024, via Zoom.
- To present at NCCWSL on the ERA -- we have been approved and selected!!
 1. Judy is the primary contact with NCCWSL.
 2. Judy and Karina are working on the program outline. Details to follow.
 3. Date/Time: Friday, May 31, 2024, 11-12:00 AM.
- To engage in advocacy work with MERAN (Maryland Equal Rights Action Network) for the Maryland ERA Reaffirming Resolution.
 1. Judy is the AAUW-Maryland representative to with MERAN and worked to move the resolution bill forward.
 2. A rally for the Joint Resolution was held on Lawyer's Mall, Annapolis, on February 19th. It was organized by Delegate Edith Patterson and the Maryland Women's Legislative Caucus. Judy presented the resolution at the rally in partnership with Camila Reynolds-Dominguez of FreeState Justice. Several AAUW-Maryland members attended, including Tracy Lantz.
 3. Joint Resolution Bills: Primary Sponsors are Delegate Edith Patterson (HB01) and Senator Ariana Kelly (HB01). HB01 didn't pass out of committee, but SJ01 did and crossed over to the House. On Saturday, April 6, 2024, after some contentious dialogue and amendments, it passed the third reading in the House and is now on the Governor's desk for signing.

Breaking News!

SJ 1 Passes!

The Joint Resolution Affirming the Equal Rights Amendment passed on Third Reading today, 4/6/2024, in the Maryland House of Delegates and is on its way to the Governor's Desk for signing!

AAUW-Maryland is proud to be one of the 30+ organizational supporters of this resolution which asks Congress to recognize the ERA as the 28th Amendment!

