

**Officer's Annual Reports
AAUW of Missouri
May 2, 2015
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AAUW Missouri
President's Report

May 1, 2015 Board Meeting
Holiday Inn Executive Center – Columbia, MO

Diane B. Ludwig, State President

Activities and Accomplishments since October 2014 board meeting:

- 1) Attended Pay Equity Day in Jefferson City on April 14; spoke representing AAUW and our commitment to pay equity.
- 2) Worked with Marian McClellan to produce Spring AAUW *Missouri in Motion* newsletter.
- 3) Promoted the STAR Award to several smaller branches who typically do not apply and received applications from three of them!
- 4) Received news of the death of former state president Ella Bettinger, who passed away in March 2015.
- 6) Appointed Doris Nistler to complete the term of Renee Hornsby who had to resign due to a job change and relocation.
- 7) Working to fill board positions of Administrative Assistant and Strategic Planning Monitor.
- 9) Worked with Julie Triplett to confirm agenda for State Meeting and Leadership Training for May 2 in Columbia.
- 11) Prepared the program books, certificates and other printed recognition pieces for State Meeting on May 2 in Columbia.
- 12) Worked with Ellen Johnson, Treasurer, to review 2015-16 budget to present to board and AAUW MO members at State Meeting.
- 13) Reviewed all board reports, developed board agenda and send information to board for State Board meeting on Friday May 1; also sent agenda to AAUW National leaders, Linda Hallman, Toni Johnson, and Erica Stout who will be attending the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane B. Ludwig

AAUW MO

Vice President, Program Report

May 1, 2015

Made all the preparations for the Board and State Meetings, including:

- **Met with the Holiday Executive inn to make meeting arrangements and negotiate the contract**
- **Contacted Linda Hallman to be the keynote speaker**
- **Wrote a grant to AAUW for a Leadership presenter for both the State meeting and the Board meeting**
- **Worked with Joyce Katz in developing the registration flier for the State Meeting and the Board meeting**
- **Developed a set of tasks needed for the State meeting and assigned these to volunteers (see the January State Meeting minutes)**
- **Worked with the president in finalizing the program for both the Board and the State meeting**
- **Contacted Jan Scott to play the National Anthem at the opening session**
- **As of today, there are 62 registered for the State meeting and 26 for the Board meeting**
- **Served as acting secretary for the January meeting**
- **Served on the State nominating committee**

St. Louis Metro IBC

We met on February 24th with reps from our 6 branches.

Shirley Breeze distributed a packet of information and reminded us of the options for voting in AAUW's election. She encouraged members to email the speaker of the Missouri House urging him to select Maya Angelou for the Hall of Famous Missourians.

Julie Triplett urged us to attend the state meeting on May 2nd in Columbia.

Debbie McWard facilitated our selection of a student from UMSL to attend NCWSSL on an IBC scholarship.

Ferguson update by the members of the Ferguson Florissant branch. They are coordinating a Women-to-Woman project to connect women owned businesses with the opportunity for a free listing in the Women's Yellow Pages. The FF members make the contact and assist however the business owner wishes.

Spring Fling was a success. Debby McWard was the recipient of the Barbara Lackritz Award. It was held in Forest Park at the Highlands Clubhouse. Over \$200 was raised from attractive theme baskets provided by the branches. Our speaker was Dianne Moran who related the story of Rachel Carson's life.

Our bookmarks came out very nice. They have been distributed to libraries and are available for occasions.

I met with Carol David McDonald and Lynne Roney to review the Star and Galaxy applications. Eleven branches will receive Star Certificates. Three will receive Galaxy recognition.

And I sent that info to Diane Ludwig.

Next IBC meeting May 26th. 2015

Jan Scott, Chair

In July, 2014, the balance in the F. Elaine Richardson Research and Grants Fund was \$12,797. . As of March 31, 2015, the balance was \$26,832, leaving a balance of just over \$8,000 to be raised before grants can be made from this fund! Thank you, Missouri AAUW.

A drawing for 3 days at a home in Bella Vista, Arkansas, will be held at the state conference. Raffle tickets will be on sale before the drawing.

Ardy Pearson

Richardson Fund Chair

To: AAUW MO Board

From: Karen Francis, Public Policy Chair

Date: May 2015

- Jan. 2015 Attended Legislative Retreat
- Dec. 2014- April 2015 coordinated activities for Equal Rights Action Day – April 14, 2015:
 1. Contacted 12 MO women’s organization about participating
 2. Requested names of MO legislators who could be potential speakers at the Equal Rights Action Day- 12 were invited and 8 spoke during the day either at the Legislative Briefing, or Rally
 3. Coordinated the topics for the speakers who represented 8 organizations for the Rally
 4. Acted as moderator for the Rally- approximately 75 attended
 5. Sent thank-you notes to all who participated
- Participated in the national State Public Policy Chairs calls in Jan., March and April and shared ideas with Mo branch presidents about Equal Pay Day activities they could try in their communities.
- Feb. 2015 contacted by Deborah Swerdlow to assist in an upcoming Department of Labor event to be held in Kansas City in Feb.23, 2015- the focus to be women’s economic security roundtable and be attended by Secretary of Labor Perez and U.S. Small Business Administration, Maria Contreas- Sweet. Contacted leaders of women’s groups and shared names of potential participants with National. DOL sent invitations, invitees were vetted and the event was ‘put on hold’ on Feb. 19. I and at least one other MO AAUW were invited.
- Feb, 2015 received request from National regarding ‘good/ friendly columnists on women’s issues’ for an editorial board strategy targeting certain states- MO was one. Contacted AAUW MO leaders through local and state yahoo groups for recommendations and these were sent to Patty Snee at National.

Missouri History Day in Missouri

The event was held on the campus of the University of Missouri - Columbia on April 25, 2015. Again this year AAUW of Missouri presented 3 \$100.00 Special Prizes. The theme this year was "Legacy and Leadership in History".

Judges were Betty Takahashi, Diane Schuller, Fatima Thomas, Kay Meyer and Nancy Hutchins.

The winner for the Jr. Division Performance was Fiona Burroughs. Her title was "Teaching the Unteachable".

For Sr. Division Performance the winner was Lilian Widener. Her title was "Victoria Woodhull".

For the Jr. Documentary Award it was given in honor of Grace Butler, a long time member of the Columbia branch who was instrumental in AAUW providing prizes for this event. The winner was Rubina Thomas. Her title was "The Women's Legacy".

It was an inspiring day for all of us. The judges were great! We enjoyed representing AAUW in Missouri.

In addition to giving certificates, each winner was given an AAUW notecard and a membership brochure.

Betty Takahashi
Chair
Missouri History Day
AAUW in Missouri

AAUW-MO Historian Report

May 1, 2015

Jane Biers

Actions Taken Since January 18, 2015

- Printed and filed newsletters from the following branches: Ballwin-Chesterfield, Creve Coeur, Ferguson-Florissant, Independence, Kansas City, Kansas City-Northland, Kirkwood-Webster Groves, Nevada, and St. Louis.
- Filed newsletters from Parkville.
- Printed and filed directory from Kirkwood-Webster Groves and supplement from Ballwin-Chesterfield and received and filed directory from Independence.
- Printed and filed state financial report, agendas October and January state board meetings, October minutes state board meeting, flier 250 Notable Women, MO 2015 Legislative Retreat Report, flier IBC St. Louis Spring Fling, *Missouri in Motion*, vol. 88, no. 7, Winter 2015.
- Received records from Warrensburg Branch.

To Do

- Sort Warrensburg records and deposit them.
- Complete website project for AAUW-MO history.
- Contact branches that have not yet sent in their directories for 2014-2015.
- Continue printing and filing branch newsletters and directories, *MiM*, state board agendas and minutes of meetings, May 2 AAUW MO state meeting agenda and minutes.
- Compile update to AAUW-MO history since 2010.
- Print and file final version of the Strategic Plan for 2014-2016.

April 28, 2015
Legacy Circle – Missouri
Susan Barley, National Legacy Circle Team

Four new Legacy Circle members have been added to the Missouri list, bringing the total to 18 members.

Shirley Breeze	Ferguson-Florissant Branch
Erlaine Eltomi	Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch
Alyse Stoll	Independence Branch
Toni Thornton	Independence Branch

Legacy Circle pins will be presented to them at the May 2, 2015, state conference.

AAUW-MO --- End of the Year Report, 2014-2015
Patt Braley, Governance
May 1, 2015

During the 2014-2015 term on the AAUW-MO Board, I have accomplished the following:

- Attended the October and May State Board meetings
- Participated in the January conference call
- Conferred with Sue Barley, the previous Governance Chair
- Responded to Bylaws questions from Ballwin-Chesterfield, Joplin, and Kansas City Northland
- Ballwin-Chesterfield branch has completed their bylaws update
- Coordinated with Linda Berube, Parliamentarian, in preparation for the May 2 AAUW-MO business meeting
- Participated in the May 2 State Leadership Meeting

Patt Braley
Governance

To: AAUW MO Board

From: Alyse Stoll and Pam Kulp, Co-Chairs of Incentive Grants Committee

Re: AAUWMO Incentive Grants Final Year End Report '14-'15

Date: April 2015

To summarize the yearly 2014-2015 AAUW MO Incentive Grants activities the following has occurred this year:

1. No Branches applied for the Peg Witt or AAUW MO Reserve Part 2 Incentive Grants
2. Two Branches were awarded grants from the AAUW MO Reserve Part 1-- to attend the State meeting May 2, 2015 in Columbia for a total of \$150.

Ferguson- Florissant Branch received 2 grants
Kansas City received 1 grant.

Again, total dispersed from AAUW MO Reserve Funds \$150

If there is interest in updating information about the grants available, contact the Incentive Grant chairs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alyse Stoll and Pam Kulp

AAUW MO Incentive Grants Committee Co-Chairs

1. The *February 1 Missouri Membership Count for Fiscal Year 2015*, was sent to all state board members. Missouri has 20 branches with 770 members (dual members are counted more than once). Even though Missouri had 73 new members, our net loss was 33 members (2014 = 803).

Missouri's largest branches are Ballwin-Chesterfield (234), Kansas City (99), Independence (58), and St. Charles (52). Four branches have ten or less members: Canton (10), Springfield (9), Jefferson City (8), and Cape Girardeau (4).

2. There are 453 AAUW National members in Missouri. This number has stayed relatively the same for the past few years.
3. On March 27, 2015, AAUW Missouri was notified that the AAUW Board of Directors approved the disbandment request of the Warrensburg Branch. The C/U reps from the University of Central Missouri arranged for the delivery of the branch records to Jane Biers, AAUW MO Historian. They also made sure the balance in the branch treasury (\$91.08) was sent to AAUW Funds.
4. The Missouri Outstanding Member selection committee met in April. As VP-Membership, I was chair of the committee. The president appointed board members Linda Berube and Jane Biers to serve on the committee. Framed certificates have been prepared to present to the honorees at the May 2, 2015 state conference.

AAUW MO Web Managers' Report – May 2015
Submitted by Joyce Katz
May 2, 2015

1. Updated the AAUW Missouri Facebook page with posts and events, mostly referring back to new material on the website.
2. Updated the website and kept it current: current officers, current flyers and forms, explanatory wording to accompany forms, AAUW activity around the state. Transformed flyer material to downloadable formats. Responded to web-related requests from board members.
3. Continued posting events to the rotating calendar.
4. Continued adding to the Missouri in Motion issues archives and the board minutes archives
5. Added branch newsletters to the branch locator page as they were received.
6. Updated Members Only page with 2015 Mission in Action and Galaxy application forms, in particular, and other relevant forms members and the board might need.
7. Created an area marked "What to do now" where members may view current activity (such as the Jefferson City gatherings or registering for events).
8. Updated the Legislative corner with news of new bills and state government activity. Added newsletters from Claire McCaskill and Jill Schupp.
9. Participated in the AAUW Webmasters listserv communications.
10. Communicated with Site Resources (web management company) as needed,
- 11, Managed our account at GoDaddy (domain name administrator).
12. Added Legacy Circle members' names and explanation of the program as a new page under "Join".

- Sent MO Branch Fund Officers a copy of report from National containing branch contributions from 1/1/14 – 12/31/14.
- Kept in touch with Ardy about The F. Elaine Richardson/ Missouri Research & Project Grant.
- E-mailed each Branch Fund Officer the number of Named Gift Honorees they could honor.
- Requested a list of dual members from the state finance officer.
- Requested material from National to place in registration packets.
- Notified branch fund officers of the number of Century Club & Century Club Plus members their branch had.
- Arranged for tables for displays and sales for branches that requested them.
- Requested Branch Fund Officers to send in the names of their branch honorees by March 31. **All** fund officers responded by the deadline.
- Requested name/s of Missouri Outstanding Member/s from the Vice President for Membership.
- Sent an e-mail to Fund Officers that they can receive Named Gift Honoree Certificates at the state meeting. If they cannot attend they are to ask one of their branch members to get the certificates.
- Typed AAUW Fund Honors and Award Information and sent it to Joyce Katz. Joyce did a great professional job and arranged the material in booklet format.
- Diane is printing the certificates to be presented at state meeting.

College/University Chair

April 27, 2015

This has been a year of transition for the AAUW C/U Partnership Program in Missouri. Veteran co-chairs Debbie McWard and Linda Vestal , who had established a strong presence for the program, retired due to term limits. I have spent the year learning more about how the process works and will reflect briefly on “lessons learned,” as well as outline immediate “next steps.”

- Missouri currently has 20 college/university partners in Missouri and one college/university partner in Kansas (Kansas City, KS CC) affiliated with the Kansas City branch.
- Seven branches have college/university chairs
- Strong branch chairs are necessary in order to develop an effective partnership with the College/university representatives. (Case in point: After the KC branch identified a branch member willing to assume this position (Patti Jaciewicz), we have been able to identify two new institutions who will join in the near future (Metropolitan Community College in KC, MO and Avila University in KC, MO.) Patti is also strengthening the ties with UMKC. In St. Louis, the C/U program is strong due to Interbranch work with Deb McWard, and in Columbia, it is strong due to the work of Jane Biers with the University representatives.
- The director of the Women’s Leadership Program at Lincoln University is interested in the program. She approached Ardy Pearson at another women’s meeting and we are in communication now. A follow-up visit to meet her is planned.
- St. Louis Interbranch established a series of guidelines and procedures for the awarding of their NCCWSL scholarship. Then Kansas City used their work as a model for their NCCWSL scholarship guidelines as well. Patti and I gave a C/U presentation at the KC Interbranch meeting.
- The Nevada branch has 34 active Cottey College students. Nevada is very Interested in the Start Smart program.
- Missouri is fortunate that Jane Biers is on the national College/University board.
- The C/U Committee, composed of Deb McWard, Jane Biers, Patti Jaciewicz, and Mary Emily Kitterman, chair, intends to establish a series of conference call meetings in order to develop a more comprehensive state plan. I need to initiate this action.
- Patti and I will work to solidify the KC prospects and secure memberships.
- I need to create a Distribution List for communication with the C/U representatives.

- I have had trouble getting up-to-date pamphlets for distribution. There was transition in the national office for this work but that has now been resolved.

It has been a pleasure to learn more about this work on our college campuses. I am open to any and all suggestions, and I regret being unable to attend the State Meeting in order to have an opportunity to interact with the Board members on this and other topics.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Emily Kitterman
April 27, 2015