

**AAUW MISSOURI STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017 – CONFERENCE CALL**

**List of Attendees:**

Linda Berube, Jane Biers, Shirley Breeze, Suzanne Couch, Marianne Cole Fues, Karen Francis, Ellen Johnson, Pam Kulp, Diane Ludwig, Carol Davis McDonald, Debbie McWard, Doris Nistler, Jan Scott, Sue Shineman, Pat Shores, Betty Takahashi, Julie Triplett and Kathleen Welton.

**Call to Order: Jan Scott, President**

The AAUW Missouri State Board was called to order by President Jan Scott at 1:00 p.m.

Jan welcomed the Board and appointed Shirley Breeze and Pat Shores as readers of today's minutes.

**Quorum: Linda Berube, Parliamentarian**

We have a quorum, 7 out of the 9 voting positions have called in, with a total of 18 Board members present.

**Announcements:**

Kathleen Welton, announced the Kansas City Northland 2-28-17 branch meeting will have as their speaker for Black History month, Cecilia Robinson.

Karen Francis announced a number of member voices were heard on National's proposed bylaws change and members will continue to vote on the public policy program.

**President's Report: Jan Scott**

Presently, she is working on directory and the May conference plans, which will be discussed under Programs at today's meeting.

**Secretary's Report: Doris Nistler**

Amended minutes of 10-15-16 meeting were issued electronically, with no further corrections. Julie Triplett moved that the 10-15-16 minutes be approved, seconded, **Motion Approved.**

**Finance Officer's Report: Ellen Johnson**

Report has been submitted and there is nothing unusual to report. She wants to work on Peg Witt Grant and on Public Policy grant. Jan requested the Finance Report be filed for audit.

**Membership VP Report: Sue Shineman**

From October 15, 2016 Board meeting until recently, there is a decrease of 57 members, but prior to that it was 73 members, so in one month we picked up members. National members increased by 3 in the state. Presidents should be encouraged to reach out to the National members and let them know about branch meetings. The National web site gives information on national members.

## Page 2, AAUW MO Board Meeting Minutes January 28, 2017

Membership report from National as of February 1, 2017, will be sent to Board members. Suggestion when members are lost from branches, branch president send letter to those individuals letting them know they could become National members.

Jan asked if membership officers are using Changing of The Climate theme, which is the theme for our May conference, and if so how are they using it? Sue will check and report. Karen Francis reported a phrase recently used by national, "AAUW is a gender equity advocacy organization", which would go along with helping members in response to questions on what AAUW does. Discussion on "elevator speeches".

### **AAUW Funds: Julie Triplett**

We need to have the branches select their "named gift" member recipients and submit those names for the May 2017 conference. Those selected are for the year 2016.

Discussion on whether we should have a fund raiser at our May conference. It was suggested proceeds go to LAF because our speaker is a LAF plaintiff. We could "pass the hat", or have baskets from branches as raffles. Pam Kulp suggested a "lottery" basket to be raffled.

Julie moved that the direct appeal for LAF contributions be made after the LAF plaintiff speaks, and the lottery board ticket sale proceeds go to AAUW MO, seconded, **Motion Approved.**

Julie will announce and collect LAF contributions, and Pam Kulp will be in charge of the lottery ticket collections.

### **Public Policy: Karen Francis and Pat Shores**

Referred to their 2017 report and suggested review of the variety of activities under the impact grant. Members should be contacted and informed on issues of pay equity in Missouri. Lobby Corp is being formed, training has been conducted, and ready to go to Jefferson City beginning 2-14-17. Our goal this year is to touch base with all congressional members to make them aware of AAUW, our membership numbers and keep pressure on them so they remain aware of our ongoing issues. We need to encourage all members to contact both State and Federal senators and representatives on issues promoted by AAUW, including U.S. Senators who are voting on cabinet positions.

Multiple emails are sent out on public policy issues and the question is are they being forwarded to the membership by the branch president or public policy person? This needs to be done to raise visibility on issues of public policy.

Equity Action Day is Tuesday, April 4, 2017. We will have speakers focusing on pay equity issues and buses will be arranged from both sides of the State; more information will be sent later.

### **Page 3, AAUW MO Board Meeting Minutes January 28, 2017**

Two bills have been filed in the house and one in the senate about pay equity and we have asked our people to contact the legislature regarding passage of these bills.

#### **VP Programs: Jan Scott for Nicky Stanke**

Nicky Stanke is absent today, but refer to her recent report and draft schedule of our May 6, 2017 State Conference. Julie suggested as member of national LAF committee she introduce the LAF speaker and make the appeal for the LAF donation. Nicky would like to show the movie, "Equal means Equal", after the Friday night Board meeting. Suggestion was Friday board meeting be scheduled from 2 to 5, then have dinner and see the movie. The movie would also be available to others who might want to join us.

We do not have information on costs, but Jan will talk to Nicky about costs and budget for conference, as we should have a budget sometime before mid-February. Costs are voted on by Board, and Jan will advise the Board and request voting via email.

#### **College/University Report: Debbie McWard**

Trying to get individuals from NCCWSL to participate at conference, which is either the week before or week after finals, so students will be difficult to obtain for that period. Discussion on bringing in younger people for the conference who have attended past conferences, or who are past NCCWSL participants. Letter sent to CU reps asking if they have any information on past attendees. But, once they leave college, students lose the "edu" email and become more difficult to locate. Of interest, we are having a transgender student apply for the IBC NCCWSL scholarship in St. Louis.

#### **Historian: Jane Biers**

Refer to her January 26, 2017, report and review for any missing items. Wants annual or final reports from branches, but does not archive mid-year or branch minutes. Newsletters and directories are submitted from some branches. Annual or final report is needed from IBC.

#### **Missouri History Day: Betty Takahashi**

The next Missouri History Day is April 29, which will be held at the library in Columbia. The Missouri History Chair complimented the AAUW judges, and we have the judges ready. Everything is looking good for Missouri History Day 2017.

#### **Branch Incentive Program: Pam Kulp**

They are waiting for the costs of State Conference to determine the grant to send two new members to the May 6<sup>th</sup> State Conference. Board granted approval for Independence Branch and it is requested that Sue Shineman, Branch Project Chair, be allowed a time slot at the May conference to share events with others at the state meeting.

Discussion: In the past, a display has shown what the grant recipients achieved, but a time slot for a report given at the conference will be considered.

## **Page 4, AAUW MO Board Meeting Minutes January 28, 2017**

### **Governance/Bylaws: Marianne Cole Fues**

Bylaws are due by January 31<sup>st</sup>, next Tuesday. St. Charles, Cape Girardeau and Kansas City ready to send their bylaws. There are others to look over, but we should be in pretty good shape by next Tuesday.

### **Inter Branch Council: Suzanne Couch/Kathleen Welton**

**Kathleen Welton – IBC Kansas City:** Packets have been issued to re-entry Scholarship Chairs, expected return by mid-March to be judged 1<sup>st</sup> part of April. The date for their luncheon in Lee Summit is Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Suzanne Couch – IBC St. Louis:** Star/Galaxy Awards to be post marked by April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The forms are on the State website, and Jan emailed forms to all the Branch Presidents. Diane has templates for Awards and will prepare the Awards for the May conference.

The Spring Fling is scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>, at Glen Echo Country Club. The speaker is Jessica Woolbright, Children's Program Coordinator at St. Martha's Hall. Reservation forms are on IBC St. Louis web site. The next meeting is Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. at the St. Louis County Public Library Headquarters on Lindbergh.

### **National Liaison Report: Shirley Breeze**

Her report will be sent to Jan, who will forward it to the Board. On calendar, opening date for AAUW paper ballots is April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and closing date is May 4<sup>th</sup>, a small window to request a paper ballot. Deadline for mailing those back is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. There are three pages of notes, including one of positive statements published in December, showing some accomplishments made by AAUW. Sue Barley is the only Missouri candidate running for national office.

### **Missouri in Motion Newsletter: Carol Davis McDonald**

Joyce Katz prints out the newsletter and mails it to branch presidents, but not all of them are forwarding the newsletter to their members. Jan will send out email requesting branch presidents or their communications officer, if they have one, forward the newsletter to their members.

The next issue will have all the information on the State Conference, dates, costs, agenda, and information on key-note speaker, so it needs to go out soon. Also, this issue has to show the names of the State Board nominations, giving written information to the members before the May conference voting. Those who have articles to be included should send them right away, also any pictures. The deadline for submitted items should be February 11, 2017.

### **Nominating Committee: Linda Berube**

Marian McClennan, Kansas City Branch President, has accepted nomination for President Elect, and Secretary is Doris Nistler, who has agreed to be nominated for another term.

**Page 5, AAUW MO Board Meeting Minutes January 28, 2017**

For Program Vice President, she has someone who is considering the nomination, others who have been suggested, and is waiting for someone to accept the nomination.

**Old Business: Jan Scott**

Five of our state branches did not file 990's and are no longer classified as non-profit. (Cape, Springfield, Jefferson, Parkville, Columbia.) Diane advised that the Columbia Branch has filed for paperwork and can be removed from the list.

**New Business: Jan Scott**

Board members going to National Convention are: Linda Berube, Jane Biers, Shirley Breeze, Suzanne Couch, Karen Francis, Ellen Johnson, Marian McClennen, Sue Shineman, Pat Shores, Julie Triplett, and maybe Diane Ludwig.

At the May Conference, plan on the Board meeting on Friday beginning at 2:00 p.m., then dinner and then the movie, "Equal means Equal." Nicky and Jan will be in contact regarding activities, and encourage members who come to the convention to make a new friend.

AAUW "Accomplishments" discussed by Shirley Breeze in her report, could be distributed at the conference as reinforcing our theme of "Changing the Climate for Women and Girls".

We will plan to end the conference Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** No further business, meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

**Doris Nistler, Secretary**