

AAUW MISSOURI STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2016
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

List of Attendees:

Linda Berube, Jane Biers, Shirley Breeze, Suzanne Couch, Karen Francis, Ellen Johnson, Joyce Katz, Diane B. Ludwig, Carol Davis McDonald, Debbie McWard, Pam Myers, Doris Nistler, Jan Scott, Sue Shineman, Pat Shores, Nicky Stanke, Betty Takahashi, Julie Triplett,

Call to Order: Jan Scott, President

The AAUW Missouri State Board meeting was called to order by President Jan Scott at 9:00 a.m. at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri.

Jan welcomed the Board and appointed Suzanne Couch and Julie Triplett as readers of today's board minutes.

Quorum: Linda Berube, Parliamentarian

We have a quorum. There are 9 voting positions, President, VP Program, VP Membership, Secretary, Finance Officer, AAUW Fund, C/U Relations, Communication/Web, and Public Policy, and all are here today, with a total of 18 board members present.

Announcements:

Debbie McWard announced the lunch guests today are Janet Kagoda, NCCWSL scholarship recipient from UMSL, Kathleen Nigro, UMSL. Jan will request Janet to talk at the lunch break. Sue Barley has been invited to join us for lunch.

President's Report: Jan Scott

"Changing the Climate for Women & Girls" was available at the State meeting. Information as to how we identify ourselves and inform others as to what AAUW is about. We experienced tools to use to develop individual elevator speeches.

Secretary's Report: Doris Nistler

Minutes of Board meeting of April 29, 2016, served electronically. Julie moved minutes be approved as amended, seconded. Motion approved.

Finance Officer Report: Ellen Johnson

Financial report as of 6-30-16. Operating fund, \$1,733.06. There was an increase of certain items and more money allowed for an increase in board mileage and expenses. There is \$3000 budget for board expenses and \$1400 spent so far this year.

Discussion on increase of board mileage and reimbursement amount for ink cartridges or other budget items. Current mileage rate is .25 for single member driving, and .30 for 2 or more, and each board member is allowed \$15 per year for ink cartridge. Julie moved mileage be changed to .30 for single driver, and .40 for 2 or more, and ink cartridge reimbursement be changed to

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\$25, seconded. Motion approved. Reimbursement is effective as of today's meeting.

Joyce reminded board there is an Office Depot/Office Max discount card available through AAUW National for printing and copying @ 2 cents a page. Go to National website for this information.

Discussion on reimbursement to board members for overnight housing. Julie moved a committee be appointed to study the impact on funding; seconded, Motion approved. Jan appointed committee members, Ellen Johnson, chair, and Julie Triplett.

Discussion on budget items for other positions, and whether lunch food is paid by board member. Pam reported this facility charges \$30 per person, including guests. Jan requested food for today be paid out of the board budget.

The approved budget is a guideline and we are allowed to go over the budget if fiscally justified and necessary. The President approves the expenditures. Ellen has forms for reimbursement and Jan reminded board that this is the beginning of the year for reimbursement of cartridges.

Program VP Report: Nicky Stanke

Distributed summary of program evaluations of April 30th State conference. This information will be considered as guidelines for next year's conference, Saturday, May 6, 2017. A block of 22 rooms have been reserved at Holiday Inn & Executive Center in Columbia, for the Friday board meeting and Saturday for the conference. \$2900 is an early estimate. Suggestion has been made to delay conference plans until after the November election as to content of the conference as things might drastically change. The theme is Climate Change.

Membership VP Report: Sue Shineman

We have the formal final disbanding of the Creve Coeur branch and disbursement of their funds. Each individual VP Membership officer of the Missouri branches will be contacted in an attempt to relate relevant information from state and national to them. Data base information on these individuals will be obtained from Jan or Ellen.

AAUW Fund Report: Julie Triplett

The second quarterly report should be coming out soon and will be sent to the branches. Fellowships have been announced and the list does not show anyone from Missouri. Mollie Lam is doing an update on Supreme Court decisions on July 19th. Go online to get information, but you have to register for the update.

AAUW Fund includes LAF and EOF and the AAUW Fund report goes to LAF and EOF Officers. National report goes to State Presidents and State AAUW Fund officers who send them out to the appropriate branch officers.

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Communications/Web Manager: Joyce Katz

Web site is being updated, and in the process of updating lists to all Board members. Quarterly Reports of Board members are put on the web site as are minutes from Board meetings. When sending in your report, copies should be sent to the entire board through Yahoo, but if there is a problem, send them to her. Linda Berube suggested financial reports be made available prior to the board meeting and sent to members in both formats, pdf and excel.

Public Policy: Karen Francis and Pat Shores

Pat - "Public Policy Impact Grant Review"; (attached) \$1000 grant for Missouri. The focus of our efforts is passage of the Equal Pay Bill, and Get Out the Vote.

Discussion on how this effort could be accomplished and how individual branches will participate. Star Award application and Galaxy Award updates will include this project.

Equality Day Brunch Saturday, August 20, 2016, current and former AAUW members are being honored. Honorees are Jane Crigler, Darlene Green, Jeanne Kirkton and Ann Ross.

Celebrating the Vote Festival, September 3, 2016, League of Women Voters is the organizing group leading the event; expecting 1000 people. AAUW will have a bus leaving Trinity that a.m. Let Pat know if you are interested. There will be a display table for AAUW. Q. Are there any AAUW members who attended the original festival in 1916? Margo McMillen might know.

Karen – National Public Policy Program Revision: AAUW web site has information on how to submit your comments and suggested revisions of Public Policy Program. It has to be on a national issue, and submitted by July 25th. The Public Policy National committee is to review the comments and submit first draft of revision by the national AAUW Board meeting in September and then put out on web site for members' comments. Final draft will be in January, to be voted on by membership. This is an opportunity for our voices to be heard.

Governor's Letter on sexual harassment in MO schools: National analyzed the reports on issues of sexual harassment from every state and the state agencies in Missouri reported zero percent harassment in 66% of local educational agencies. A letter will be sent Governor Nixon under the AAUW banner regarding this unacceptable report from State of Missouri. Letter will be signed by Jan Scott, Pat Shores, Karen Francis and Lisa Maatz.

Voter ID: We are teaming up with MO Women's Political Caucus, who received a \$2500 grant to work on different voter ID issues. The one we are going to work on is post cards identifying issues of photo ID and its impact.

Karen reported she was honored to have been among those chosen to represent AAUW at the 1st women's White House summit held on the status of women, in Washington DC on July 14th. 5000 people were invited and a number of notable people were present, including President

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Obama and Michele Obama. Pillars of the summit were violence against women, health & wellness, economic empowerment, entrepreneurship and innovation, educational opportunity, specific engagement and leadership.

Nominating Committee Report: Linda Berube

This year the nominating committee will nominate a President Elect, VP Program and a Secretary. The committee is open for suggestions.

Historian: Jane Biers

Rewrote the history section for the web site. Quarterly board reports are not archived, which means the board member annual report is important as it does go into the archives. Board member can use the last quarterly report as the annual report.

Branch Incentive Program Report: Pam Kulp/Alyse Stoll (both absent)

Jan read their report as follows: Recent Committee Activity since state meeting: 1) MO state website has updated new forms/procedures for Incentive Grants; 2) We will be sending to all state branches a hard copy via USPS of our new procedures/guidelines. A cover letter will be included to express our encouragement/help to all branches to take advantage of these funds.

Missouri History Day Report: Betty Takahashi

Referred to her board report and brought an article from Missouri Times on AAUW sponsorship. Each high school is encouraged to get their students to do a history project. If they win, they get to go to the regional. It was interesting to see the topic on women's history. The reason we didn't have three winners this year is no one applied for the documentary.

College/University Report: Debbie McWard

Nothing further beyond her July 16th report. Attached to the report is the AAUW College/Partner member list for the State of Missouri.

Strategic Plan Monitor Report: Diane Ludwig and Jan Scott

At the last conference we learned that we are changing the climate for women and girls and have a new way to talk to people about who we are and what we do. Question and discussion on what "climate" means. Diane stated that it really should be Continuing to Change the Climate for women and girls. There are many things available from national and we need to work with branches to encourage them to use these resources which national has made available to them.

The committee, Jan and chaired by Diane, will review and advise the board of any needed changes to the Strategic Plan.

Inter Branch Council: Suzanne Couch, IBC St. Louis (Kathleen Welton, IBC KC, absent)

Working toward developing ideas for IBC programs and branch participation. She is co-chairing

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IBC with Karen Francis – this year Suzanne, and next year Karen. Information they obtain will be shared with IBC, KC. St. Louis IBC has a web site and minutes of their meetings are posted.

National Liaison: Shirley Breeze

Extra copies available for “Solving the Equation” and “Barriers and Bias”. Hand-outs are Calendar, National voter registration day, 9-27-16. Reverse of calendar is the AAUW election calendar. National Summer Update shows the address of national’s new headquarters, reverse is new graphic for 2017 for National convention. Equality Day Brunch. AAUW Resources, which has useful information and discusses what we do, and includes a list of AAUW big issues.

Thanked everyone who helped her at the conference.

Board members are encouraged to consider serving on a national committee. Diane suggested board encourage Sue Barley to run again for office. Board consensus was to send a letter of encouragement to Sue from the MO Board.

Missouri in Motion Newsletter: Carol Davis McDonald

Deadline is usually the week after the board meeting, but ASAP. Suggestions on Articles: impact grant; encourage members to apply for a national committees, and ID those who are presently serving on national committees; regional conference review; save the date May 6, 2017, State conference; request for nominees for state board; article on the incentive program.

Old Business:

Diane - Star Award & Galaxy Award revision. Suggested committee to review and have Joyce send it out to members. Directory includes criteria for applications. Julie, Suzanne and Nicky will be the committee and send revisions to Joyce for posting.

Board thanked Pam Myers for arranging refreshments and lunch for today’s Board meeting.

New Business: Jan

Board Meetings: Saturday, October 15th 10:00 a.m. at Hy-Vee Columbia
 Saturday, January 28, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m. – Conference call
 Friday, May 5, 2017 – Columbia, Holiday Inn dinner & Meeting
 Saturday, July 15, 2017, - location to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Doris Nistler, Secretary

