

2017 AAUW CONVENTION RECAP

It was a great meeting-with great speakers, presentations, and announcements.

The new board is

Julia Brown, Board Chair

Peggy Williams, Vice Chair

Directors:

Joanna Amberger

Sue Barley

Janet Bunger

Melody Jackson

Melissa Johnsen

Dot McLane

Leah Sakacs

Cheryl Sorokin

Mardy Stevens

Mary Zupanc

Appointed Directors

Karen Kirkwood

Eileen Menton

Susan Nenstiel

Members had the highest voting percentage since voting was changed to one -person-one-vote: 11.49 Percent.

All the Public Policy changes were approved, as were the two resolutions.

All the bylaw proposals were approved except for the two on membership changes and the one reducing the quorum; bylaw proposals need a two-thirds positive vote for approval.

The new CEO, Kim Churches, was welcomed; she was very visible throughout the convention.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor, NPR Co-anchor Judy Woodruff, and well-known research authority Celinda Lake were notable speakers.

Several hundred women “stormed” the hill to lobby for Title IX and college debt reduction. These women met with all the senators (or their staff) and a great number of the House members.

Attendees had the opportunity to visit the new AAUW offices, which have the latest in communication technology and bright, airy work spaces.

Announcements:

The next national convention will be held in three (not the normal two) years in conjunction with the celebration of 100 years of women gaining the vote.

A new fund raising effort, Champions for Women and Girls, will be organized.

An elegant dinner was provided to Legacy Circle members to thank them for naming AAUW in their estate planning.

Several sessions dealt with AAUW’s realigning priorities.