

AAUW of Wisconsin
Annual Business Meeting
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
April 21, 2018

President Stephanie Malaney called the meeting to order at 8:19 am. She welcomed everyone to the AAUW of Wisconsin 98th Convention and thanked convention chair, Michelle Prosek, and the members of the planning committee: Katie Williams, Carol Surges, Deb Wolff, Angela Sarni, Lynne Frank, Jacky Morgan, Kari Bogdan, Janet Nortrom, Nancy DeCono, Mary Mindham, Jean Lauterbach, Barbara Nazur, Anne Lehman, Alethea Biles, Lyn Hildenbrand and Mitzi Dearborn. The past year has been busy with branches getting their Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation updated to national's requirements. Some branches have also been working to get their 501(c)4 status in compliance. More branches are having websites.

Guests: Past AAUW of Wisconsin Presidents: Betty Pontius, Cheryl Anderson, Joyce Hoffman, Ann Gustafson, and Dido Nash. National AAUW Board Secretary Cheryl Sorokin was also present.

Roll Call of the Branches: Branches attending the convention are Appleton, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Fort Atkinson, Geneva Lake, Green Bay, Janesville, La Crosse, Lake Country, Milwaukee, West Suburban Milwaukee, Monona-Madison, Oconomowoc, Racine, Northwoods, River Falls, Sheboygan, Tomah, Watertown, Wausau, and West Bend. There were 21 branches out of 27 with a total of 127 members. President Malaney declared a quorum.

Parliamentarian is Alethea Biles.

Adoption of Business Meeting Agenda: Judy Goodnight, Appleton, moved to adopt the business meeting agenda as printed. Seconded by Ruth Maschmeier, West Bend. The motion was adopted.

Adoption of Convention Rules: Sara Ramaker, Green Bay, moved to adopt the convention rules as printed. Seconded by Janet Nortrom, Milwaukee. Motion passed.

Minutes of the 97th Annual Meeting in Neenah, WI: The minutes of the 97th Convention were approved by acclamation having been read by a committee of five representatives, one from each district. The readers were: District 1 - Beverly Dahl, Fort Atkinson, District 2 - Janet Nortrom, Milwaukee, District 3 - Cindi Larsen, Racine, District 4 - Mary Hayden, Eau Claire, District 5 - Lucy Harvey, Wausau.

Readers for the 98th Annual Meeting Minutes: District 1 - Cheryl Anderson, National and State Member; District 2: Alethea Biles, Milwaukee; District 3 - Pam Christensen, Geneva Lake; District 4 - Mary Hayden, Eau Claire; District 5 - Faye Binsfeld, Appleton.

Financial Report: Diane Lau, Finance VP updated the convention booklet's January 31 finance report to reflect Quarter 3 ended March 31. Lucy Harvey, Wausau moved to accept the modified report, and Betty Pontius, Appleton, seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Leadership Report: Joan Schneider, Leadership VP reported we gave two \$500 NCCWSL scholarships. This year's recipients were Foong Min Wong (Eau Claire Branch) and Kathryn Draper (La Crosse Branch). All nominees were outstanding. Judges Nancy Schulz and Vicki Huffman were thanked.

Membership Report: Judy Goodnight, Membership VP, reported that, despite the overall recruiting of 185 new members to branches in Wisconsin, our official count of members dropped to 1,746 from the 2017 total of 1,798. Goals for the next year include working with the smaller branches to reverse membership losses and to continue recruiting Wisconsin national members to join at the state and/or branch levels.

Fund Development Report: Vicki Huffman and Jane Doughty reported that any funds raised from the raffle basket will go to the LAF fund. Appleton Centennial fund has been completed and the Racine Centennial fund is on track.

Nominating Committee Report: The proposed slate of officers were presented. A motion was made to approve the nominated slate of officers by Joan Schneider, Appleton. Seconded by Roberta Rohdin Killian, Geneva Lake. Motion carried.

Slate of Officers for 2018-2019:

President Lyn Hildenbrand
Program VP Donna Weidman
Finance VP Joyce Gregg
Fund Development Mitzi Dearborn

There being no other nominations from the floor, the slate was elected.

Nominating Committee for 2018-2019:

District 1 Delores Zimmerman, Monona/Madison Branch
District 2 Jean Krueel, Milwaukee Branch
District 3 Sharna Ahern, Geneva Lake Branch
District 4 Deb Thiel, Tomah Branch
District 5 Dido Nash, Wausau Branch and past president

A motion to recess the business meeting at 10:21am until 2:45 pm was made and passed.

Business meeting reconvened at 2:45 pm.

Public Policy: The Public Policy statement was printed on pages 27 & 28 of the convention booklet. Motion to accept the Public Policy Statement was made by Janet Nortrom, Milwaukee and seconded by Joan Schneider, Appleton. Motion passed.

STEM: Jeanne Tondryk, Oshkosh, will be the new STEM Coordinator. She has applied for the Tech Savvy grant. Appleton and Oshkosh branches have provided a Tech Savvy event for four years. AAUW Foundation has been created to give programs like Tech Savvy 501c3 status so funds can be raised.

Resolutions: no resolutions were presented.

Membership Awards: Membership VP Judy Goodnight presented Growth Awards to the following branches:

Branches with less than 50 members: Tomah (4 new members)

Branches with 50-99 members:

Third Place – La Crosse (10 new members)

First Place (tie) – Milwaukee Inc. (13 new members) and River Falls (13 new members)

Branches with 100+ members:

Third Place – Appleton (19 new members)

Second Place – Racine (28 new members)

First Place – West Suburban Milwaukee (38 new members)

Legacy Circle Report: Ann Gustafson, River Falls, and member of the National Legacy Circle Team presented the Legacy Circle Report. She explained that AAUW members become members of the Legacy Circle by making a planned gift to AAUW. National Legacy Circle members are presented the Legacy Circle pin as a symbol of the member's generosity and commitment to the future of women and girls. Ann presented Stephanie Malaney with her Legacy Circle pin and welcomed her as the 16th Legacy Circle member from Wisconsin.

Appreciation was given to 2017-2018 State Board Members:

President Elect Lyn Hildenbrand

Leadership VP Joan Schneider

Membership VP Judy Goodnight

Program VP Donna Weidman

Finance VP Diane Lau

Fund Development VPs Vicki Huffman
and Jane Doughty

IT Manager Christine Yeager

Badger Briefs Editor Mary Zanto

Public Policy Chair Juliet Steitzer

STEM Chair Dee Dee Jacobsen

College/University Partnerships Chair

Shirley Ann Metcalf

Historian Connie Russell

Resolutions Chair Joyce Hoffman

District 1 Coordinator Maggie Winz

District 2 Coordinator Mitzi Dearborn

District 3 Coordinator Roberta Rohdin
Killian
District 4 Coordinator Kathy Peterson

District 5 Coordinator Nancy Schulz
Administrative Assistant Kathy Salm
Convention Chair Michelle Prosek

Installation of Officers: Past President Joyce Hoffman conducted an installation of the 2018-2019 officers.

Introduction of 2018-2019 State Officers and board members

President Lyn Hildebrand
Leadership VP Joan Schneider
Membership VP Judy Goodnight
Program VP Donna Weidman
Finance VP Joyce Gregg
Fund Development VP Mitzi Dearborn
IT Manager Christine Yeager
Public Policy Chair Stephanie Malaney
STEM Chair Jeanne Tondryk

College/University Partnerships Chair
Shirley Ann Metcalf
Nominating Chair Kathy Salm
Historian Connie Russell
District 1 Coordinator Maggie Winz
District 2 Coordinator Michelle Prosek
District 4 Coordinator Kathy Peterson
District 5 Coordinator Christine Ebert
Administrative Services Coordinator
Nancy Schulz

The Badger Briefs, Convention Chair, and District 3 Coordinator positions were not yet filled.

Fund Development VPs Vicki Huffman and Jane Doughty reported that the total amount of funds raised at convention for LAF was \$5,000.

New Business

Resolutions Chair Joyce Hoffman presented a resolution commending the Convention Committee for a job well done.

Call to 2019 convention - April 26 - 27, 2019, District 3 (Decision made after annual meeting to hold the convention in Lake Geneva)

The 98th annual meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Salm, Administrative Services Coordinator 2016-2018

Revised on 7/14/2018 by Nancy L. Schulz, Administrative Services Coordinator 2018-2020