

## **Indiana AAUW Board of Directors July 27, 2007**

Members present – Jean Amman, Treva May, Phyllis Thompson, Sharon Schafer, Barbara Kanning, Deb Romary, Susan Trout, Mary Lou Thomas, Carroll Parsons, and Barbara Wellnitz.

Members absent – Marjorie Souers, Kay Depel, Janice Greene, Jane Allerton, Marsha Miller, and Beth LeRoy.

The summer board meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Jean Amman. Susan Trout was introduced as the volunteer to complete the Treasurer's term.

Sharon Schafer moved to accept the minutes of the April 27, 2007 meeting and Barb Kanning seconded. Passed.

The agenda for the meeting was accepted as presented.

Deb Romary outlined plans for the Summer Retreat at Butler the following day. There are 35 registrants.

Barb Kanning announced that the 2008 State Convention will be held May 10 at Ball State in Muncie. The Muncie branch will act as hosts.

Jean gave suggestions on how the Association theme of "Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security" can be carried out:

- Pay equity (Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, etc.)
- Lifelong learning
- Public policy initiatives – College Cost Reduction Act, etc.
- Technological literacy
- New LAF report on Civil Rights investigations of campus sexual harassment complaints
- Imagining Ourselves partnership platform

Mary Lou gave the membership report. The Lafayette branch is preparing bylaws. Abby Hunter, an engineering grad student, is organizing the group of about 20 women most of whom are associated with Purdue. She can be reached at [ahunter@purdue.edu](mailto:ahunter@purdue.edu). Their first focus will be sexual harassment. Phyllis and Mary Lou have personally visited with them.

Mary Lou presented the financial report as she has been serving as Interim Treasurer. So far, 15 of 18 branches have paid with the whereabouts of Fort Wayne's check unknown as it was inadvertently sent to the previous treasurer. Mary Lou will follow up on this. Valparaiso, Indianapolis, and Muncie have not yet remitted. An outstanding bill for mailing the Spring newsletter still needs to be paid. As of June 29, the state accounts had the following balances:

- Checking account – \$3,411.58
- Savings account – \$5,730.50
- CD (2 month) – \$5,304.82

Deb Romary moved we accept the Treasurer's report and Barb Kanning seconded.

Phyllis announced Indiana was awarded Platinum status in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Recognition program. Four of the five states in the Great Lakes Region received this award. It is unknown at this time how recognition will take place going forward.

Phyllis also announced that Indiana received the 2006 LAF Top Ten Fundraising Award for State and Branch Contribution Growth over the Previous Year. Lauren Kammik is the new LAF Director at the Association level. We have assisted more than 100 plaintiffs with over \$1.3 million.

Kay Depel will be selling two different size AAUW labels for EF.

The cost of the newsletter remains our largest expense and so far the editor has been unable to find a cost-effective and reliable way to publish it electronically. A decision was made to publish only three issues during this fiscal year. These would be:

- Fall with a Sept. 15 deadline
- Winter with a Jan. 15 deadline and State Convention focus
- Summer with a May 15 deadline and Summer Retreat focus

Board members and branches need to send Janice articles for the newsletter prior to the deadline. There seems to be a problem with new members and those with membership-type changes (especially to honorary status) seem to drop off the Association mailing list and therefore get no mailings from either Association or the State.

Only Fort Wayne submitted an entry for the newsletter contest and Andrea Tarbot (editor) will be recognized tomorrow.

Jane Allerton will retain the appointed position of Administration and Communications.

Carroll Parsons, Diversity Coordinator and Educational Equity, reported the Women Work conference will be in October at Marten House, Indianapolis. The exact date is unknown at this time.

Our state bylaws are outdated as is our policy sheet. Barb K. and Phyllis were asked to revise the policy sheet. We will need to wait until bylaw changes come from Association in 2009 to incorporate those but we still need to review ours for needed changes.

Marsha Miller, webmaster, emailed all board members requesting each to send her updates (mmiller24@indstate.edu) to their respective pages on the website. Each branch has a page on the website and branches need to be sure Marsha has the latest information.

Jean announced the offices of Branch Consultant /Area Coordinator and C/U Representative are unfilled at this time. The Area Coordinator would facilitate networking among branches. Jean is entertaining volunteers and nominees for each.

There was no Lending Library report.

Sharon Shafer, International Relations, is gathering names of potential speakers to share with branches and the state.

Treva is collecting articles and other branch news as our historian and she asks that members please send materials to her. She also needs the names of new members so she can send each a handmade star.

More young women need to be encouraged to attend the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) and we need to find a way to get the word out. Association also needs to publish the information much earlier to assist in planning, fundraising, and finding applicants.

Board meetings for the upcoming year will be held:

- October 27, 2007 in Fort Wayne
- January 12, 2008 as an online chat room
- March 29 in Muncie
- May 9 in Muncie (prior to State Convention)
- July 25 in Bloomington (prior to Summer Retreat)

Branch consultants were appointed for each branch in the state, most of which are the same as last year. Jean suggested we keep the same area branch clustered partners and the board agreed.

The time line was completed and nearly all dates have been incorporated above. A separate document contains the entire list and will be published on the website and in the newsletter. The Summer Retreat will be held July 26 in Bloomington. This is the first year that Indiana University has been a C/U member.

EF and LAF donations should be sent directly to Association. If they are being sent to the state liaisons, they need to be sent to the respective liaison by December 1.

Jean appointed the Theme Team for this year – Barb Kanning, Marge Souers, Deb, and Phyllis. It is programmatically oriented and its members receive extra information from Association.

Mary Lou presented the budget which was adopted, after some modifications and much discussion. Phyllis moved for adoption with Sharon seconding.

The board discussed and agreed on 5 goals for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wellnitz, Secretary