

## **Indiana AAUW Board of Directors October 24, 2009**

Members present – Andrea Tarbet, April Lidinsky, Barb Kanning, Beth LeRoy, Deb Romary, Janet Brewer, Jean Amman, Mary Lou Thomas, Phyllis Thompson, Sharon Langlotz, Sharon Schafer, Susan Trout, and Barb Wellnitz.

Members absent – Agnes George, Jane Allerton, Marsha Miller, and Treva May.

Barb Kanning called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed April Lidinsky to the board replacing Kay Depel as Director of Membership.

Minutes – Andrea moved to accept the July 18 minutes and Beth seconded; accepted as submitted.

Finance report – The financial report shows receipts of \$7721 and disbursements of \$6429.58 with a checking account balance of \$7706.99 and a savings account balance of \$11,224.34. Susan's report will be filed for audit. The savings account will be kept as is for the time being since preservation of capital rather than growth is primary now. Susan and Deb are watching this for future opportunities.

Directory/Resource Guide – Barb K. has extra copies with her and Jane can email parts or all of it if requested.

Bylaws – Jean revised the Indiana Bylaws as needed to conform to Association Bylaws. Jean led the board through the bylaws with changes as follows:

- The term Educational Foundation is not to be used – AAUW Funds is preferred and includes both EF and LAF.
- Reference to the delegate system is removed.
- Articles I, II, III, and IV cannot be changed.
- Article IV. Section 2 – Dues – a. notice to members about a dues change to be voted on at an annual meeting. Jean moved and Phyllis seconded a 30-day notice. Passed.
- Article V stays as printed.
- Article VI. Section 1 – Officers – a. director(s) of AAUW Funds will now be elected rather than appointed.
- Article VII. Section 1 – Composition – change to director of international relations/diversity, change to director(s) of AAUW Funds, remove legal advocacy fund liaison and issue chair. Section 5 – Quorum – The quorum for a meeting of the board of directors shall be a majority of its members present.
- Article VIII. Section 4 – Quorum – add 'present' at the end.
- Article IX. Section 1 – Standing Committees – delete 'Development' from Program and add 'Resolutions'. Delete the rest of the last sentence.
- Article X cannot be changed.
- Article XI. Section 1 – remove 'Policies for' and 'Dues' will stand alone. d. insert 'state' between annual and dues and delete 'of \$7.00'
- Article XII. Section 2 – Voting Body – change 'person' to 'state member'.

- Article XII. Section 3 – Quorum – delete ‘delegates representing’ and change ‘the branches’ to ‘state members’.
- Article XIII cannot be changed.
- Article XIV cannot be changed.
- Article XV cannot be changed.
- Article XVI cannot be changed.

Barb K. thanked Jean for the huge effort of revising the bylaws to conform to Association’s and bring them up-to-date. Jean moved we recommend the bylaws be adopted as amended above to the state membership at the annual meeting/state convention. Phyllis seconded. Passed. A copy will be sent to Association.

Barb K. will send the state bylaws just revised, the model branch bylaws and a cover letter written by Jean to each branch president. Reminders about EF and LAF monies which need to be sent to Mary Lou and Phyllis, respectively, will be included. All materials to go into this packet need to be to Barb K. by November 7.

Jane has sent copies of the Resource Guide to those branches not attending the August meeting so each branch now has two copies. No changes to contact information have been received.

Public Policy Action Grant – Sharon L. will get information on this directly to the public policy person in each branch and to the branch president if they don’t have a public policy representative. Her plans for this grant to promote \$tart \$mart workshops will be included in the mailing to branches. IUPUI has a trained facilitator and is planning a workshop for November. Association has brochures about this and Sharon will order some for use in Indiana.

Barb K. announced Jean Amman was honored with distinction for educational leadership and advocacy for women by Ball State University. The board congratulated Jean.

Program – Deb announced the spring state board meeting will be on Friday, April 23 at the Indianapolis Sheraton just west of the Fashion Mall/Keystone at the Crossing. Saturday, April 24 will be the state convention/annual meeting. Suggestions for presenters at the convention were discussed. Ways to promote attendance at the convention need to be determined in order to attract as many members as possible. Barb K. would like to see ‘plants’ in each branch to promote carpooling and offering rides to others. We could also open the meeting or parts of it to other women’s organizations depending on the main speaker. Working in showing a clip of the movie *A Powerful Voice* was discussed as well.

The Richmond branch is sponsoring an open house/conference on Tuesday, March 9 at IU-East and is requesting the state’s assistance with resources (speakers and recipients of AAUW monies, and media outlets). Deb and Andrea will try to help find appropriate speakers. Andrea would like to compile a list of potential speakers to offer to other branches. Jean has a list she and a Michigan woman compiled at a Regional Conference several years ago and will share that with Andrea.

Membership – a new Affiliate Agreement needs to be signed by each branch and the state. These were sent to the membership person in each branch by U.S. mail. These are

to be signed by the presidents and mailed to Association. Membership incentives were discussed. Member-at-large (MAL) lists will be forthcoming from Association which April will share with branch membership people. Branches should invite nearby MALs to attend at least one meeting to hopefully interest them in also joining the branch. Marsha, Janet, Patricia Couch, and April can share ideas about online branches.

EF – Mary Lou announced we've sold 96 tote bags – \$1425 deposited, some bags are out on consignment and she will follow up on these. She has 22 on hand – 1 green, 5 pink, and the remaining black. This week she will send the money to Association giving credit to the appropriate branches. This turned out to be a successful project. The new contribution forms do not separate the particular funds to which donations can be designated. Deb and Andrea checked the AAUW website and determined that funds not listed are no longer available for donations. Barb W. moved and Janet seconded that the proceeds designated for EF from the tote bag sales (\$7per bag) go to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. Motion passed.

Legal Advocacy – Phyllis handed out LAF information, contribution forms, and information about an upcoming Title IX webinar concerning that Program in a Box. Contributions to AAUW Action Fund are used for advocacy and therefore are not tax deductible. All other contributions are tax deductible.

International Relations/Diversity – Discussed the idea of having NCCWSL attendees at the state convention – the two we sponsored this year are at Franklin College which would make their coming to convention fairly easy. Sharon L. will write up some information and send it to the branches encouraging them to attend the November 13 program in Indy about May Wright Sewall.

Branch Consultants – Beth has contacted each branch to remind them of the consultant program and branches should contact their consultant inviting her to attend a meeting. Consultants should email Beth about branch visits.

Lending Library – The board needs to help Agnes publicize the wealth of materials in the library and encourage members to borrow them. Consultants can help reinforce this and perhaps even help with the transfer of materials. Each branch should have a copy of the bibliography.

Historian – Barb K. reminded members to send all relevant materials to Treva for the state archives and Treva will still write letters to new members so we should be sure she gets the information.

Newsletter – Janet reported only one newsletter returned so far from the last mailing so our mailing list is getting much cleaner. She recommended that future newsletters be incremented in 4-page segments to make printing and mailing easier and cheaper. The state convention and legislative issues will be the focus of the next issue and suggestions were made as to what could be left out of this one issue to keep the page count at 4 – board info, timeline. The front page will highlight the convention and registration form should be on page 3 so the member's name and address are on the back. Barb K. wants to include each branch's name, contact person and email address in the next issue to encourage inter-branch communication. She will work with Marsha to be sure the information is available online rather than published in the newsletter. We need to make

better use of the state website. Unfortunately, links from the Association site go to old branch member lists from the state website. We need to make better use of electronic communication rather than sending so much printed material. Janet should include the entire nominating committee list with contact information in the next issue. The offices for which nominations will be sought are president, director of membership, and director(s) of AAUW Funds. Deadline for this issue is February 1. We need to recognize branches who publish either electronic or printed newsletters.

Timeline – updates: Feb 1- Bulletin deadline; Mar 2 – Torchbearer Awards dinner; Mar 27 – board meeting at Anderson Library; Mar 30 – NCCWSL applications due; June 3-5 – NCCWSL; July 17 – board meeting (South Bend/Elkhart area); Aug 21 – summer meeting. Discussion was held whether to have the all-day summer board meeting at a separate time and not in conjunction with the summer meeting. Last year when these events were separate the attendance at both went up. Barb W. will again coordinate a table for the Torchbearer Awards dinner so those interested in attending should let her know.

State Convention – Andrea and Deb will work with Chris Greene of the Indy branch on any site arrangements/issues such as the time of the Friday board meeting, room reservations/blocking for Friday night.

New Business –

Deb and Andrea will write a congratulatory letter to Elinor Olstrom on her Nobel Prize.

Job description updates will be addressed at the March board meeting so members should get theirs from the AAUW website.

Muncie would like to change their branch name to Muncie Area AAUW. Beth moved and Sharon S. seconded this change and it passed.

Jean read a thank-you note from the two Franklin College women we helped send to NCCWSL and they are interested in setting up a student branch at the college.

The next board meeting will be an online chat room on Saturday, January 9 at 10:00 a.m.

Barb K. adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wellnitz, Secretary