

**AAUW of Virginia**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Wytheville, Virginia**  
**April 9, 2011**

Caroline Pickens called the 86th Annual Meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.. She introduced the AAUW guests and the past presidents.

**Announcements:**

1. State meetings are required annually, and this is a one day only annual meeting. The meeting will be brief and will only consider business items necessary for this year.
2. The 2011 meeting is a transition from the delegate system to the one member/one vote system. Each attendee can vote at this meeting. A 2/3 vote is necessary to adopt any bylaw amendment or to elect new officers.
3. The minutes review committee will be Ann Sauberman, chair, Kristin Moyer, and Sherry Warren.

**Motion 1:**

Secretary Ann Sauberman moved that the minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting be approved. The motion carried.

**Registration Report:** Program Vice President Anita Aymer announced that the registration for the Annual Meeting of 2011 is 120 members representing 23 out of 29 branches.

**Finance Report:** Finance Vice President Mary K. Johnson stated that the finance report is on pages 3-4 of the meeting booklet. The state will file the report for the audit. Each attending branch will receive the \$100 rebate.

**AAUW Funds:** AAUW Funds Chair Mary Swain presented her report which is on pages 5-6 in the booklet. The amount of money each branch raised and their Names Honored are listed.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Toni Seidelmann, chair, announced the candidates: Sally Sledge (Norfolk), membership vice president; Nancy Thompson (Reston-Herndon) finance vice president; and Ann Johnson (Smith Mountain), secretary.

**Motion 2:** Mary K Johnson moved nominations be closed. The motion carried.

**Motion 3:** Toni Seidelmann moved that the slate of officers be elected. The motion carried.

**Bylaws Committee:** Enid Housty ( Hampton) explained the need for a bylaws change to determine a quorum that would be necessary for voting on state business in order to accommodate the one member/one vote requirement. The Bylaws Committee members of Enid Housty, chair; Peggy Stotz (McLean Area); Jennie Sue Murdock (Roanoke Valley); and Marcia Shelton (Roanoke Valley) recommend a 7% quorum as reasonable. The quorum is the number of votes cast necessary for the vote to count. It needs to be set low enough to ensure enough members will vote.

**Motion 4:** On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, Enid Housty moved to amend Article XV, Section 3 of the State Bylaws, Quorum. Strike the current wording "A quorum shall be a majority of the voting body, provided that a majority of the branches are represented" and insert "A quorum shall be seven percent of all members of AAUW of Virginia in good standing." A two-thirds vote is required to adopt a bylaw amendment. After a brief discussion, the motion was voted on and was adopted.

**The State Annual meeting 2012-** DeAnn Lineberry, Southeast District representative, announced that the 2012 annual meeting will be held at the Newport News Marriott on April 20-22. On Saturday Rita Dove, former United States Poet Laureate, will be honored as our recipient of the Woman of Achievement award. She is the first African American woman to be Poet Laureate and is a professor at the University of Virginia. The Newport News area has many attractions and will be a very welcoming and interesting site for an annual meeting.

**One Member /One Vote Task Force Report** The committee consists of Jane Newell (Greater Richmond), chair, Peggy Gross (Alexandria), Elizabeth Lipscomb (Lynchburg), Betty Humphreys (Norton-Wise), and Mary Kate Black (state membership vice president). It is a complicated and costly process giving each member the vote. It will involve postage and a method to count the votes. At the April 2012 meeting there will be an election of officers, bylaw amendments, and the 2012-2014 Public Policy Priorities. A report by the task force with recommendations was distributed. There are approximately 1400 members who will have a vote, which will be without discussion or amendments if the vote is held before the state meeting. An alternative suggested by the task force is to notice the business to be voted on in the Spring *AAUW Vision* with the voting to occur immediately after the state meeting. This would allow discussion and amendment at the annual meeting before the actual vote. The attendees were in favor of this process. Voting would take place by paper ballot or online. The latter is most secure and saves time if the ballots are online. The state could piggy back on the national AAUW process as members will have used that system for the national convention of 2011. An alternative is to use a professional balloting service. There will be at least a \$2.00 cost per member for all-member voting. The state has cut costs this past year by decreasing the issues of the *Vision* from four issues to three and by holding one state board meeting by free conference call instead of meeting in person. It is a strong possibility that dues will need to be raised from the \$8.00 it has been for 20 years. Kitty Richardson applauded the members for discussing raising the dues. Eleanor Shubinski-Mosser raised the question of how long \$2.00 will be enough, especially since postage will be increasing. It was suggested that by 2015 the state might use only online voting. It is estimated that currently 93% of the members have e-mail.

**Announcements:**

1. The lunch speaker is Dave Kirkwood, member of the AAUW Board of Directors.
2. Raffle tickets are being sold for prizes at the dinner.
3. Contributions for the Lilly Ledbetter fund will be collected at the meeting. At the national AAUW Convention there will be a surprise presentation, honoring Lilly Ledbetter for her role in pay equity. Each state that contributes \$500 will have the state's name on the plaque. Also, if an individual contributes \$500 for the Lilly Ledbetter fund, she or he will be invited to the reception at the national convention.
4. Theresa Merkel discussed the need for volunteers at the national convention. Volunteers get a free lunch and a discount on their registration fee.
5. Neola Waller announced that the national Breaking through Barriers campaign has earned more than \$1 million through gifts and pledges. A gold pin is awarded for a \$1500 contribution and a silver pin for \$500.
6. Toni Seidemann announced that the Smith Mountain Branch offers bed and breakfast for a getaway. The earned money is donated to the AAUW Funds.

The annual meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Ann Sauberman, Secretary