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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

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St. Louis Delegates Vote for Change

Delegates to the 2009 AAUW national Convention on Saturday, June 27, after a three-hour business meeting, approved a form of the new AAUW Bylaws. Most of the discussion centered on membership requirements.



Most of the Virginia delegation to the 2009 convention in St. Louis

Delegates were invited to write their feelings, pro and con, on posters, or indicate their agreement with colored stickers. The delegates voted to replace the proposal to remove the degree requirement and return to the wording on membership

from the 2007 Association Bylaws adopted in Phoenix. This, and the final vote, was by card vote as both voice and standing counted votes were indecisive.

In other business, the delegates passed motions to increase the number of directors-at-large from seven to ten, while the number of appointed officers and directors will drop from six to three under the new bylaws, which will go into effect on July 1, 2009. The amended board composition will go into effect for the 2011–13 biennium. The amended bylaws passed by a large majority. The "one member, one vote" proposal was not amended and passed as part of the bylaws package.

Branches continue to be the basic unit of AAUW, although there is more flexibility given for a branch's governance structure. No branch (or state) is required to change its current leadership structure if it works well and meets the needs of the branch. Elsewhere in this Vision you will find a questionnaire regarding the state structure which See Bylans on Page 3

Vision Cut to Three Issues a Year

The State Board voted in August to reduce the number of issues of the *Oirginia Oision* from four to three per year in order to help balance the state budget. While the cost of publishing four issues has risen (like everything else), the state dues have not changed since 1991, according to Mary K. Johnson, Virginia Vice President for Finance.

Some form of the newsletter has been published since 1931. However, it was not until 1934, that it was mailed to every member in the state, according to Neola Waller, AAUW of Virginia Historian. Concerning the matter of cost and frequency of publication, Neola said, "When I read our history, I am always impressed by the fact that we face the same difficulties today that our predecessors did." With this new constraint, we will continue to make the "Vision" an informative and interesting part of the Virginia AAUW experience.

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From Your Co-Presidents

Greetings to all members across the Commonwealth!

We hope you had a great summer and are looking forward to another year of exciting AAUW programs and events. The branches are impressively planning their year's schedules. Each of the four districts in Virginia isholding a district meeting in October – please attend! On the state level, we had a Leadership Conference on August 1 (a brief report is in the next paragraph) and are looking forward to a fantastic convention April 23-25. The state board is busy working on projects for this year and hopefully there will be much communication between branches and state board members.

The fifty plus women that attended the summer Leadership Training in Fishersville reported a great day on their evaluations. Our morning speaker, Dr. Brenda Bryant from Mary-Baldwin College spoke on change and how important our attitude is in making successful transitions. Caroline Pickens, State Parliamentarian and national bylaws committee chair, reported on the voting in St. Louis and the resulting changes to AAUW's structure and organization. Jennie Sue Murdock, state bylaws and resolutions chair, addressed the changes that will be forthcoming to branch and state bylaws. Networking among branch officers in like positions and District meetings were also most rewarding.

Your state board has developed an every member survey that is in this Vision and will be sent electronically to all branch Presidents to forward to their individual branch members. You may submit your survey either by mail or electronically – we are looking forward to your feedback.

2009 National Recognition

Top Ten Branch and State Fundraising awards are AAUW's highest branch and state honors and Virginia has been recog-





Dianne Blais and Laura Wimmer

nized for our generous contributions that clearly demonstrate the commitment of the AAUW of Virginia to the mission to break through barriers for women and girls. We have received notification from the Association that AAUW of Virginia was recognized in five areas for 2009: Sixth place in the Top Ten contributors to all of AAUW's program areas through State Per Capita Giving in Combined Support and seventh place in the Total State Giving in Combined Support; sixth place in Total State Giving to the Leadership and Training Institute and eighth place through State Per Capita Giving to the Leadership and Training Institute. We also achieved tenth place in the top ten advocates for laws and policies that are fair to women through Total State Giving to AAUW. Linda Hallman, Executive Director, sent the certificates and letters which will be shared with the state board at our next meeting and with everyone at state convention next spring.

Our thanks to all our 1500+ Virginia members who give of their time, energy and money so that AAUW can continue to be a leading champion for women and girls.

Congratulations!

We welcome invitations to branch and district meetings - hope to see you this year!

Dianne and Laura

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Bylaws Changes Highlight Convention in St. Louis

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you are requested to complete and return to the address given on it. The survey may be found on Page 8.

Virginian Caroline Pickens, left, serves the national organization as

chair of the Bylaws Committee, and was in charge of the bylaws discussion. Delegates also approved the bylaws of the AAUW Action Fund. The purpose of the fund is to support and advocate for legislation, policies, and procedures related to women's equity and

education. The delegates also approved the related proposed amendments to the Massachusetts Charter of

AAUW. This is necessitated to keep educational foundations donations as charitable deductions while allowing AAUW to continue to lobby.

New officers at the national level are: AAUW President: Carolyn Garfein; AAUW Vice President: Gail Nordmoe; AAUW



Virginia Co-President Laura Wimmer, Bylaws Chair Jennie Sue Murdock and delegate Carmen Garrido.

Directors-at-Large: Kathleen Cha, Alicia Hetman, Connie M. Hildebrand, Patricia Ho. Jackie Littleton, Betsy McDowell and Linda Tozier, all of whom were elected by the membership, and appointed directors, Kathy Anthon, Marcia Capriotti, Millie Hoffler-Foushee, David Kirkwood and Krys Wulff. Lilly Ledbetter, the inspiration for the recently passed Equal Pay act, (above right, with Virginia delegate Nancy MacKenzie), was a very popular keynote speaker, and later raised money for the Educational Foundation by signing autographs.

Representative Jackie Speier, (D-CA), an AAUW member, was the banquet speaker. At the banquet, Bedford County Branch was recognized for recruiting the highest percentage of new members for a branch, 48.5 percent.

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(Virginia Bylaws Chair Jennie Sue Murdock and AAUW press services contributed to this article)

State Board Approves Balanced Budget

the board passed the budget for the 2009–2010 year. All members of the board were very diligent and once again we have a working budget that does not require a raise in state dues. The dues for the state have remained at \$8 since 1991. The plan is to be very cautious and use the balanced budget as our road map for this year.

Our balance on hand July 1, 2009 was \$3,500.54. We have investments of \$23,847.41 which we will not use to fund our operating budget this year.

Receipts including the cash on hand, dues and interest from the checking account are expected to total: \$19,023.88.

Disbursements including board meetings and travel, insurance, and grants are budgeted for \$19,023.88. We are planning to have a checking account balance on July 30, 2010, of

At the AAUW of Virginia Board meeting on August 2, 2009, at least \$3,500. Dues are not charged by AAUW of Virginia for Honorary Life Members or student members.

> If you would like more information, or a detailed budget, please call or email me.

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(Editor's Note: In order to achieve a balanced budget, the board voted to reduce the number of issues of Oirginia Oision from four to three. The cost of printing and mailing the publication to all members in the state is the largest single item in the state budget. It is presently impractical to cut the mailing list to only members without internet access, an option that was suggested.)

Fishersville

Transition Sets Theme for Summer Conference

The theme of the Leadership Conference in Fisherville August 1 was Leadership in Transition. Dr. Brenda Bryant was keynote speaker. Dr. Bryant, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Life/Dean of Students at Mary Baldwin College, began the first Women's Leadership program for female cadets as well as the Women's Institute for Leadership in Virginia. . Her Power-



branches to download from the AAUW of Virginia website at http://www.aauwofva.org/leadership.ppt

The 54 members from around Virginia attended and took part in district meetings, counterpart sessions, two member-

ship features, and were given an update on 2010 convention.



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Caroline Pickens, Virginia parliamentarian and AAUW Bylaws chair, Jennie Sue Murdock, Bylaws chair for AAUW of Virginia, and state Co-President Laura Wimmer reported on the Convention in St. Louis. Caroline discussed the outcome at the National level. Jennie Sue spoke on the effect Convention decisions may have at the

Branch level. Laura completed the discussion with identifying areas that may affect Virginia. As a result of these discussions, the Board is issuing a short survey to determine whether the State Board should be redesigned to fit a lean, agile organization model.

Mary K Johnson, State Treasurer, and Mary Kate Black, Vice President of Membership, gave short presentations on using the online membership for easy, quick member registration. Mary Kate noted membership growth, and some decline, throughout the State, but she is very optimistic about potential growth. Co-president Dianne Blais gave a short demonstration on tools in the Membership Showcase. Branch representatives are encouraged to use these tools to stay in touch with events at National and to learn of activities in branches around the country.

Ercell Binns, Northern Virginia District Representative and

Point presentation, Leadership in Changing Times, is available for co-Chair of the 2010 State Convention, showed a five minute clip of Iron Javed Angels to hone in on the theme of 2010 State Convention, New Horizons. Ercell discussed programs planned for the three day convention, April 23 – 25, 2010, at Fair Oaks Hilton in Fairfax.

> The next leadership conference is scheduled for 2011. Nina McGarry, Former Vice President for Program 703-395-7354, nmcgarry@gwmail.gwu.edu

Bylaws Revisions Due October 31

Branch presidents received a memo from AAUW in July from the Bylaws Committee Chair Caroline Pickens. This memo was forwarded a second time to Branch Presidents in late July by Jennie Sue Murdock, AAUW of Virginia Bylaws Chair, and distributed at the Fishersville conference. It outlines the mandatory changes that are to be made to branch bylaws and forwarded to the State Bylaws Chair by October 31, 2009 (send to Jennie Sue Murdock 2724 Fletcher Street, Salem, VA 24153.j or jswfmurd@verizon.net.)

Branch presidents are also requested to send the name and email address of the Branch Bylaws Chair to Murdock.

These mandatory changes are editorial, do not take a vote of the members, and can be made in less than an hour, provided your Branch Bylaws are on the computer. After October 31, 2009, branches can make substantive bylaws changes to meet their specific needs. Model branch bylaws may be found at http://tinyurl.com/mgs8w5. Four members of the state bylaws team are available to assist branches in their districts: Enid Housty (Hampton Roads), Mary K Johnson (Northern), Marcia Shelton (Southwest), and Leslie Purtlebaugh (Northwest).

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Membership Matters

Bedford County Takes Top Honor at Convention

Congratulations to the **Bedford County Branch** for being one of the Grand Prize Winners at the AAUW Convention in St. Louis.

Through the "Member-Get-A-Member Campaign" from June 16, 2008 to June 15, 2009, the Bedford County Branch

recruited the highest percentage of new members for a branch. We are very proud of them for getting new members into their branch, and for joining the



"Member-Get-A-Member Campaign." The very best way for our Virginia branches to keep our numbers strong is to share the passion of belonging to AAUW with friends and colleagues.

You can find many resources and membership campaigns to help you take the mission of AAUW to your branch meetings if you log on to the AAUW website with your ID number. You can find a Program In A Box, or you can visit the International Corner and read all about AAUW partnering with CARE and the "Women Empowered Project."

The restructuring of AAUW at the national level not only adds flexibility to our branches, it gives everyone the task of making sure that all women have a fair chance. The new bylaws allow you to function without required officer positions only to have an administrative and a financial contact person from your branch. Remember - Membership is Everyone's Job! Dues remain at \$49 - \$46 of which is tax deductible. Set up a

Mini Grant Applications Online

In an effort to raise awareness of the AAUW mission for equity for women and girls at the local level, AAUW of Virginia State Board is offering financial assistance to four branches (reduced from 10 because of budget constraints) for projects in the areas of membership retention, new member recruitment, and mission-based programming. The board hopes this effort will encourage and promote membership drives and enhance branch programs involving the community. Timeline for Project is August 15, 2009-May 30, 2010.

Proposals Accepted until October 15, 2009. More information and application forms available online at http:// www.aauwofva.org/minigrants.htm

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membership table at your branch meetings throughout the year with a "Join Today" poster. If a potentially new member has an AA degree or higher, she can join on the spot for halfprice association dues - \$24.50. State dues are \$8.00. Don't forget our students - Student Affiliates may join for \$17.00 (\$8.50 if they join at a Shape-The-Future event). AAUW of Virginia does not charge state fees for student. If they attend one of our College/University Partners institutions - then their membership is free. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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Public Policy

Plan to Lobby, Be Active Take Action, Make Change

I am looking forward to meeting the Public Policy chairs for the Virginia branches at STATE LOBBY DAY on Wednesday, January 27, 2010. All other interested AAUW members and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

If your branch doesn't have a public policy chair, please try to fill the position and have them notify me so that they can get e-mails.

We will meet at the Women's Legislative Round Table Session 9 and 10 a.m. The League of Women Voters runs a meeting every Wednesday while the General Assembly is in session. Information on the Round Table sessions can be found at the League's website: http://irginia.va.lwvnet.org/ calendar.html. Information about the December 2, 2009, LWV Women's Legislative Roundtable Pre-Session Meeting is also available on their website

After the roundtable, we anticipate a briefing on two or three bills in an area of concern to AAUW and to meet with the Education and Health committee members in both chambers and with our individual legislators.

We will join members of the Women's Legislative Roundtable for lunch. If you are planning to attend the State Lobby Day in January, please e-mail or phone Lorena Thorne Bruner at the number/address listed below.

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Branches in Action

Arlington Branch continues to support the arts in our community. In May, the branch's Elizabeth Campbell Award for the Advancement of the Arts in Arlington went to Eric Schaeffer for Signature in the Schools program with Wakefield High School. The same week, Signature received



Arts Commisioner Seal with Vivian Kallen and Michele Milden

the prestigious 2009
Regional Theater
Tony Award. Other
branch awards included the Campbell
Award for Outstanding Community
Arts Group to Arlington Independent
Media, while Branch
member Miriam
Miller, received a
Notable Support for
the Arts award for

her work with the Northern Virginia Opera. Branch Awards for Excellence in the Arts in Arlington Schools were also given to two Arlington schools. Our Branch, in turn, was honored by the Arlington Commission for the Arts: We were presented an award by Commission Chair John Seal for "Outstanding, Sustained Support of the Arts in Arlington." This is the first time the Commission has issued such an award.

Past President Vivian Kallen, learning that a former museum space in downtown Rosslyn would be available for a county cultural center, contacted branch members to join her in advocating for the center with the County Board. Kallen and Branch President Michele Milden spoke about the advantages of arts organizations to community. The five-member County Board (two of whom, Barbara Favola and Mary Hynes, are AAUW members) to support the cultural center.

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Ashburn/Leesburg Branch successfully completed our first year as a Virginia branch of AAUW with a potluck dinner in May. Looking back at our initial year, we are proud of what we achieved. We more than doubled our membership; we had interesting speakers; and we had two interest groups meeting monthly. Although we experienced some set-backs (like having our meeting room at ODU cancelled when the university closed its Sterling campus!), we weathered all of the storms. Like any organization, we had a core of members who stepped up whenever a job needed to

be done. Our members have a lot in common and have come to like and respect each other.

This year's events include dynamic speakers such as Renee Fisher, co-author of *Saving the Best for Last: Creating Our Lives After 50*; a tour of Dodona Manor (the home of George C. Marshall); a discussion about the new ERA initiative (now called WEA for Women's Equality Amendment); collecting items for the women's shelter; and continuing our interest groups--Great Decisions and Radical Notions Book Group.

We plan to continue to increase our membership. We hope that members of other branches will attend our events. We have members serving on the planning committee for the state convention next year. We are a strong, new branch, and we look forward to being more involved in other AAUW activities as we develop!

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Bedford County Branch is very pleased with the recognition it received at the state and national conventions for recruiting the highest percentage of new members.

The new Board planned programs for the coming year to augment a new focus on mentoring local young women. The young ladies who are selected will be invited to attend the Membership Tea in September featuring a program on the importance of AAUW. In October, a field trip to the Claytor Nature Center is planned; and the annual Christmas Luncheon and Auction is scheduled for December.

The new Superintendent of Bedford County Schools will be invited to speak at the January meeting in 2010.In March, AAUW members will tour the Bower Center for the Arts to become acquainted with what it has to offer. A panel of local women leaders in government, education and business will be featured at the February meeting. A Health Panel will comprise the April program. In May, the fundraiser, Fashion and Talent Show, with the mentored young women, will be held at the Central Virginia Community College in Bedford.

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Reston-Therndon Area branch closed the very eventful 2008-2009 year with a celebration of the branch's 40th anniversary at our annual June picnic. Ten former presidents participated in presentation of historical highlights.

Planning for the new year includes a meeting with a representative of the Fairfax County Library System to discuss ways the branch can partner with the library on literacy issues. We

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More Branches in Action

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are also looking at ways to expand our partnership with the local chapter of the National Council of Negro Women.

Planning is also underway for the eighth year of our mentoring program at Forest Edge Elementary School and the second year mentoring graduates of this program as they attend Langston Hughes Middle School. We will again join with the Dogwood Elementary School and Lockheed-Martin in hosting the 19th annual GEMS (Girls Excelling in Math and Science) conference for fifth and sixth grade girls.

Our September branch meeting will address the question of girls' progress in math and science since we began the GEMS program and will also include

information on the Mid-Atlantic Girls Collaborative (MAGiC) kick-off conference September 26. Attendees will learn about resources to support STEM educational activities and how to gain funding to create STEM partnerships.

Subsequent branch meetings will address environmental concerns, hear from an Foundation recipient, look at continuing learning programs and continue our joint meetings with the local chapter of the National Council of Negro Women.

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Richmond and Bon Air Branches are very

pleased to report that the vote to merge the two branches was unanimous. Not only did all the voters cast their ballots in favor of merging, but we also heard back from nearly all members of both branches, even those who are quite inactive in branch doings. We are voting now on a name for the merged branch. We'll announce the official name at the Southeast District meeting, which will be preceded by a short branch meeting. We have an exciting year of programs and events lined up and we are looking forward to continuing a 100+-year history of work for equality for women and girls in the metro Richmond area.

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Current and former presidents of the Reston-Herndon Area Branch at the 40th anniversary picnic. Standing, from left, Bea Malone, Irene Schiffman, Karin Formoso, Fran Lovaas, Gail Osberg, Marypat Sampson, Ollie Parrott. Seated, from left, Carol Ward, Carol Hurlburt, Judy Keiler Ornoff, Marilyn Silvey.

Oirginia Beach Braneh surveyed their members for program suggestions in May and received an abundance of ideas. This program year will have a wide variety of speakers and presentations from *Crime Prevention* to *Successful Networking* to *Community Service*. As a special treat, we plan to have a local Foundation Fellow recipient, Sister Mary Agatha Munyanyi present her project at our January branch meeting.

This fall we are planning to bring back our "Bagels and Blue Jeans" membership event, to attract and recruit new members. We will once again hold our annual yard sale as well as our resort raffle, both fundraisers to benefit our local scholarship fund.

Finally we'are hosting a viewing of *A Powerful Noise*, which would be open to the public and gain some visibility for our organization.

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State Lobby Day in Richmond

Wednesday, January 27, 2010 Snow Day: Wednesday, February 3, 2010 Organize carpools from your branch Plan to attend!



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AAUW of Virginia State Board Calendar 2009-2010

OCTOBER 2009

- 1 Call for State Board candidates
 Nominating Committee Chair
- 1 *Oision* Mailed

Morgan/Koehler

- 17 Southeast District Meeting Richmond Southwest District Members
- 17 Northern District Meeting, Arlington Northern District Members
- 17 Northwest District Meeting, Winchester Northwest District Members
- 24 Southwest District Metting
 Wytheville Southwest District
 Members
- **31** Call for bylaws changes and resolutions *Murdock*
- 31 State Board Meeting Richmond

NOVEMBER 2009

DECEMBER 2009

- State Board Nominations to chair of nominating committee
 Branch Leaders/All Members
- **15** EF/LAF funds and reports due to EF/LAF Chair *Branch chairs*

2010

JANUARY 2010

- 1 Bylaws amendments, and resolutions to Bylaws Chair Branch Leaders/Members
- 15 *Oision* articles due to Morgan State Convention Issue
- 27 Lobby Day, Richmond

Thorne-Bruner, All Members

31 Educator / Education Advocate of the Year Nominations to Founda tionChair Branch Leaders

FEBRUARY 2010

- 1 Dues, membership forms sent to Branch treasurers, copy to membership VPs Johnson, Black
- 1 *Vision* mailed

Morgan, Koehler

3 Lobby Day Snow Date

TBA Interim Board/Officers' reports to state co-presidents *Board/Committee members*

- 15 Call for branch reports and state board reports for Convention book.

 Branch Presidents/Board Members
- **18** Dues/membership confirmation to State Treasurer

Branch Presidents

18 Branch voting strength mailing to Branch Presidents *Johnson*

MARCH 2010

- 1 Slate of nominees to branches Nominating Committee
- 15 Board Reports and Branch Reports for Convention Program Book to Blais Board Members, Branch Presidents
- 15 Delegate list to Convention Credentials Chair *Branch Presidents*
- 31 Convention Registration Deadline (cost goes up after 4/1)



AAUW of Virginia Convention 2010

APRIL 2010

- **23** State Board Meeting in Fairfax *State Board*
- 23-25 State Convention in Fairfax All Members

MAY 2010

- **15** Reminder to board about summer board meeting *Blais, Wimmer*
- **15** *Oision* Articles Due to Morgan.
- TBA Federal Lobby Day, Washington DC

Thorne-Bruner, All Members

JUNE 2010

- 1 Roster of Branch Officers due to Association and State President Branch Presidents
- 1 Roster of State Officers due to Association

State Presidents

15 **Vision** mailed

Morgan, Koehler

30 Year-end Financial Statement *Johnson*

JULY 2010

- 1 Branch dues reports due to Association/State Treasurer Branch Treasurer
- **TBA** State Board Meeting:
- 15 President's mailing to branch presidents *State Presidents*

AUGUST 2010

15 *Oision* Articles to Morgan. Emphasis: Kick off program year.

AAUW Campus Action Project

this year will address some of the barriers girls and women face entering and staying in the STEM fields, particularly in physics, engineering, and computer science, where the greatest gender disparities exist. Proposals must be submitted by **October 16**, **2009**. For more information please visit the AAUW website: http://www.aauw.org/education/cap/

AAUW of Virginia Statewide Member Survey

We hope every member will take the time to give us feedback on AAUW of Virginia's activities, events and organizational structure. You may fill out this survey out, tear it off and mail it in to the address at the bottom, or go to http:// www.aauwofva.org for a link to this document in Word format that you can download, fill out on your computer and email or fax, or print and mail in. Please contact one of us if you have questions or need further clarification. Thanks so much for helping us in evaluate the effectiveness of your state organization. Please return before January 15, 2010.

Your state co-presidents Laura Wimmer,LWIM@aol.com,804-496-6124,Dianne Blais,dianneblais@aol.com,703-830-1998
l. Is it worthwhile and of value to the branches and members to have a state AAUW?
definitely agree agree neutral somewhat disagree strongly disagree
2. On a scale of 1-5 with 5 being very valuable, 4 being somewhat valuable, 3 being neutral, 2 being not very valuable, 1 being not valuable at all, please rate specific state activities as to their value to branches and members:
program resources and assistance membership resources and assistance, including new branches state public policy activities and lobbying in Richmond federal lobbying on capitol hill state coordination/information on fellowships and grants and Legal Advocacy Fund district reps as a liaison between branches and the state district meetings international affairs resources and information coordination of the college/university representatives in Virginia branch treasurer assistance Virginia Vision newsletter state convention state leaders meeting AAUW of Virginia web site 3. Due to budget constraints this year we had to eliminate one of the four issues of the state newsletter for 09/10.
Is the Vision valuable enough to you that you would be willing to pay a modest dues increase in the future so that we can return to having quarterly issues? YesNo Maybe 4. Have you attended a state convention in the past? Yes, many times Yes, once No
If not, why not? Not interested Cost Time Distance Other conflict
5. Have you attended a Leadership Training/Conference in the past? Yes, many times Yes, once NoIf not, why not? Not interestedCostTime Distance Other conflict
6. What position do you currently hold in your branch? President Vice President Program Vice President MembershipTreasurer Educational Foundation Chair LAF ChairOther (Specify)
7. What position(s) have you held in your branch in the past? President Vice President Program Vice President Membership Treasurer Educational Foundation Chair LAF ChairOther (Specify)
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