**AAUW OF VIRGINIA Board of Directors Meeting**

**Monday, January 9, 2023**

**Meeting held via Zoom**

**Call To Order/Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Lane Stone.

**Roll Call**

A list of board and non-board members in attendance is attached **(Enclosure 1).**

**Secretary’s Report**

The minutes of the November 2022 board meeting were distributed electronically prior to the meeting by Recording Secretary Sherry Warren **(Enclosure 2)**; the minutes were approved as distributed.

**President’s/Administrator’s Report**

Stone and Administrator Sarita Gregory submitted a report electronically prior to the meeting **(Enclosure 3)**.

Meg Tucillo, Co-Vice President for DEIB, and Anita Aymer, Southwestern District Representative, were appointed as the Reading Committee for the January 2023 minutes.

Stone explained plans for the Summer Leadership meeting (tentatively titled “Branch Essentials”). Instead of an in-person meeting, workbooks and videos will be provided for branch leaders, focusing on topics such as Public Policy, Finance, DEIB, Membership, Public Relations/outreach, and the President’s role.

**Finance**

Marsha Melkonian, Vice President for Finance, distributed a report electronically prior to the meeting **(Enclosure 4)**.Melkonian reported a checking account balance of $45,579.44 and a conference account balance of $ 2,034.29.

**State Named Honorees Committee Report**

Committee chair Ann Johnson reported that the committee selected five individuals to be honored at the 2023 state conference.

**MOTION**: to accept the State Named Honorees as a group; the motion carried.

**Nominating Committee Report**

Nominating Committee chair Laura Wimmer reported that there are nominees for three of the five open positions: College/University partner- Barbara Woodlee, Virginia Beach Branch; Recording Secretary- Laura Southall, Smith Mountain Branch; Vice President for DEIB- Erica Brown-Meredith

There are no nominees for Vice President for Finance and Vice President for Membership at this time.

**Program / 2023 State Conference**

Nadine James, Vice President for Program, distributed a report electronically prior to the meeting **(Enclosure 5)**. Tammie Mullins-Rice, Local Arrangements Chair, also submitted a report electronically **(Enclosure 6)**. Mullins suggested that branch “Herstory” be the theme for Conference Program ads.

**Board Reports**

**Membership**

Vice President for Membership Cheryl Spohnholtz distributed a report electronically prior to the meeting **(Enclosure 7)**. There have been 47 new members in Virginia since October, with most joining Smith Mountain (13) and Wytheville (9) branches. The membership information being received from AAUW National is still not up-to-date.

**Communications**

Vice President for Communications Dianne Mero distributed a report electronically prior to the meeting **(Enclosure 8).**

**Bylaws & Resolutions**

Bylaws and Resolutions Chair Suzanne Rothwell distributed a report electronically prior to the meeting **(Enclosure 9)**. Rothwell reviewed the proposed amendments to the Policy on Diversity in the AAUW-VA Board of Directors Handbook, which had been revised as a result of discussion at the November 2022 board meeting.

**MOTION**: that the Board approve amendments to the current Diversity Policy in the

Board of Directors Handbook in order to establish a Diversity and Accessibility Policy, as proposed in this Report; the motion carried.

Rothwell also directed the board’s attention to the proposed updated AAUW-VA Strategic Plan.

**MOTION**: that the Board approve the proposed Strategic Plan for 2023 to 2025 as

proposed in this Report; the motion carried.

**AAUW Funds**

AAUW Funds Chair Ann Johnson distributed a report electronically prior to the meeting **(Enclosure 10)**.

**Historian**

Historian Kathy Batkin distributed a report electronically prior to the meeting **(Enclosure 11)**.

**Public Policy**

Co-Vice Presidents Janine Greenwood & Denise Murden distributed a report electronically prior to the meeting **(Enclosure 12)**. Greenwood and Murden recommended considering creating a committee to work on logistics for Lobby Day in 2024.

**Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB)**

Co-Vice Presidents Krysta Jones and Meg Tuccillo distributed a report electronically prior to the meeting **(Enclosure 13).** The organization Challenging Racism will present a Zoom program, “How to Establish a DEIB Culture of Accountability Within our AAUW Branches,” in February.

**College/University (CU) Partners**

C/U Co-Chairs Barbara Woodlee and Cyndi Shanahan distributed a report electronically prior to the meeting **(Enclosure 14)**.

**District Representatives**

Reports were distributed electronically by the District Representatives (Anita Aymer, Southwest District; Leslie Tourigny and Susan Burk, Northern District; Tammie Mullins-Rice, Southeast District) **(Enclosure 15)**.

The next board meeting will be on Friday, March 17, 1:00-5:00 p.m. prior to the state conference.

The meeting was adjourned by President Stone at 8:55 p.m.

**ENCLOSURE 1- Board members in attendance at AAUW-VA board meeting, January 9, 2023**

Anita Aymer, Southwest District Representative

Susan Burk, Northern District Co-Representative

Janine Greenwood, Co-Vice President for Public Policy

Sarita McCoy Gregory, Administrator

Nadine James, Vice President for Program

Ann Johnson, AAUW Funds Chair

Marsha Melkonian, Vice President for Finance

Dianne Mero, Vice President for Communications

Denise Murden, Co-Vice President for Public Policy

Suzanne Rothwell, Bylaws Chair

Cyndi Shanahan, College/University Co-Chair

Cheryl Spohnholtz, Vice President for Membership

Lane Stone, President

Meg Tuccillo, Co-Vice President for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Sherry Warren, Recording Secretary

Laura Wimmer, Northwest District Representative

Barbara Woodlee, College/University Co-Chair

**Non-Board members attending**

Tess Evans, Summer Leadership Meeting Committee member

Mary Anne Graham, Virginia *Vision* Copy Editor

Patsy Quick, Webmaster