

# AAUW Board Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2021 – 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Via ZOOM

**Present:**

**Officers:** Laura Tew, Lena Murrill-Chapman, G Elaine Morehead, Libby Haile, Sue Metz

**Standing Committee Chairs:** Mary Fran Schickedantz, Millie Hoffer-Foushee

**Other Committee Chairs:** Everlena Diggs, Terra McKee, Barbara Carter, Tiffany Fearington

**Acting Secretary:** Elaine Ostrowski

**Absent:** Felicia Cherry, Sandra Yates-Evans, Dr. LaToya Gathers, Tiffany Jacobs, Mary Woodrow

| <b>AGENDA</b>  |   |
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| <b>SUBJECT</b>   | <b>DISCUSSION/DECISIONS</b>   |
| <b>Welcome/Introductions</b><br>Laura Tew                        | President Laura Tew called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and reported a quorum present. She welcomed Board members.   |
| <b>Meeting Minutes</b><br>Sue Metz                               | The Board meeting minutes of April 20 <sup>th</sup> Revised and June 15 <sup>th</sup> were sent to the Board for pre-meeting review. Barbara Carter offered a correction to the April 20 <sup>th</sup> minutes to substitute the word “was” for “has been” in the first line of the NCCWSL report. She also provided this correction to the June 15 <sup>th</sup> report: in lieu of the statement “no report given” insert: “NCCSWL was held virtually as scheduled and two of the three attendees we sponsored had been in contact by email and had positive responses to the conference.” Millie Hoffer-Foushee moved to accept the June 15, 2021 Minutes as corrected. Mary Fran Schickedantz seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. |
| <b>Financial Report</b><br>Libby Haile                           | Finance Officer Libby Haile presented the Financial Review Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and the Fiscal Year-to-date 2020-2021 Reports, July 31, 2021, which had been emailed to the Board for review and are available on the AAUW-G website. Total liquid assets - \$58,815.50<br>The proposed Budget for 2021-2022 was emailed to the Board and was approved by email response. Financial review report was provided by Millie Hoffer-Foushee and Stephanie Ghotbi Taheri.   |
| <b>VP Programming</b><br>Felicia Cherry<br>Elaine Morehead       | Vice President Elaine Morehead reported on the Salad Supper to be held September 14, 2021, from 4 to 6 pm as a drive-thru at Congregational United Church of Christ. School supplies will be collected for Teachers Supplies Warehouse. This will be followed from 7 to 8:30 p.m. by a membership meeting via Zoom with Speaker Dr. Whitney Oakley. The November 9 <sup>th</sup> membership meeting will feature an AARP documentary “Power to Heal.”   |
| <b>Membership</b><br>Mary Fran Schickedantz                      | Chair Mary Fran Schickedantz reported a total of 84 members. An Ice Cream Social is planned for August 26 for new members to meet the Board and Committee Chairs.   |
| <b>Public Policy</b><br>Dr. LaToya Gathers                       | Laura Tew reported that she and Millie Hoffer-Foushee met with Representative Kathy Manning on Thursday August 12 <sup>th</sup> and discussed the AAUW “Take Action” list. Congresswoman Manning provided the status of action of each in Congress.   |
| <b>AAUW Funds and Donor Stewardship</b><br>Millie Hoffer-Foushee | Millie Hoffer-Foushee is the newly appointed chair of the Stewardship Committee which will focus on acknowledging contributions. Contributions have been as follows:<br>2020-2021 - \$1825; July 1, 2021-PRESENT - \$179 • 2020-2021 Grants and Contributions \$17,521; July 1, 2021 – Present \$24 • EcoLab Foundation grant request for \$3000  |

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| <b>CU Partners</b><br>Sandra Yates-Evans  | Chair Sandra Yates-Evans provided the following report: she had reminded CU coordinators about Women's Equality Day and the Ice Cream Social. Mary Fran Schickedantz plans to send to the coordinators information on state and local memberships.<br>Chair Yate-Evans will provide contact information for AAUW members-at-large to the coordinators whose institutions have MALs.<br>Plans for an August "meet and greet" have been moved to September since August is extremely busy at partner institutions.  |
| <b>AAUW READS</b><br>Lena Murrill-Chapman   | Past President and Committee Chair Lena Murrill-Chapman said this program would continue to focus on literacy and research how to best help schools to improve scores, which would be discussed in an upcoming meeting with the GCS Superintendent.   |
| <b>Women in Non-traditional Careers</b><br><b>Girls Exploring Tools and Tech</b>        | Chair Tiffany Jacobs provided the following report: Dudley High School Engineering Explorations and Society of Women Engineers Next club for girls, Kayleigh McKoy, junior leader – attended orientation club sessions at Dudley on August 16; passed out cards with QR code for girls to sign up on SWENext website;<br>Principal has assigned Bonita Hargett to be the Club Advisor<br>Sherine Obare - SWE Advisor - SWE membership ID is: 2013812  |
| <b>Diversity/Equity/Inclusion</b><br>Everlena Diggs                                     | Laura Tew noted that AAUW-NC is interested in the work being done by the Greensboro branch committee. Chair Everlena Diggs said the committee is planning to work at the local level at this time. However, Chair Diggs will stay in touch with the state president on DEI.   |
| <b>Book Browsers</b><br>Mary Woodrow  | Chair Mary Woodrow has developed the reading list for the first few months of the Book Browsers program, including "Educated" by Tara Westover on September 13, 2021, and "Passing" by Nella Larsen on October 4, 2021.   |
| <b>STEM/Education</b><br>Terra McKee  | Saturday, October 16, 2021 Triad Tech Savvy reboot with Robotics and Coding at the High Point Library.  |
| <b>NCWCSL</b><br>Barbara Carter   | Chair Barbara Carter submitted a written report which provided the following information: It is assumed AAUW National Conference for College Women Leaders (NCCWSL) 2022 will be held in-person at University of Maryland-College Park in late May 2022. Once dates are established, announcements will be sent to local colleges and universities, including through our C/U coordinators.<br>Three young women received a reduced amount of financial assistance for the 2-day virtual NCCWSL Conference May 25-26, 2021, because there were no travel expenses. Chair Carter indicated we should be prepared for a higher cost in 2022.  |
| <b>Nominations Committee and By-laws review/update initiative</b><br>Tiffany Fearington | Barbara Carter presented the committee's recommendations for By-laws revisions which were previously sent to Board members. Tiffany Fearington moved to accept the By-laws revisions. Libby Haile seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.<br>President Tew indicated the recommended revisions of the By-laws would be sent to the membership for review and comment by October 14. [Note: The revisions were sent to the membership via email August 20 <sup>th</sup> ]. The board will review and finalize the bylaws with amendments at the Board meeting on October 19th. The proposed By-laws will be presented to the membership in an election and the results will be announced at the November 9th membership meeting.<br>Laura Tew commended the By-laws review committee members for their excellent work: Tiffany Fearington, chair, and committee participants Barbara Carter, Joyce Fairley, Millie Hoffler-Foushee, Roddy Hurewitz, and Winnie Robinson. |
| Handouts  | <a href="https://greensboro-nc.aauw.net/2021/07/19/august-17-2021-board-meeting/">https://greensboro-nc.aauw.net/2021/07/19/august-17-2021-board-meeting/</a>   |

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| <b>Upcoming Events</b> | President Tew announced the following:<br>August 22 <sup>nd</sup> Women's Equality Day<br>August 26 <sup>th</sup> from 10 to 12 in Raleigh: ERA Rally; Barbara Carter is attending<br>August 26 <sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social and New Member Orientation with the Board<br>September 9 Orange Durham Chatham<br>September 14 membership meeting, with Dr. Whitney Oakley |
| <b>Adjournment</b>     | The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.<br>Next board meeting will be Tuesday October 19, 2021 – 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at CUCC.  |
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