

AAUW Colorado Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Saturday, August 26, 2017, 8:00-9:00 a.m.
Ballroom, DoubleTree Hotel, 83 E. 120th Ave., Thornton CO 80233

1. Call to Order

President Amy Blackwell welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Betty Boyd, Melinda Reed, and Jill Smith were appointed to the reading committee to read the minutes. Linda Groth was designated as teller and timekeeper. A quorum was present. Please see attached listing of board member attendees. Other members present included: Laurel Seppala-Etra (State Archivist), Inger Barron (Boulder), Karen McIntosh (Fort Collins), and Paula Munger (Colorado Springs).

2. Secretary's Report

Carolyn Cooley reported that minutes from the April 29, 2017 Board of Directors meeting at the State Convention were approved on May 22, 2017. The minutes have been filed in the Secretary notebook and on-line on the CO State website. Minutes from the April 28, 2017 State Executive Committee Meeting at the State Convention were approved and will be filed in the Secretary Notebook and on the website. Highlights of the Executive Committee Meeting on Friday, August 25, 2017 were shared. Two letters of sympathy were sent since State Convention.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bev Dare distributed the Treasurer's Report. The report will be filed with the minutes. 56-57 people registered for this Fall Leadership Conference, 18 for the first time.

4. Officer and Committee Reports

President Amy Blackwell interfaced with three branches: Durango, Foothills (disbanded), and Gunnison; wrote a blog for BROADVIEW on salary negotiation tips; attended the National Convention, and coordinated the Fall Leadership Conference. She indicated that there may be a 2020 convening of State Presidents.

President Elect Stormy McDonald indicated that she successfully negotiated the new State Bulletin Editor (Barb Slattenow) and attended the National Convention.

Program Development co-VPs Betty Flaten and Linda Groth reported on plans to coordinate with counterparts at branch level, highlighted debriefing with Colorado Springs for 2017 State Convention, met with Stormy McDonald to discuss National Convention, and gave status of upcoming conventions in 2018 and 2019.

Membership co-VP Eileen Young reported a State membership of 1,006 members. A membership meeting was held in June to work with incoming branch Membership VPs. Another coordination meeting will be held in October.

AAUW Funds Director Jeane Lindeke was not present. Amy Blackwell indicated that as of June 30, 2017 the State AAUW has contributed \$14,011 to AAUW National. This is an increase of \$2,010 for the same period in 2016 which is good news considering that the Foothills branch has disbanded.

Public Policy Co-Directors Betty Boyd and Melinda Reed indicated that Public Policy branch counterparts were contacted over the summer. The Public Policy Committee voted to adopt the National Public Policy Priorities as the priorities for the State. Public Policy Day will be February 3, 2018 in Golden, CO. The topic will be human trafficking. They also stressed that for branches supporting voter registration to be sure effort done in non-partisan way.

Communications Co-Chair Melissa Johnsen gave status on the Communications Committee. See attached status to these minutes and in the on-line Mailbox. She also indicated that National is in the process of assessing the National convention. It is highly likely that there will not be a National Convention in the future.

Bylaws Co-Chair Lois Florkey and Brenda Wolfe indicated that there will be no need to update bylaws as a result of the National Convention. The next focus for Bylaws Committee will be the Affiliate Agreements. Branches will be contacted as necessary.

Nominating Committee Chair Susan Damon indicated that the committee is actively pursuing candidates for office of AAUW Funds Director, one Public Policy Co-Chair, and Membership VP.

IBC Chair Jill Smith indicated that she was elected as IBC Chair for the next year. Paula Munger will serve as alternate Chair, and Marilyn Leist will serve as Secretary. She presented several options for consideration for future State conventions.

5. Unfinished Business

2020 and Beyond State Conventions, Branch or State Hosted: There was a lengthy discussion on this topic including addressing the IBC recommendations. Possibilities considered included change in date of the convention and combining the convention with the Fall Leadership Conference on alternate years with branch-hosted events other times. Betty Flaten, Linda Groth, Lois Florkey, Brenda Wolfe, and Melissa Johnsen will serve on a subcommittee to formulate a recommendation.

6. New Business

Publication of State Convention Host Branch Registration Rates: Amy made the motion to publish convention host branch rates to facilitate use of on-line registration. There was no disapproval, and the motion carried.

Adoption of the 2017 - 2018 State Budget: Treasurer Bev Dare presented the \$11,000 budget and highlighted differences in the budget from previous years. There is a new line item for Leadership Development to encourage new leaders to attend State events. Amy Blackwell and Lois Florkey will work on the implementation and method of offering funding to branches. The Finance Committee moved that the 2017-2018 budget be accepted. The motion carried.

Suggestions for Future Budgeting: Communications Committee Co-Chair Melissa Johnsen suggested that the State consider a more aggressive mission-oriented use of some of the State budget reserves, reducing the reserves to 1-2 years annual budget. Some suggestions included additional webinars on appropriate topics and use of experts to help formulate communications plans. Melissa Johnsen and Heidi Baker will support the Finance Committee in making recommendations for future budgets.

Proposed State Operating Policy Amendments: The Bylaws Committee represented by Brenda Wolfe presented the motion that "the Board of Directors accept that the CO mailbox be removed from the State Operating Policies". The motion carried.

7. Announcements

National Voter Registration Day: September 27, 2017

State Bulletin Deadline: October 1, 2017

Eugenia McClure Grant applications due: January 1, 2018

Legacy of Leadership Award applications due: January 15, 2018

Public Policy Day in Golden, CO: February 3, 2018

Judith C. Sanderson Young Leader Award applications due: March 15, 2018

State Convention at Hilton Garden Inn, Highlands Ranch, CO: April 27 - 28, 2018

AAUW Rocky Mountain Regional Conference in Salt Lake City, UT: June 22-24, 2018

Eugenia McClure Grant applications due: August 1, 2018

8. Adjourn

It was moved by Linda Groth and seconded by Betty Boyd to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

(signature on file)

Carolyn Cooley, Secretary

January 12, 2018

Date of Approval

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDEES
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Name	Position	Branch
Amy Blackwell	President	All
Stormy McDonald	President Elect	Lakewood, Littleton, eNetwork
Betty Flaten	Program Development VP	Boulder/Lakewood
Linda Groth	Program Development VP	Boulder
Eileen Young	Membership VP	eNetwork
Terry Campbell Caron	Membership VP	Aurora
Bev Dare	Treasurer	Lakewood
Carolyn Cooley	Secretary	Littleton-South Metro, eNetwork
Betty Boyd	Public Policy Co-Director	Lakewood
Melinda Reed	Public Policy Co-Director	Lakewood
Melissa Johnsen	Communications Committee Co-Chair	eNetwork
Lois Florkey	Bylaws Co-Chair	eNetwork
Brenda Wolfe	Bylaws Co-Chair	Colorado Springs
Jill Smith	InterBranch Council Chair	Littleton-South Metro
Susan Damon	Nominating Committee Chair	Longmont