

AAUW Colorado Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 14, 2020, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Special Teleconference Meeting

1. Call to Order

The meeting via teleconference was called to order at 4:00 pm.

2. Present

President Stormy McDonald, Secretary Carolyn Cooley, Treasurer Kathy Singer, Program Development co-VPs Susan Brodie and Diane Fuchs, Membership co-VP Eileen Young, and President Elect Paula Munger. Absent was: Membership co-VP Terry Campbell Caron. A quorum was present.

Note: Since our secretary, Kim Lourenco, just resigned immediately due to health reasons, Stormy McDonald asked prior secretary, Carolyn Cooley, to step in at this time to record the minutes and post online as approved. In addition, Carolyn is co-chair of Communications and works with our website, Bulletin and Facebook as well as forms on this topic.

3. Purpose of the Special Teleconference Meeting

The purpose of this teleconference was to discuss issues associated with the June Rocky Mountain Regional Conference given the current situation with the coronavirus. The Conference is scheduled for June 19-21. Cancellation of the conference entails a significant cost liability and is not feasible. Based on conversations with Karen McIntosh (Fort Collins Branch), and Betty Flaten/Linda Groth, it is their hope the conference can be done in the summer due to the August voting rights anniversary.

4. Discussion

Stormy McDonald and Susan Brodie discussed recent conversations with the Fort Collins Hilton hotel. Basically, the hotel is able to reschedule the conference within a six-month time period. A time period greater than that would require higher approval authority, and it is not known if this would be possible.

No conversation with the states has been held. At least one state has recommended that the conference not be held.

The participants were polled regarding keeping the conference for the June 2020 time period. It was the consensus of the committee to reschedule the conference. Various options for conference rescheduling were discussed including combining the conference with Fall Leadership Conference or moving to next April or June. Hotel arrangements at the Antlers Hotel have been made for Fall Leadership Conference. One possibility for use of the Antlers would be the next state convention in April 2021. Most of the participants preferred moving Regional Conference to June 2021.

5. Actions

1. Get more information from Fort Collins Hilton. We need to know if conference can be moved to June 2021 or April 2021 which requires higher authority approval by the hotel. Resolve this issue with the Hilton first. If this cannot be done, then determine if we reschedule to September would we be allowed to reschedule again if the Coronavirus situation is still problematic.
2. Talk to the states and review rescheduling options.
3. Talk to the Antlers Hotel to see if we could reschedule September use of hotel to April 2021 time period. We will do this action based on inputs from items 1 and 2 above.

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6. Other Items Discussed

Recording of Executive Committee Minutes: Stormy McDonald suggested that minutes from Executive Committee meetings be approved and submitted in the same way as minutes from Board meeting and Annual Meeting are handled. Stormy McDonald and Carolyn Cooley will determine if there are any requirements in the Operating Policies or Bylaws.

Candidate for New Membership VP: Stormy McDonald indicated that the one conditional candidate for Membership VP has backed out. If anyone has suggestions, contact Virginia Brown, Nominating Committee Chair, or members of that Committee: Eileen Young, Karen McIntosh, Betty Flaten, Kathy Olson.

Branch Reports: Stormy McDonald suggested that branches submit year-end reports by June 1 and results would be reported at Fall Leadership Conference. This was agreeable to the executive committee.

NCCWSL Conference: This conference is still on the docket, but National is re-evaluating on a periodic basis. We have three scholarships paid for this event. Between April 1-10, if we have scholarship applicants, we will have email reviews by Executive Committee members.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 pm.

(Signature on file)

Carolyn Cooley, Secretary

May 16, 2020

Date of Approval