

AAUW of Colorado Board of Directors Meeting (Zoom)
April 20,2022 at 7:30 p.m.

President Joan Brown welcomed all to the meeting, including Sally Mathewson filling in as secretary and Linda Davies who will be taking over as treasurer beginning July 1.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Brown at 7:34 p.m. Those present were Wanda Schnabel, Lois Florkey, Linda Davies, Denise Pruett, Susan Brodie, Bev Dare, Diane Fuchs, Jill Smith, Joan Brown, Marcy Jung, Stormy McDonald, Barb McDaniel, Su Ryden, Cindy Zenkert-Strange, Brenda Wolfe, Sally Mathewson. Absent Pam Maier, Kathy Hall
A quorum was present.

II. Secretary's Report

Sally Mathewson reported minutes are posted on the website.

III. Treasurer's Report

Bev Dare reported it had been an economical year. Two Science Fair Awards of \$100 each were given to chosen participants of the State Science Fair in Fort Collins. Six scholarships have been given so far to NCCWLS participants. The finances are stable, and the books balanced. This year dues will be slower coming in with the new system from National getting started. \$2,500 donation to AAUW Funds from the State has been credited to the 12 Branches.

IV. Officer and Committee Reports

Officer and Committee reports are posted on the website. Highlights of the reports follow.

President Joan Brown reported monthly *Connects* has continued. She has close contact with the Branch Presidents. The contribution to the Greatest Needs Fund has been made. She suggested organizing gatherings of members to attend virtual meetings together.

Membership VP Jill Smith presented a slide showing membership by Branch. There are 855 State members which is down 7.5% from last year. She has meetings with Branch Membership Directors. The new system for membership from National is just starting up and she is waiting for more information.

Finance Director Bev Dare reported no further information.

AAUW Funds Director Barb McDaniel reported contributions increased from previous year. Total contributions were \$28,857.30 for this year.

Public Policy Co-Directors Denise Pruett and Su Ryden reported 120 virtual attendees at Public Policy Day 2022. The Lobby Corps has been extremely active this Legislative session with so many human services and reproductive rights bills introduced. A proposal to change the Public Policy Guidelines was introduced which among other things would add the Branch Public Policy Directors as voting members of the Public Policy Committee. In order to give Board members time to study the proposal a special Board of Directors zoom meeting was set up for May 16.

Program VPs Susan Brodie and Diane Fuchs reported 109 registered for the State Convention, April 23. Two reminders will be sent to participants. The complete agenda is available on the website.

IBC Chair Wanda Schnabel reported meetings have been well attended and discuss issue such as NCCWSL and new member programs.

College/University Chair Marcy Jung reported progress with eight partnerships. She would like to see more connection from Branches with schools in their area, especially School of Mines. Western State University has become a partner.

DEI Director Stormy McDonald reported the toolkit and programs available on the National website are very complete and helpful. Visibility is increasing on this issue.

V. Special Orders

The nominating Committee members nominated from the Board of Directors for the upcoming year are Stormy McDonald-Littleton, Pam Meier-Colorado Springs, and Alternate Diane Fuchs- Lakewood. Jill Smith moved to accept the slate. Lois Florkey seconded. Motion was passed by vote of hands.

VI. New Business

Cindy Zeikert-Strange, Colorado Springs Branch, reported on their application for Eugenia McClure Fund grant to present a STEM program in Colorado Springs in the fall and with plans to extend to a week-long Tech Trek program throughout the state. Jill Smith moved to grant \$500 from the Eugenia McClure Fund to the Colorado Springs Branch. Stormy McDonald seconded. Motion passed by vote of hands.

VII. Unfinished Business

Jill Smith led a discussion of the pilot program begun under Paula Munger of paying AAUW dues for scholarship winners from the local Branches. This is a 3-year pilot program.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. was made by Stormy McDonald. The motion was seconded by Lois Florkey. Motion was passed by vote of hands.

