1. **Call to Order**

President Joan Brown convened the board at 7:30 p.m. Carolyn Cooley hosted the Zoom meeting.

Attendees: Joan Brown, Wanda Schnabel, Carolyn Cooley, Stormy McDonald, Eileen Young, Linda Davies, Diane Fuchs, Betty Boyd, Susan Brodie, Jill Smith, Marcy Jung, Su Ryden, Sue Bodis, Scott Brown, Pam Maier. A quorum is present.

II.  **Secretary’s Report**

Minutes of our last board meeting were accepted.

III. **Treasurer’s Report**

Linda Davies shared we received dues from 713 members through the end of Dec from National and members, including 52 honorary life members, 40 paid life members,19 student/graduate members and 2 state only.

This is a $1130 increase over what was $6000 or 600 members budgeted for the year.  Line item Virtual Event Expenditures currently has $529.41 in expenses versus $400 estimated, due to a Fall Leadership Conference $200 honorarium and Zoom Webinar expenses. We are in hopes that we will receive a Zoom refund after the Zoom Webinar boost is canceled following Public Policy day.

2 x 1 year $10,000 CD earning 4% annually were recently purchased from out of our Money Market account.

IV. **Officer and Committee Reports**

1. **President Joan Brown:** Our Public Policy Webinar has many people signed up for tomorrow. Joan appointed Candice Smith to fill the Co-Director of Public Policy position.
2. **Membership VP Jill Smith** The January Zoom meeting of branch Membership VPs went well. Linda Davies and Jill Smith will continue to provide information for branches to help with Community Hub and renewal that wi begin April 1st.

3. **Treasurer Linda Davies** Eight schools were Community/University Partners in 2022; five in 2023.

4. **AAUW Funds Director Stormy McDonald** AAUWof CO gave AAUW National $16,823.76. $2400 from State funds, $8500 from 245 members of our 700 members and $6,000 from 5 branches with all monies but one dedicated to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund.

5. **Program Development Co-Vice Presidents Susan Brodie and Diane Fuchs** Aurora Branch is hosting our April 21-22, 2023 State Convention at

the Hilton Doubletree at Iliff and I-225. The Aurora branch and our Program Development Committee had Zoom meetings August to November.

State Attorney General Phillip Weiser is our Keynote Speaker. **Theme: Empowering Women: Keeping Up the Good Fight.** Costs are finalized at $75 for event and $20 for Friday activities at the Aurora History Museum/Happy Hour.

6. **Public Policy Director Su Ryden & Lobby Corps Coordinator Betty Boyd** With Dr. Morgan Medlock called to the White House, her assistant will be our Keynote Speaker. Hon. Betty Boyd will discuss 30-40 priority bills. Hon. Su Ryden will make introductions and Candice Smith will handle chat & Q & A.

Hon. Nancy Todd will moderate panelists Dr. Tony Poole, Michelle Quattlebaum and Hon. Dafna Michaelson Benet.

7. **Communications Coordinator, Joan Brown; Webmaster Scott Brown, Carolyn Cooley and Susan Brodie as Technical Operatives**

Send Scott your ideas for our website.

8. **State Manager Carolyn Cooley,** new appointee, has branch, state and national data bases access for mail chimp distribution.

9. **InterBranch Council Chair Wanda Schnabel** reports branch presidents are optimistic. Program ideas are exchanged freely and NCCWSL info is shared.

10. **College/University Relations Chair Marcy Jung**  shared the Community College of Aurora is very interested in renewing our relationship. Contact will be made.

11. **DEI Co-Chairs Stormy McDonald and Eileen Young** reported our website page will be updated. DEI calls are held monthly with counterparts at AAUW National.

12. **Archivist/Historian Eileen Young** keeps copies of our meeting minutes. Outreach to branches will continue. Longmont has digital archives.

13. **By-Laws Chair Sue Bodis** AAUW State and branches will rewrite our bylaws to be in compliance with AAUW National’s changes in bylaws. 2016 was the last rewrite when we had to comply with National’s first 6 articles only.

Sue will get a copy from National of their changes and meet with branch bylaws chairpersons to work on compliance.. We are given 3 years to do so. Article 1 is critical to the IRS code.

Changes are substantial with terms of office and fiscal year date changes.

3% of national membership has to vote and 2/3 of membership is needed to pass anything at AAUW National.

14. **Nominating Committee Carolyn Cooley and Pam Maier**

For 2023-2024, President Elects are Carolyn Cooley and Jill Smith

Program Development Vice Presidents are Susan Brodie and Diane Fuchs

Secretary will be Sally Mathewson and our Treasurer Linda Davies will continue her service.

Public Policy Co-Director is slated for Candice Smith, recently appointed.

V. **Unfinished Business**

We are in the second year of giving memberships for branch scholarship winners. If the student attends a College/University, C/U, Partner they receive a free Nat'l, State and local membership. Timing can be an issue with scholarships given in the spring and the C/U partnership may expire on 6/30/20xx. For those students who receive a scholarship and attend a non-C/U partner school, our state AAUW will pay the $18.81 membership fee. Jill Smith offered to write a Connects article on this important topic.

VI. **New Business**

A. Pam shared the Nominating Committee report earlier. Members of the committee were thanked.

B. Joan appointed Candice Smith to finish the term of Co-Director of Public Policy vacated last May by Denise Pruett.

C. Our AAUW Fort Collins branch will carry on with the Colorado State Science Fair award presentation from AAUW of Colorado on April 13.

D. Bylaws Chair Sue Bodis stated adding one more meeting a year will not involve a change in our bylaws.

E. Treasurer Linda Davies discussed NCCWSL funds and giving our current student members first opportunity for state scholarships.

VIII. **Announcements** Next meeting will be April 21, 2023 before our AAUW State Convention.

IX. **Adjournment** at 8:45 pm by President Joan Brown

Pam Maier

Secretary