I. President Joan Brown called us to order and confirmed a quorum at 5:30 PM.

Members present were Joan Brown, Diane Fuchs, Susan Brodie, Linda Davies, Jill Smith, Sue Bodis and Pam Maier.

II. Minutes from the August 19, 2022 Executive Board Meeting were sent for review and accepted.

III. Officer Reports

**President Joan Brown**

All is set for our Public Policy Day tomorrow.

**Secretary Pam Maier**

Minutes of our previous board meetings are on our AAUW of Colorado website.

**Treasurer Linda Davies**

Our budget was sent out to all Executive Committee members.

Linda Davies shared we received dues from 713 members through the end of Dec from National and members. 52 are honorary life members, 40 paid life members,19 student/graduate members, and 2 are 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 CDs earning 4% annually were recently purchased from out of our Money Market account.

**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 will begin April 1st.

**Program VPs Susan Brodie and Diane Fuchs**

2023 is the first year since 2020 to plan an in person convention. The Aurora Branch and Program Development Committee have worked diligently, meeting monthly from Aug-Nov. Hilton Doubletree in Aurora is our April 21-22 State Convention site. **Theme: Empowering Women; Keeping Up** **the Good Fight**. Costs are finalized as $75 for event and $20 for Friday activities at the Aurora History Museum/Happy Hour. Attorney General Phillip Weiser is our Keynote Speaker on Women’s Rights.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Communications Chair still needed.

B. Jill and Linda continue to work on membership sign ups with Membership VPs on Community Hub.

V. New Business

A. Nominating Committee members were thanked and Pam shared the slate of 2023-24 Officers. See attachments. Candice Smith is appointed by President Joan Brown as our new Co-Director of Public Policy with Su Ryden. She is filling out Denise Pruett’s term and is on the new slate also.

B./C. **By-Laws Chair Sue Bodis**

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.

D. **Treasurer Linda Davies** led us in the discussion about NCCWSL, an ongoing program and opportunity for college women that our state supports.

We are in the 3rd year of a 3 year pilot program of giving memberships to branch scholarship winners. If the student attends a College/University 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.

E./F. Delay in discussing branch year-end reports due date until compliance with AAUW National by-laws changes are clear.

G. Delay in closing of branch protocols.

H. Delay in decision on virtual or in person 2023 Fall Leadership Conference. Some agreement on one in person State meeting a year.

I. Delay in deciding how much we advertise for April Convention. Aurora branch mentioned members only/no guests.

J. No need for a change in the bylaws to reflect one more Board of Directors meeting per year, per Sue Bodis.

VI. Announcements: none

VII. Joan Brown adjourned us at 6:30 pm to welcome Inter Branch Council Zoom attendees.

Pam Maier

Secretary