

**AAUW of Colorado**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Friday, August 18,2023 (via Zoom)

I. President Joan Brown called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.  
Present: Joan Brown, Carolyn Cooley, Susan Brodie, Sue Bodis, Diane Fuchs, Linda Davies, Su Ryden, Marcy Jung, Betty Boyd, Stormy McDonald and Sally Mathewson.

II. Minutes were approved as amended.

III. Treasurer Linda Davies presented the 2023-2024 budget.

**IV. Officer and Committee Reports**

President Joan Brown discussed Fall Leadership being held on Zoom tomorrow, August 19. Included in the program will be a speaker from National discussing changes coming to AAUW and available help to small branches.

Membership VP - Linda Davies spoke for Jill Smith. We have maintained the members we have and are in the process of getting those not paid to renew membership. 550-600 members have paid at this time.

Program Co VP's - Diane Fuchs and Susan Brodie reported the Convention 2024 will be in-person on May 3-4 in Colorado Springs. The speakers are set for Fall Leadership tomorrow.

Public Policy Director - Su Ryden reported the Public Policy Day theme will be *Hot Topics in Education* held on Saturday, February 3, 2024 on Zoom. Carolyn Cooley and Susan Brodie will assist with the virtual meeting. The Committee is working on the speakers which will include two main speakers and answering panels. Linda Davies proposed the idea of Faces of AAUW on the web page under Public Policy.

Communications - Joan Brown reported *Connects* is working well.

AAUW Funds - Linda Davies reported for Stormy McDonald over \$10,000 sent to Greatest Needs Fund.

State Manager - Carolyn Cooley reported updates are now more difficult since membership renewals come in at different times.

IBC Chair - Jeannie Miller is the new Chair. New ways of Branch governance is being discussed.

College/University Relations - Marcy Jung reported partnerships are ongoing as is work with National. The College of Aurora is becoming more active.

By-Laws - Sue Bodis reported that National is focusing on governance issues before by-laws changes will be necessary. This will mainly affect Branches.

## **V. New Business**

A. Eugenia McClure Grant for 2023-2024 approved by Executive Committee to be given to Colorado Springs Branch.

B. Su Ryden discussed honorariums being given to speakers. \$100 was the suggested amount. There is a \$500 line item in the budget for honorariums for 2023-2024. Su moved to give up to \$100 honorarium to speakers. Seconded by Betty Boyd. Motion was passed by show of hands

C. There was a discussion of NCCWSL funding for 2024 including donations. Other donating channels are needed. The Convention overage was transferred to NCCWSL to start the fund. Linda Davies moved to create NCCWSL fund for donations. Carolyn Cooley seconded. Motion was passed by show of hands.

D. There was a discussion of the program to pay State and National dues for Branch scholarship winners. This will be looked at yearly to decide on continuation. Linda Davies moved to continue the program for the coming year. Su Ryden seconded. Motion was passed by show of hands.

E. Carolyn Cooley reported that she and Jill Smith are working on a new detailed Convention Manual including key positions and duties.

F. Carolyn Cooley discussed the use of buttons on the State website to donate to NCCWSL. The use of Paypal or Eventbrite will be looked into.

G. Betty Boyd will be reporting for the Nominating Committee at Fall Leadership tomorrow on the open positions for 2024-2025.

H. A discussion of a committee to help the treasurer with awards such as NCCWSL was presented. Marcy Jung volunteered and will include President Joan Brown.

I. There was a discussion of governance issues.. Su Ryden suggested a focus group for this discussion. The importance of Public Policy to our State was emphasized.

J. Su Ryden discussed ways to improve our organization including the issue of open membership.

K. Linda Davies moved to approve the 2023-2024 Budget. Motion was passed by show of hands.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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Sally Mathewson- Secretary  
September 26, 2023