

AAUW of Colorado State Convention
Annual Business Meeting
Aurora Doubletree Hotel April 22, 2023

I. The business meeting was called to order by President Joan Brown. A list of those in attendance is attached.

Jeannie Miller, President of Aurora Branch, reported \$147.00 was collected for the puzzle drawing with proceeds going towards convention expenses.

Convention appointments: Reading Committee - Jill Smith,
Stormy McDonald and Betty Boyd
Time Keeper - Kathleen Welton

II. Jill Smith, Chair of the Credentials Committee, reported 64 attendees from 9 branches were in attendance which meets the quorum of at least 1/3 of the branches.

III. Sue Bodis, State Bylaws Chair, noted the AAUW CO Proposed 2023 State Convention Rules handout and moved the adoption of the Convention Rules. This motion passed.

IV. Adoption of the Convention Program was moved by Diane Fuchs, State Program Co-VP. This motion passed.

V. Minutes of the 2022 Zoom Annual Meeting had been read and approved by the Reading Committee and are posted on the AAUW of CO website.

VI. Linda Davies, Treasurer, reported our state finances are in good order and under budget through June 30, 2023. With upcoming renewals, this will continue. The budget was approved by the Board at the Fall Leadership Conference.

VII. Pam Maier, Secretary, reported the Board had a recent zoom meeting and the 2024 Nominating Committee members from the board were elected. Those are Su Ryden, Carolyn Cooley and alternate Betty Boyd.

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VIII. Reports of the Officers and Committees are on our AAUW of CO website and copies of AAUW of Colorado Branch Reports 2023 were on our tables for our perusal. Updates were shared by attending Officers.

President Joan Brown's goal is to increase our membership and to continue writing and editing CONNECTS, our monthly state e-newsletter.

Jill Smith, Membership VP, presented a one page chart with our 2022-23 membership data compared to previous years. We have maintained our 2021-22 levels. See attached chart.

Diane Fuchs and Susan Brodie organized today's panels, speakers and program with our hosts, Aurora Branch leadership team. We applauded their outstanding work on an impressive convention.

Su Ryden, Public Policy Co-Chair and Lobby Corps Coordinator Betty Boyd followed 110 bills this Colorado legislative session and were active on 30. Meghan Kissel, AAUW National Senior Director of Policy & Member Advocacy, will help us set up a Colorado two-minute activist program.

IX. The 2023 slate of officers, see attached, was read by acting Nominating Committee Chair, Pam Maier, and moved that the slate be elected. Nominations from the floor were invited. There were none. The adoption of the slate was called for and approved by unanimous acclamation.

X. Special orders: In addition to the appointed Board members to the Nominating Committee, the following members were appointed from the general membership: Ruth O'Brien, Aurora branch, Cindi Zenkert-Strange, Colorado Springs branch, Sharon Schlegel, Gunnison branch and alternate Jan Jones, Colorado Springs branch. President Joan Brown asked for a voice vote of approval of the 2024 Nominating Committee members from the general membership. The vote was unanimous.

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The officers to be recruited are AAUW Funds Director, 1 Public Policy Co-Director and Membership Vice President.

XI. New Business: Lois Florkey, Littleton branch member, asked if we have a “Leader on Loan” from National. Hearing from an AAUW National Board Member when voting on national bylaws amendments would help us know why we should vote for the changes. Lois Florkey recommended the board review this for next year’s convention.

Sharon Schlegel, Gunnison Branch President, questioned whether there is a scholarship to be used for leadership development to attend state convention.

It was suggested that the use of Leadership Development Funds be reviewed and expanded.

XII. Announcements: Fall Leadership Conference will be by Zoom, August 18-19, 2023. Our NCCWSL students will be speaking as part of the program.

AAUW of Colorado State Convention will be hosted by the Colorado Springs branch on May 3-4, 2024 at a downtown location.

Pam Maier
Secretary