

**2021 AAUW-PA Annual Business Meeting Minutes**  
**92<sup>nd</sup> Edition**  
**Held virtually on Zoom**

**Call to Order and Welcome.** President Ann Pehle called the meeting to order at 10:03 am on April 10, 2021. Ann further noted that in odd years, when a State Convention takes place, the Annual meeting is held during the April AAUW-PA Board Meeting; however, due to Covid-19, the April Board Meetings were held on two evenings during April. An announcement of the virtual Annual Meeting was made via e-mail to all Member of Branches on March 9, 2021. Ann reviewed Zoom etiquette and reminded attendees that they received a link to the 2021 Annual Meeting website containing the Agenda, Rules of Order, and 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting minutes in the Zoom registration.

**Introductions.** Ann introduced AAUW PA Past Presidents in attendance and thanked them for their continued engagement.

Wendy Armour Dickinson  
Susan Nenstiel  
Barbara Price  
Deb Roney  
Linda Tozier

Ann recognized members serving on AAUW national committees.

Advancement -- Linda Tozier, North Hills Pittsburgh  
Public Policy Co-Chair -- Barbara Price, Lower Bucks  
Audit -- Susan Nenstiel, Allentown  
Governance -- Paula Tomko, Johnstown  
Nomination (alternate) -- Cindy Hall, State College

Ann introduced the AAUW-PA Board members:

Lee Wolfe, Program VP (Lansdale)  
Linda Tozier, Membership VP (North Hills Pittsburgh)  
Ajla Laussegger, Secretary (AAUW National member)  
Mary Jo Buckwalter, Finance Officer (Doylestown)  
Pat Byerly, Administrative Director (Pittsburgh)  
Deb Roney, AAUW Funds Chair (Huntingdon)  
Susan Nenstiel, Bylaws Chair and Conference Registrar (Allentown)  
Peggy Schmiedecke, College/University Chair (North Hills Pittsburgh)  
Barbara Zaborowski, Conference Coordinator (AAUW National member)  
Eva Kaufmann, District Coordinator, East (West Chester/Chester County)  
Sue Johnston, District Coordinator, Central (State College)  
Paula Tomko, District Coordinator, West (Johnstown)  
Peggy Jennings, *Keystoner* Editor (Carlisle)  
Barbara Price, Public Policy Co-Chair (Lower Bucks)

Linda Robbins, Archives (Bethlehem)

Not in attendance:

Jordan Glover, Diversity & Inclusion Chair (State College)

Jacqui Rogers, Public Policy Co-Chair (Doylestown)

**Voting Procedures.** Susan Nenstiel indicated that only members of AAUW PA branches are eligible to participate or vote on AAUW PA business during the meeting. Susan further noted that State officer candidate voting was held online and via paper ballots or at branch events between February 5<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

**Credentials.** Ajla Lausegger noted that each member of the State in good standing as of March 9, 2021 is entitled to one vote. Ajla reviewed Article XVI, "Meetings of the Affiliate," Section 8, which states, "The quorum shall be a majority of the registered eligible voters at an election event (branch meeting, electronic voting, paper ballot voting, or other Board of Directors approved method of voting) who cast a vote." Ajla further noted that as of April 7, 2021 at 12:00pm, there were 47 eligible voters from 15 branches and AAUW-PA Board registered for the Annual Meeting. A quorum is 24 (51%) of the eligible voters. Ajla moved to adopt the credentials. Susan Nenstiel seconded the motion. There was no objection and no discussion. The vote passed and Ann declared the presence of a quorum.

**Adoption of Rules of Order and Agenda.** Susan Nenstiel reiterated that AAUW-PA bylaws indicate affiliate annual business meeting rules shall be proposed by the Affiliate board of directors and considered by each Affiliate annual business meeting as its first order of business (Section 5. Meeting Rules). Susan indicated the registrants for the Annual Meeting were sent a link to the Rules of Order and the Agenda. Susan moved to adopt the Rules of Order and Agenda. Ajla Lausegger seconded the motion. There were no objections and no discussion. The vote passed and the motion was adopted.

**Minutes of the 2020 State Annual Business Meeting.** Ajla Lausegger noted that the minutes of last year's Annual Meeting were reviewed by Pat Byerly and Deb Roney. A link to the minutes was provided to registrants and will be included in the June *Keystoner*. Ajla dispensed with the reading of the minutes without objection and no additions or corrections were provided. Ajla moved to adopt the minutes. Ann asked if there are objections to approving minutes as written by general consent. No objections were voiced, and the motion passed.

**Committee to Review the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Business Meeting.** Ann indicated that Sue Johnston and Eva Kaufmann have agreed to review the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Business Meeting minutes and present them to the AAUW-PA Board for endorsement and ratification.

**Nominations and Elections Committee Report.** Deb Roney reviewed voter turnout and vote count, as well as thanked all participants. Deb noted votes were cast by members from 29 of 36 AAUW-PA branches and that 194 votes were received online; 64 votes were cast during 4 branch voting events; and 4 paper ballots were received. Tallies showed 262 votes for Randi Blauth for Membership VP; 262 votes for Ajla Lausegger for Secretary; and 261 votes for Dr. Ann Echols for Finance Officer, with one write-in vote for Finance Officer. Deb indicated that Randi Blauth, Ajla Lausegger, and Dr. Ann Echols would serve on the Board for the 2021-2023 term as Membership VP, Secretary, and Finance Officer, respectively. Deb dispensed with the reading of the candidate bios. Ann thanked members for voting,

as members in 80% of PA branches voted in this election. Ann indicated installation for office will take place at the conclusion of the meeting.

**AAUW Pennsylvania Board Office Reports.** Ann noted the 2019-2020 Annual Report is on the AAUW-PA website and that the 2020-2021 individual Board officer reports will be posted on the state website in July.

**Unfinished Business.** None was presented.

**New Business.** Ann indicated that the 2022-2024 Officer Election will require the fulfillment of the President and Program VP for the 2022-2024 term. Ann will be appointing a chair of the Nominations and Election Committee at the July 2021 Board Meeting. Further, she indicated the next District Meetings will be held at the July 2021 Summer Retreat and a representative to the Nominations and Election Committee from each district will be selected. Ann reviewed the numbers for the Member Awards and thanked everyone for participation in the event. Twenty-one (21) branches awarded 23 Outstanding Woman awards, and 16 branches awarded 17 Members Making a Difference awards. Twelve (12) branches chose Named Gift Honorees with members being honored locally, in their branches.

Ann presented Linda Tozier with the AAUW-PA Special Honoree award. Deb reviewed Linda's commitment to AAUW, while Peggy Schmiedecke presented Linda's positions in AAUW, including those in her branch, at the State level, and National, and as a Director at Large. It was noted that \$1,850 was submitted to Greatest Needs Fund in Linda's name. Ann shared a couple of images of Linda, and Linda expressed her gratitude in receiving the award.

Ann extended congratulations to the 11 branches that achieved the criteria for the AAUW Five Star program, which reflected the most branches, nationally, participating in the Five Star Program. The branches include Bethlehem, Carlisle, Easton, Fox Chapel, Harrisburg, Indiana County, Lansdale, North Hills Pittsburgh, State College, and West Chester/Chester County.

Ann shared that when members receive their AAUW notecards, one of the notecards will be "Indian Paintbrush" by Dr. Ann Echols, who was among 6 artists chosen nationally out of 400 entries, to be recognized in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual National AAUW Art Contest.

**Announcements.** Pat Byerly reviewed the upcoming state meeting schedule. Pat noted that the format moved to one state meeting per year, starting in 2019. The next state meeting, the Summer Retreat, will be on July 24, 2021, via Zoom. The next AAUW-PA State Convention will be in 2022 on either March 25<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup>; April 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>; or April 29<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>. Pat noted the location for the State Convention has not been determined.

**Final Remarks.** Ann thanked the Board Members whose term concludes on June 30<sup>th</sup>. She indicated Mary Jo Buckwalter served two terms as Finance Officer and Linda Tozier served as Membership VP for quite a lengthy time during her entire tenure on the Board. Ann also thanked Susan Nenstiel, Deb Roney, Peggy Jennings, and Peggy Schmiedecke for helping the Annual Meeting run smoothly and maintaining various roles throughout. Ann further thanked Peggy Jennings and Jordan Glover for leading the projects around the AAUW dues increase and the AAUW bylaw change for open membership. She noted Jordan would continue providing information to members regarding the bylaw change through May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment.** No further business was voiced. Susan Rimby made a motion to adjourn by acclamation, which was seconded by Sally Kalin. The motion passed. There were 40 attendees - 16 Board members and 24 branch members from 14 branches.

The 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Business Meeting concluded at 10:40am.

\*Installation of Officers took place immediately following the adjournment of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Business Meeting. Ann presided over the installation during which each of the elected members accepted responsibility for their respective roles. Ann declared the slate of officers duly installed with their term effective July 1, 2021. The installation concluded at 10:46am.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ayla Lausegg". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Title: AAUW-PA Secretary

Date: June 11, 2021