

**2022 AAUW-PA Annual Business Meeting**  
**93<sup>rd</sup> Edition – April 23, 2022**  
**Minutes**

**Registered:** 55 members.

**In attendance:** 48 members.

**Call to Order and Welcome.** Ann Pehle called the meeting to order at 10:05am and welcomed the members to the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of AAUW-PA. Ann discussed the separation of the Annual Meeting and State Convention for timing purposes. Noted that all registrants received a link to Agenda, Rules of Order, 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting Minutes, proposed bylaw amendment, and proposed Public Policy Priorities. Zoom etiquette was reviewed.

**Introductions.** Ann made mention of Past Presidents on the call – Barbara Price, Deb Roney, and Linda Tozier. Members who are currently serving on the AAUW national committees and task forces: Advancement – Linda Tozier, North Hills Pittsburgh; Public Policy Chair – Barbara Price, Lower Bucks, Governance – Paula Tomko, Johnstown; Diversity Equity and Inclusion – Jordan Glover, State College; and Nominating Committee – Cindy Hall, State College. Ann thanked the AAUW Board Members for serving on the Board.

**Voting Procedures.** Deb Roney noted that only members of AAUW PA branches are eligible to participate or vote on AAUW PA business at the Annual Meeting. State officer candidate voting was held online and via paper ballots or branch events between March 2 and April 13, 2022. The results will be reported during this meeting. There will be no officer candidate voting during this annual meeting.

**Credentials Report.** Ajla Lausegger noted that each member of the State in good standing as the official notice of the meeting (March 23, 2022) is entitled to one vote. Ajla further elaborated that pursuant to Article XVI, Meetings of the Affiliate, Section 8, indicates “The quorum shall be a majority of the registered eligible voters at an election event who cast a vote.” As of April 22, 2022 at 12:00pm, there are 47 eligible members from 16 branches and 2 National/State members registered for the Annual Meeting. A quorum is considered to be 24 (51%) of these eligible voters. Ajla moved for the adoption of the credentials. Chris Zuzack – Harrisburg seconded. All members voted in favor of the adoption of the Credentials Report. The presence of a quorum was declared.

**Adoption of Rules of Order and Agenda.** Deb Roney noted that AAUW PA bylaws (June 2020) Article XVI, Section 5, indicates 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. Deb referenced that registrants to today’s meeting were sent a link to the Rules of Order and the Agenda. Deb moved for the adoption of the Rules of Order and Agenda. Sally Kalin (State College) seconded. There was no objection. The members voted in favor of accepting the Rules of Order and Agenda.

**Minutes of the 2021 State Annual Business Meeting.** Ajla indicated that the 2021 Annual Business Meeting minutes were reviewed by Sue Johnston (State College) and Eva Kaufmann (West Chester-Chester County) with a link to the minutes having been sent to registrants of today’s meeting. They will be included in the June Keystoner. Ajla moved for the acceptance of the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes as written into the record. The members did not object to accepting the Minutes by general consensus. All agreed and accepted the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes as written (by general consent).

**Committee to Review the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting Minutes.** Ann noted that Deb Roney, AAUW Funds Chair (Huntingdon), and Sue Johnston, Central District Coordinator (State College), have been asked and have agreed to review the minutes for this year’s Annual Business Meeting.

**Nominating and Elections Committee Report.** Deb presented the candidates for 2022-2024 term: Cindy Hall – President; Lori Woods – Program Vice President. Deb dispensed with the reading of the candidate bios, which members received during the election process. Ann indicated that the officer election was completed via online voting, paper ballots, and branch voting. Deb noted that votes were cast by members from 25 of 34 AAUW PA branches. The Nominating and Elections Committee received 131 votes online, results from 2 branch voting events with 19 total votes cast, and 3 paper ballots with signatures of members on the member identification box that is separated from the ballot after verification of eligibility. All paper ballots were opened by Deb Roney, as Nominating and Elections Chair. Tallies showed 152 votes for Cindy Hall for President and 153 votes for Lori Woods for Program VP. There was one write-in vote cast for President. Ann declared the election of candidates Cindy Hall and Lori Woods and thanked the branches for promoting the AAUW PA Officer elections, as well as those who voted. Ann referenced that 73% of PA branches voted in this election and congratulated Cindy and Lori. The installation of new officers will take place on June 5, 2022 at the AAUW PA State Convention.

**AAUW Pennsylvania Board Office Reports.** Ann noted that the 2020-2021 individual board officer reports will be posted on the state website in July.

**AAUW Pennsylvania Bylaws Proposal.** Deb requested members to refer to the slide for the proposed bylaw amendment. The Bylaw proposal was in the March Keystoner and is on the 2022 Annual Meeting website. Deb read the bylaw amendment and changes being proposed:

| CURRENT   | PROPOSED   |
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| ARTICLE XI. AFFILIATE OFFICERS<br>Section 1. Affiliate Officers   | ARTICLE XI. AFFILIATE OFFICERS<br>Section 1. Affiliate Officers  |
| e. No elected officer shall hold more than one office at a time, and no officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. No officer with the exception of the president shall be eligible to serve on the board for more than eight consecutive years | e. No elected officer shall hold more than one office at a time, and no officer <b>except the administrative director</b> shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. No officer with the exception of the president <b>and the administrative director</b> shall be eligible to serve on the board for more than eight consecutive years |

Deb moved the Proposed Amendment to the bylaw ARTICLE X.I AFFILIATE OFFICERS NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS; Section 1. Nominations; part e be adopted for the first sentence and the second sentence separately. Ajla Lausegger seconded both changes. There was no discussion. All members voted in favor of the proposed amendment.

**Public Policy Priorities Discussion.** Barbara Price introduced the Proposed Public Policy Priorities for 2022-2024. Barbara Price moved that the 2022-2024 Proposed Public Policy Priorities be adopted. Chris Zuzack (Harrisburg) seconded. There was no discussion. All members voted in favor of the aforementioned adoption.

**Unfinished Business.** Ann inquired if there was unfinished business to be discussed. No comments were provided.

**New Business.** Ann noted that for the 2023-2025 Officer Election the officer positions to fill are Membership VP, Finance Officer, and Secretary. A chair of the Nominating and Elections committee will be appointed by Cindy Hall at the July 2022 Board Meeting. Ann further clarified the next District meetings will be held at the June 2022 AAUW PA State Convention and a representative from each district to the Nominating and Elections Committee will be selected. Ann announced the disbandment of Clearfield Area, Towanda, and Makefield Area. Members of the AAUW PA Board, especially Membership VP, DC (East) and DC (West) have been working with struggling branches to help problem solve and offer solutions, but the decision to disband is made by branch members. Ann reviewed Member Awards and noted that 20 branches awarded 21 Outstanding Woman and 16 branches awarded 17 Members Making a Difference and 61 members from 13 branches are Named Gift Honorees. AAUW PA created and mailed certificates and will highlight the recipients at the June State Convention and include their names and contribution in the Yearbook published in June. Ann announced the AAUW PA Special Honoree award received by Sue Zitnick of AAUW York. She presented the award to Sue at the AAUW York April branch meeting and the tribute to her will be in the Yearbook, which will also be shared at the June State Convention. Ann gave a shout out to all those members working at the branch level to achieve success, such as those serving in elected positions; those working steadfastly in their branches to earn recognition; those remaining dedicated to AAUW through and through for many years; those guiding branches to national recognition; and those sharing their talent.

**Announcements.** Pat Byerly indicated that AAUW PA moved to the format of one state meeting a year, starting in fiscal year 2019. The next AAUW PA State Convention will be June 3-5, 2022 at the Central Hotel and Conference Center in Harrisburg. Pat further outlined that the next Summer Retreat will be July 2023 and that the State Convention will be in April 2024. She also urged everyone to vote in the AAUW National election.

**Ann Pehle's Final Remarks.** Ann announced that June 30<sup>th</sup> marks the end of her second term as AAUW PA President and noted she has enjoyed the last 4 years and feels like many good things were accomplished in addition to overcoming the hurdles of COVID. Ann encouraged those who want to work at the State level to reach out to Cindy Hall, as she will be looking to fill many positions with the State Board. Ann made mention of Lee Wolfe's second term ending on June 30<sup>th</sup> as Program VP. Ann thanked Lee for taking the 2020 State Convention and 2021 Summer Retreat to Zoom so wonderful content could continue to be experienced by members.

**Adjournment.** Ann inquired whether there was any further business to be discussed. Deb Roney (Huntingdon) moved to adjourn. Kelley Clouser (North Hills – Pittsburgh) seconded. All members voted in favor of adjourning the meeting. The 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting was adjourned at 10:44am.