

AAUW-NM Leadership Team Meeting (LTM)

Summer LTM

July 31, 2010

Portales, NM

Attendance: Ruth Benjamins-Las Cruces, Ted Cooley-Albuquerque, Sylvia Fink-Albuquerque, Karyl Lyne-Las Vegas, Natalie Markin-Los Alamos, Karen Nelson-Carlsbad, Shelley Rossbach-Santa Fe, Mary Sandford-Carlsbad, Virginia Spruiell-Carlsbad, Helena Whyte-Los Alamos

Guests: Mary Ayala-Portales, Patrice Caldwell-Portales, Rose Contreras-Taylor-Las Vegas, Lupita Gonzales-Las Vegas, Dolores Halls-Las Cruces, Kathy Herman-Las Vegas, Bill Taylor-Las Vegas, Sandra Trujillo-Las Vegas

9:10 am

1. Call to Order and Announcements:

- Thank you to the Portales Branch for hosting this meeting.
- Dedications-There were none.
- Attendees were asked to introduce themselves and share facts about a woman highlighted in the "Women Who Dared" cards.
- Motion and reimbursement forms were made available.
- Branch president/facilitator and AAUW-NM officer lists were made available.
- Fall *Roadrunner* deadline is August 10th.
- Mini-grant deadline is October 1st.
- Fall Workshop will be held October 15-16 in Socorro.
- Andresse St. Rose, co-author of the latest AAUW research "Why So Few?", will be the keynote speaker at the Spring Convention in Silver City.
- Pass and share box was circulated.

2. Approval of Newly Appointed Officers: The following slate of newly appointed officers was presented for approval: Bylaws Co-Chair-Louis Drlik (Las Vegas), Bylaws Co-Chair- Pam Daves (Las Vegas), Historian-Bonnie Rutherford (West Mesa), International Interest Chair-Shila Marek (Carlsbad), Strategic Planning Chair-Kathie Gilbert (Grant Co.), Web Page Contact-Denise George (Los Alamos) **Ruth Benjamins moved that this slate be approved.** Karyl Lyne seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.**

3. Approval of Minutes: Natalie Markin moved that the minutes of the Spring LTM held via teleconference April 11, 2010, be approved as sent to the LTM via email. Sylvia Fink seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.**

4. AAUW-NM Legacy in Leadership Award: At the recent 2010 Rocky Mountain Conference Carol Ann Council was awarded the NM Legacy in Leadership Award. Mary read a thank you letter from Carol Ann. The Rocky Mountain Conference is expected to take place again in 2012 in Arizona.

Committee Reports

5. Fall Workshop: Joyce Aguilar and the Socorro Branch continue to make arrangements for the Fall Workshop to be held October 15th and 16th. The AAUW-NM NCCWSL scholarship recipients will be the featured speakers.

6. Women Across Borders Conference and 2010 Spring Convention: Ted Cooley presented an overview of the meetings thanking Pam Daves for handling the finances for the events. The nine volumes of sociologic studies by the Women's Institute of Ciudad Chihuahua presented to New Mexico at the conference will be housed at the University of New Mexico. Thank you notes have been sent to the participants from Mexico. Ted indicates that there continues to be networking occurring that is a direct result of the conference.

7. Mentoring Committee: This committee consisting of Natalie Markin, Karyl Lyne, and Shelley Rossbach was appointed in the spring to develop a mentoring program for AAUW-NM. They presented a rough draft of their proposals. Their proposals were discussed and received favorable responses from the group.

8. Job Descriptions for AAUW-NM Officers: It was pointed out that many of the job descriptions for officers of AAUW-NM are outdated, especially in light of the newly revised bylaws. Helena Whyte, Sylvia Fink, and Natalie Markin volunteered to work as a committee to revise the job descriptions, working on those most seriously in need of revising first.

Break 10:30

Reconvene 10:53

9. Message from National brought to Rocky Mountain Conference by Kathy Anthon:

Mary Sandford summarized the message:

- a. Add "philanthropy" to the mission statement on all written materials.
- b. The *Outlook* will have three issues in 2010.
- c. Please return the member surveys. The deadline has been extended to September 30.
- d. The Ann Richards Endowment in Texas and the Lily Ledbetter Giving Circle are AAUW Funds that members might wish to support now that the Corrine Wolfe Endowment is complete.
- e. Voting prior to the 2011 Washington Convention will be done through three methods: paper ballot sent to members in the *Outlook*, online, and in person at the convention. Each member gets a vote.
- f. Fellowships and grant applications will be available online soon.
- g. There is money available for Campus Action Projects and Campus Outreach Projects. Information about these is available online.
- h. Regions are not recognized entities by AAUW any more. There are instead 43 women on the Leadership Corps who are available to states and branches.
- i. There are leadership webinars available online at *Chapter Leaders' Playground*.
- j. Save the date for the National Convention in Washington, DC (June 16-19, 2011).

Officers' Reports

10. President's: Mary gave a report on the agenda and speakers at the Rocky Mountain Conference that took place June 11-13 in Aurora, Colorado. She also presented the Co-Presidents' Goals for 2010-11.

- **Make STEM a program priority** by making it the theme of the spring convention programming. Ask every branch to create at least one program and/or activity focused on STEM issues as they affect women and girls..
- **Encourage** every branch to make **mission-based programming** their top priority and to focus on mission-based programs and activities.
- **Actively pursue branch and state wide membership increase** through the Member-Get-A-Member and Give-A-Grad-A-Gift campaigns, student-affiliate membership and new, innovative recruitment activities. (Strategic Plan #4)
- **Continue to support AAUW Funds.**
- **Promote continued excellent statewide member communication** utilizing email, the *Roadrunner*, AAUW-NM web site, open Leadership Team Meetings and participation in state, “regional” and national activities.
- **Identify and implement new methods of communication**, such as social networking on Twitter, Facebook, etc. (Strategic Plan # 3).
- **Investigate new means of fundraising** that build on partnerships, collaborative efforts and community support. (Strategic Plan # 7)
- **Support the successful AAUW-NM Lobby Corps** with targeted funding, continued visibility and increased member participation in all lobbying activities.
- **Continue to identify and support women students from New Mexico who wish to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)** in June 2011.
- **Encourage new campus outreach programs** at the state and branch levels.
- **Maintain continued financial strength** through responsible budgeting, vigilance, conservative fiscal practice and timely payment of bills and reimbursement of officers.

11. Finance Report: Ruth Benjamins discussed the finance report for 2009-2010, as well as the report for 2010-2011.

- She pointed out that the State’s share of the proceeds from the convention is \$213.94. The printing cost for the last *Roadrunner* was only \$48.34.
- **Ruth moved that Line item #7 in the 2010-2011 budget be increased from \$50 to \$270 as the cost of insurance was more than expected when the budget was approved.** Ted Cooley seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.**

12. Membership: Helena Whyte reported that it is too early to have an accurate count of membership numbers.

13. Media Relations: Rita Stopa requested that branches send her the name of their local paper and the name of the contact person there, so that she can work on getting articles into these papers.

14. Parliamentarian: Virginia Spruiell reported that she will be using the New Robert’s Rules of Order, which allow a bit more flexibility.

15. Historian: Sandra Bradley reported that she has recently placed five boxes of materials in the archives at the UNM Library.

16. Public Policy: Dixie Trebbe asked that members support candidates who in turn support AAUW Public Policy regardless of their political party affiliation.

17. Branch Reports: Since most branches are just beginning to plan programs for 2010-2011 and several branches were not in attendance, only Grant Co. submitted a written report. Albuquerque, Carlsbad, Las Cruces, Los Alamos, Las Vegas, Online, and Santa Fe gave short overviews of their branch's plans for the upcoming year.

New Business

18 Approval of Nominating Committee: Karyl Lyne moved that Nina Thayer-Chair (Los Alamos/Santa Fe), Shila Marek (Carlsbad), and Mimi Salinger (West Mesa) be appointed as the Nominations Committee. Natalie Markin seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.**

19. Approval of the Mini-grants Committee: Karyl Lyne moved that Nina Thayer-Chair (Los Alamos/Santa Fe), Phoebe Pierce (Las Cruces), and Enid Tidwell (Santa Fe) be appointed as the Mini-grants Committee. Natalie Markin seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.**

20. Membership Committee: Mary addressed the suggestion that Helena Whyte have a committee to work with her on membership. Karyl Lyne and Jeannie Ornellas volunteered. In the interest of time, Mary will send out an e-vote for Leadership Team approval of the committee.

21. Job Descriptions Committee: Karyl Lyne moved that Sylvia Fink (Albuquerque), Helena Whyte (Los Alamos), and Natalie Markin (Los Alamos) be appointed as a committee to write new job descriptions for AAUW-NM Officers. Ted Cooley seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the **motion passed.**

22. Public Policy Request for Funds: Dixie Trebbe has been serving as AAUW-NM representative on the Coalition for Choice. Dixie reported via email that the group is in the process of reorganizing and is requesting that each of the 6 sponsoring organizations contribute \$500 to support the events planned for this year. Questions were raised about who the other sponsoring organizations are, for what events the money will be used, and whose literature will be passed out at those events. **Ruth Benjamins moved that we move \$500 from the savings account to donate to Coalition for Choice.** Ted Cooley seconded the motion. **Natalie Markin moved that we table the motion until the questions raised can be answered.** Sylvia Fink seconded the motion to table. The vote was taken on the motion to table, and the **motion passed. The original motion was tabled.**

23. \$start \$mart: Shelley gave an overview of this joint project of AAUW and the WAGE Project. As it generated a lot of interest among attendees, Shelley and Sylvia were asked to make further inquiries about getting the project started in New Mexico.

24. AAUW Funds: There was a short discussion about what kind of fundraising AAUW-NM might want to do this year for AAUW Funds and how we might want to direct those funds. Members were asked to consider the possibilities.

25. Social Networking: AAUW-NM is looking for a member to help bring AAUW-NM forward in the area of social networking, at a minimum give us a presence on Facebook and keep that information updated. Jeannie Ornellas volunteered to get us on Facebook.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Nelson, Recording Secretary