



Executive Summary of the AAUW of Utah Board Meeting November 1, 2014

President Marilyn Shearer welcomed the board members to the first electronic board meeting using Adobe Connect at the Marriott Library.

Treasurer's Reports: All reports will be filed.

1. The Treasurer's Amended Report: the ending balance for the year ending June 30, 2014 was \$7,856. The 9/30/2014 reported balance was \$8,759.

2. The Budget for 2014-2015: Total income—\$4,416. Total disbursements—\$4,415. The budget is similar to previous budgets with the addition of expenses for website maintenance and electronic meeting license and support. The board voted unanimously to approve the budget.

New Business:

1. The Membership Payment Program (MPP) offered by AAUW is a free, secure, convenient, online dues-processing alternative to the regular print report version for AAUW branches and states. Each branch may make its own decision regarding the use of this program, but it is available for any branch to use if it chooses. The board voted unanimously to ratify acceptance of the MPP by AAUW of Utah.

2. The new AAUW of Utah website is up and running at <http://aauw-ut.aauw.net>. The website will be maintained by AAUW site resources at a cost of \$129 per year. The board voted to unanimously approve this action. All items for the website should be sent to mjshearer1@aol.com.

3. AAUW national uses Adobe Connect and the Connex International consulting firm for their various electronic meetings. Because we have been looking for the best way to hold our annual meeting without requiring members to travel long distances, we agreed to be one of the beta test sites to hold electronic meetings. The board voted unanimously to ratify the decision to acquire the license through April 25, 2015.

Meeting Schedule:

AAUW Utah Board Meeting: February 21, 2015. A place to hold this meeting will be determined.

Annual State AAUW of Utah Meeting: April 25th, 2015. The plans for this meeting are underway. We hope that we can meet in two locations, one in the Salt Lake City area and the other in the St. George area. People who cannot attend in person can join on-line. The sites for these meetings will be searched out now.

The 2015 AAUW National Convention, June 18—21 at the San Diego Hilton Hotel and Marina. Registration is now open, and a discount for early registration may still be available.

Membership: In an earlier conference call, our AAUW national membership liaison encouraged the state board to form a membership committee, and suggested we target members at large, look at women's organizations, look at success stories from around the state and the country, and remember every event should be considered a recruiting event. She also suggested we involve members in one-time projects.

Policies and Procedures revision: A revision is underway of AAUW of Utah Policies and Procedures, last revised in 2007. These revisions, as well as any needed revisions to the Bylaws, will be sent to the board for review and approval at the state board meeting in February. Both will be available for approval for the Annual meeting.

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee members will be announced and they will report at the February meeting. Positions that must be filled for two-year terms are Co-President and Treasurer.

Branch reports are attached to the minutes and will be posted on the state website. The reports include Public Policy efforts and activities.

Special Projects: reports are attached to the minutes and will be used to update the state website.

1. The Utah Women Artists Exhibition is scheduled next for March and April 2016.
2. Elect Her grants have been awarded by AAUW to Utah State University, Weber State University, Dixie State University, and the University of Utah to hold workshops to train college women to run for campus elected office.
3. A \$tart \$mart workshop for college women on wage negotiations was held at the University of Utah in February 2014, and another \$tart Smart facilitator from the St George branch has applied to be trained.
4. Real Women Run workshops to train women to run for elected office are planned for January 17th and March 28th.
5. STEM Initiatives: AWE+SUM Camp is planned for June at Westminster college, eSmart camps will be held at Dixie State University in the summer of 2015, and a Tech Savvy grant has been awarded to the St. George Branch for technology training for young women and their parents.

Marilyn thanked all who had contributed to and participated today and the meeting was adjourned.

Branch Reports are include below:



Branch Reports for AAUW Utah Board Meeting, November 1, 2014

AAUW Ogden Branch

Dorothy Hill, Advisor for AAUW Student Club

Re-organizing of the Ogden chapter. Three key WSU leaders, Dorothy Hill, Wendy Fox-Kirk, and Elizabeth Hill met with AAUW state leadership and past Ogden branch president Joan Effiong, to familiarize WSU leaders with AAUW and to plan a strategy for introducing chapter membership/development to other faculty and staff.

As of today Dorothy, Wendy and Liz have identified key staff and faculty who may likely have an interest in leadership or involvement in AAUW. The luncheon date should be finalized the first week of November.

WSU was selected to offer 'Elect Her' training from AAUW. Janet Bunger has agreed to be the state AAUW representative for this training. Dorothy Hill has participated in a conference call from DC to begin our preparation and planning efforts. The training date will likely be late February or early March. A committee of faculty and staff will be established to implement and plan the training according to AAUW standards.

The AAUW Student Club has been active in the following: producing a WSU "Like a Girl" video exploring stereotypes on campus; increasing club membership significantly to at least 28 members (effective September 15); doing a service project for the Girl Scouts of America; implementing a "Peg it Forward" campaign; and inviting/hosting Donna McAleer to speak on campus about the importance of getting involved. The club is actively planning spring semester.

AAUW St. George Branch
Marianne Sorensen, President, St. George Branch

- We are humming along with 169 members as of 10/15/2014.
- We are planning to hold a board retreat on Nov. 17 to discuss fundraising—the who, what, how and why—as this is probably our biggest challenge right now.
- Our annual author's event is scheduled for the evening of Saturday, Nov. 1, and will feature award-winning author of two books on the "Savage Mountain," K2, Jennifer Jordan. This event raises money for our scholarship fund.
- Our November program will be a presentation by Lecia Langston, Regional Economist for ten counties in central and southwestern Utah, who will use current data and research to help enlighten us about the disparity between male and female pay both in Utah and the nation.
- In December, we are planning to gather simple gift items for our sisters (and brothers) who reside in local care facilities. These will be items that have been requested such as shampoo, perfume, notecards, art sketch books, handkerchiefs, etc.) to bring a little joy to those who otherwise might not receive a simple token of love and support during the holidays.

Recent Candidates Forum: On October 6, our branch held a candidate's forum at which Washington County Republican and Democrat candidates for the state legislature or county commission were invited to state their stance on election issues. The program was moderated by Jeannette Johnson, PhD., Legislative, Policy and Advocacy Chair for the Branch. The forum was well attended, and we were happy to receive recognition by AAUW in its Washington Update for October 17.

eSmart: Gloria Prahel has resigned as director of eSmart. Dr. Erin O'Brien and Rachel Ramsey have stepped up to act as co-directors and have been unanimously confirmed by the Board of Directors.

Tech Savvy: The St. George Branch has been selected by AAUW to receive a grant of \$6,000.00 to implement an AAUW National Tech Savvy Pilot Program. Rachel Ramsey will attend the committee chair training November 8-9, 2014 at the AAUW offices in Washington D.C. Tech Savvy is a one-day career conference designed to engage girls in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) through hands-on activities. Parents and families can attend concurrent workshops on how to help their girls pursue college and career paths in STEM.

AAUW Wasatch Branch

Dottie Bingman and Ann Williams Co-Presidents

Wasatch Branch EO Fund Raiser, held Friday, October 24th, was a Chili Cook off and Bunco party. Our three chili judges had six recipes to sample. One of them was declared "Judges' favorite" but it was a difficult decision since all six offerings were delicious. The Bunco game followed and brought with it both fun and confusion. Prizes for most Wins, Losses, Buncos, etc. were awarded after 2 complete games. And almost all players learned about a "Moose." \$830 was raised to be sent to AAUW Funds Educational Opportunities.



November 11th our meeting topic is The Air We Are Breathing is Hurting Us. Our guest speaker will be Cerise Udell, Founder of Utah Mom's for Clean Air.

Saturday, December 13th is our Holiday Luncheon at Cafe Madrid. This is a time when we typically collect clothing or money for a local charity.

January is a busy month with our regular meeting Monday January 12th discussing the impact of bringing books to inmates in the jails and the state prison, which we will do. In addition we will join forces with Salt Lake Branch and League of Women Voters to host a legislative panel on Saturday, January 10th, at the Girl Scout Building.

February is Black History Month and we are fortunate to have Pastor France Davis of Calvary First Baptist Church scheduled to share Black Women of Utah at our meeting on February 9th.

March's speaker is Dr. Nancy Haanstad, Chair of the Political Science and Philosophy Department at Weber State University. She will be speaking on Women and Conflict, UN Involvement on March 9th.

April 13th brings us a presentation by Jennifer Hyvonen, Communications director of the 4th Street Clinic. She will be discussing Homeless Women and Children in Salt Lake City.

Our annual Awards and Installation Banquet is planned for May 11th at the Cottonwood Country Club. This is always a dynamic social event when we honor our Distinguished Woman for the year, acknowledge the contribution of our outgoing officers, and welcome and install our new officers.

A huge thank you goes out to Lynn Romney and Laura Osburn for arranging all of these exciting programs.



Lynn Romney,
Dixie Allen

Our LAF dinner in September was a huge success with over \$250 donated to LAF National.

And last but not least, Dixie Allen from the Utah State School Board cleared up misconceptions about the Common Core. She was received warmly at our October meeting.

**AAUW Salt Lake City Branch
Kathy Boyer, President
Branch Meetings Report**

September 13, 2014 - Mary Ann Holladay presented a program on the status of women and education in Utah.

October 11, 2014 - Four panel members presented on domestic violence and sexual violence. Participants included Keri Jones-Fonnesbeck from YWCA; Keri Gardner from the Legal Aid Society; Paco Rendon from Planned Parenthood; and Sam, a peer educator from the Planned Parenthood Teen Council.

November 8, 2014 - will be a panel presentation on "Service at Any Age." Participants will include Rachel Brisson who will discuss her student service in Ghana; Amanda Phillips from Youthline who will discuss service on an international level; Heather MacDonald from United Way of Salt Lake who will discuss service in the community; and Katie Walther who will provide information about volunteer medical services.

December 13, 2014 will be the Red Candle Tea which supports the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). It is also an opportunity to donate needed items to the Christmas Box House.

January 10, 2015 a legislative forum will be held in conjunction with the Wasatch Branch and the League of Women Voters. Local legislators will be invited to participate.

February 14, 2015 will be a presentation by Kathy Horvat and Sue Nissen (both from the Wasatch Branch) about the history of the Utah Women Artists Exhibition.

March 14, 2015 will be our Distinguished Woman Luncheon.

April 11, 2015 will be the Education Opportunities Fund (EOF) fundraiser luncheon. April will also include an event in recognition of Equal Pay Day.

May 9, 2015 will be our annual meeting and installation of new officers.

Scholarship Update

Last year, a local scholarship proposal was approved by branch members. This effort was under the leadership of Maxine Haggerty. The application and guidelines have since been developed. The goal is to grant a scholarship to a woman in the Salt Lake City area who has had an interruption in her pursuit of a college education. The scholarship committee is in place and there is money in the scholarship fund. As of October 2014, the University of Utah, Westminster College, and Salt Lake Community College will announce the scholarship opportunity to their students. The information is also posted on the new AAUW SLC Branch website.