

AAUW Tar Heel Branch – Annual Report

March 31, 2012

Results of the ballot

The resolution passed to oppose the NC amendment to limit domestic legal unions to marriage between one man and one woman. The vote was 62 in favor, 4 opposed, 5 abstained (71 of 122 members voting). All the candidates for the board were elected. Nancy Shoemaker and Lyndee Champion Ivey continue as president and treasurer respectively. Mari Pino del Rosario and Grace Knechtel continue as directors-at-large. New directors are Monique Stamps, Cheryl Waters-Tormey, and Carol Zellen.

Our thanks to Mari Pino del Rosario and Doris Bernlohr, the 2012 nominating committee, and to Michelle Evans, Jenine Atoji, and Kathy Pearre for their service on the 2011-2012 board. Special thanks to Pat Abell who is leaving the branch board after serving since 2008 when the branch was chartered.

Finance

Balance 7/1/2011: 686.34

Balance 3/29/2012: 798.92

We are in good financial shape with resources to fund projects proposed by branch members.

Membership

Total as of 2/1/2011: 78

Total as of 2/1/2012: 122

Total as of 3/29/2012: 127 (77 primary, 43 dual, 5 c/u rep, 2 students)

A key component of the 2011-2012 growth was recruiting on the Elon and Western Carolina campuses.

Programs

Get local initiative reported few face-to-face meetings outside the Triangle. There are still funds in the program budget to fund local events.

The branch co-sponsored a reception for the Fellows in October, and helped staff booths at the NC Governors Conference for Women and an NC Council for Women event. The Wake County group was a sponsor of a showing of Miss Representation in Durham and the Wake League of Women Voters Women's Equality Day event.

Fundraising

The branch increased its fundraising in 2011 over 2010 by a significant amount. Much of this was due to the generosity of David Kirkwood, member of the AAUW board, who joined the branch in 2011 and who also offered a challenge grant to match gifts in the fourth quarter of 2011.

2011 total: \$3581.00 2010 total: \$795.00

Communications

The branch continues to use WordPress.com for website hosting. This costs us about \$41.97/year (based on some services received from AAUW NC) and provides some flexibility beyond what's offered at AAUW's new Site Resources. However, the platform is the same, so we may explore the free Site Resources at some point.

Other board actions

Approved a debt ceiling discount program in fall 2011 – renewing members with financial hardship may pay less than full dues. This is being continued for 2012-2013 renewals. This was funded with free memberships earned through membership growth.

The branch initiated a change to AAUW NC policy to waive half-year state dues for at-large (national) members transferring to a branch in January and February. This allows us to offer \$65 dues all year round and has helped simplify our financial procedures.

More info at <http://tarheel.aauwnc.org>