

AAUW Tar Heel Branch

Annual Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2014

The Annual Meeting of the Tar Heel Branch of AAUW was called to order by Co-President Michelle Evans at 8:15 AM on Saturday, March 29th at the Country Inns and Suites, Burlington, NC. Following the opening comments, members introduced themselves.

Michelle gave a quick overview of the Branch Annual report. Paper copies were available to members and it has also been posted on the branch web site. (<http://site.tarheel.aauwnc.org/>)

Denny McGuire was appointed secretary for the annual meeting. Reading of the minutes from the 2013 annual meeting was waived since they have been posted on the web site.

Since Branch Treasurer Lyndee Champion Ivey was not in attendance due to illness, Co-President Nancy Shoemaker presented the financial report for FY 2014. She said that the branch was in good financial shape with approximately \$1000.00 available in the treasury. The budget for FY 2013-2014 anticipated revenues of \$800 and expenses of the same.

Nancy continued with the Membership Report. As of February 1, the Tar Heel Branch had 89 members. By the date of the annual meeting the total had increased to 95. Dues are as follows: \$5.00 for dual members; \$16.00 for out-of-state dual members and \$65.00 for those with Tar Heel as their primary branch. Dues can be paid for the next year now, and are due by June 30, 2014.

Nancy also announced that Diane Schneider was circulating cards for several members of the branch unable to attend the meeting. Members were asked to sign cards for Lil Van Order, former state Co-President; Leslie Styron previous State President and a 62 year member; and, Lib Laney, former State President. A member of the Greensboro Branch suggested adding another card for Mary Fran Schickedantz, another former State President and State Treasurer who was unable to attend the meeting due to her participation in the TriadTechSavy project happening the same day.

Under Unfinished Business, Karla Atkinson commented on the format and clarity of the Tar Heel Branch Annual Report and suggested that it could serve as a model for other branches to follow.

New business began with Michelle introducing a new members to the group: Jackie Heath of Vance Granville Community College. Jackie will be speaking to the full annual meeting on a project encouraging college continuation later this morning.

Michelle then thanked the members of the 2014 Nominating Committee: Doris Bernlohr, Jean D'Addario and Diane Schneider. The on-line election process is still underway, but given the current tallies, it appears that the officers for 2015 are as follows:

- President: Michelle Evans
- Treasurer: Lyndee Champion Ivey
- Directors at Large: Chesney Reich, Diane Schneider and Christi Whitworth.
- Note: Current Directors at Large Lill Van Order and Karla Atkinson will continue in their roles.

Nancy presented a Five Year Anniversary Certificate for the Tar Heel Branch from AAUW to the members for review. Michelle commented that Nancy Shoemaker and Doris Bernlohr, two of the Tar Heel Branch's charter members were in the room. To date, the branch has had 170 members. Nancy also announced that the Tar Heel branch had received a recognition letter from AAUW national Executive Director and CEO Linda Hallman for its fundraising success.

Michelle stated that the Tar Heel Branch was the first virtual branch to serve as a liaison to a college project. Vance Granville Community College has been awarded a "Campus Action Grant" and the Tar Heel branch is now actively engaged with the project.

In the Open Discussion portion of the meeting, the following topics were raised:

- Members from Elon University have expressed interest in a stronger connection to AAUW. Nancy and Michelle are going to be meeting with them to discuss further involvement and perhaps some project interest.
- The long-time C. /U representative for Duke, Ada Gregory, has moved to a new position on campus and is no longer the Director of the Woman's Center.
- Linda Brady, Chancellor at UNC-Greensboro will speak at the April 26th meeting of the Greensboro Branch.
- There is some new interest at Western Carolina University in AAUW, and members will be reaching out to WCU.
- Kat Braeman, National Board member and new member of the Tar Heel Branch, told attendees that her special interest is in diversity and inclusion and asked members to contact her with ideas and suggestions.
- Special thanks and recognition were given to retiring board members Grace Knechtel and Mari Pino del Rosario. Nancy Shoemaker is also leaving the board due to term limits. Their contributions to the Board will be missed.

The meeting was adjourned.