

AAUW Tar Heel Branch

Standing discounts for membership – for discussion 8/12/2021;

Financial hardship

- Open to any renewing primary member on request to the treasurer
- Current total dues are \$73. We recommend the member pay at least \$50, but we will accept \$25 to keep them connected to AAUW.

Shape the Future

- This may change as AAUW implements accepting Shape the Future dues at aauw.org – Greensboro has used this. But in the past, payment needed to be made to the local affiliate. It is based on AAUW offering half off national dues for a new member joining at an event.
- With national dues at \$59 we charged \$45
 - \$34.50 -> national, \$11 -> AAUW NC, \$4.50 -> branch (giving up \$.50 of the usual branch dues)
 - Should that be adjusted now that national dues are \$72? Say \$50:
 - \$36 -> national, \$11 -> AAUW NC, \$3 -> branch
- The free memberships earned by signing up new members are used to renew people claiming financial hardship discounts (or just volunteer members who don't mind paying full dues that don't show up on their record). This means they can end up as net income to the branch.

Students

- Undergraduates at AAUW member institutions can connect for free. AAUW NC and the branch waive any fees.
- Undergraduates at other campuses and graduate students pay \$18.81 to AAUW. AAUW NC charges graduate students \$11. The branch has been charging them \$5 for a total of \$34.81. They would be eligible for the "financial hardship" rate at \$25.

18-month membership

- Half-year dues are no more, so a member joining Jan. 1 – Mar. 14 is charged full dues for a membership expiring on June 30 of that year.
- Our practice has been to charge people full dues but sign them up as a national member, then after March 15 transfer them into the branch: up to 18 months membership for the price of 12.

Complimentary first year memberships for new state board members and branch presidents in NC

- Waive the \$5 local dues for these people who agree to join but delay in sending dues