

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
METROPOLITAN ST. LOUIS INTERBRANCH COUNCIL
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May 25, 2021, via Zoom**

Attendance – Names in Bold are Voting Members

IBC Chairs

Co-Chair Barbara Johnson (KWG)
Co-Chair Deb McWard (KWG)
Secretary Marsha Koch (KWG)
Finance Chair Carol Davis McDonald (KWG)

State Positions

Membership VP ~~Lynne Roney (KWG)~~
Public Policy Chair Karen Francis (BC)
Strategic Plan Chair Pat Shores (BC)

Ballwin-Chesterfield (BC)

Co-President **Jan Horner**
Program VP ~~Yvonne Ward (1/2)~~
Program VP ~~Carol Anthony (1/2)~~
Finance Officer **Pat Shores**
Member-at-Large ~~Jean Elliott~~ **Joyce Katz**

Ferguson-Florissant (FF)

Co-President
Co-President **Pam Meyers**
Program VP **Shirley Breeze**
Newsltr Editor

Kirkwood-Webster Groves (KWG)

Co-President **Jeanne Webdell**
Co-President **Chris Nobbe**
Program VP ~~Kay Meyer~~
Membership VP **Deb McWard**
Member-at-Large **Nancy Hutchins**

St. Charles (STC)

President **Betty Takahashi**
Member-at-Large **Teri Brecht**
Director **RoseAnn Weeks**

St. Louis (STL)

Co-President **Ellen Irons**
Membership VP **Carol Davis McDonald**
Member-at-Large **Jan Scott**

Deb McWard called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and asked each branch to share what their branches have been doing.

- B-C had their first spring picnic in person. About 80 people attended, most without masks.
- FF had their spring luncheon. The speaker was really good, and a lot of members attended. They did not wear masks or social distance. The venue was great and the catering was wonderful.
- KWG gave two scholarships to high school seniors pursuing STEM careers.
- STC members have rejoined. They will have their first board meeting in over a year in June. Rose Ann Weeks reported that STC presented two scholarships to high school seniors. Teri Brecht reported that they presented AAUW packets to high school seniors who were STEM students. One of their members was on Channel 5 honored for turning 105 and will receive an honorary membership this year.
- STL has continued their movie club. They had their May meeting in person with speakers Linda Lindsay who spoke about bipartisanship across the aisles and Katherine Ferrell who gave an update on legislative issues. Project with Girl Scouts using their 250 notable women integrating into their programs. Diane Sher and Ellen met with Girl Scouts about collaborating on more projects. Girl Scouts are very interested in working with AAUW on equity and inclusion, our national resources, etc., and doing a tabling event in August. Ellen will prepare a list and share with everyone.

Approval of February 23 Minutes

MOTION by Jan Scott Jean Elliott and seconded by Shirley Breeze that “we accept the minutes as corrected.”
CARRIED.

Financial Report: Carol Davis McDonald

Carol reviewed the financial report dated May 24 have been no changes in the financial picture. The receipts from Spring Fling \$1,650. Pam Meyers will check with Daniel Shavers, speaker at Spring Fling, about cashing his speaker’s honorarium. Deb reminded branches to send their annual NCCWSL contribution to Carol. The financial report was accepted for audit.

Deb asked for one person from each branch to serve on a committee to review and clarify our NCCWSL guidelines, especially how airfare is purchased and refunded. This became an issue when NCCWSL was cancelled and airline tickets had already been purchased. The NCCWSL attendee has the tickets which can be used to purchase new tickets but not for a cash refund. Chris Nobbe and Ellen Irons volunteered for the committee.

Meeting rooms at the libraries can be reserved online. Deb will reserve meeting rooms for dates that have daylight hours in the evening and plan Zoom meetings for winter meetings.

Deb thanked the Spring Fling Task Force for all their work producing the Spring Fling Zoom meeting.

Ellen Irons shared information about the AAUW MO-sponsored August 26 Zoom event “Women's Suffrage, Racism and Intersectionality: One year after the 19th Amendment Centennial. The two speakers are Dr. April Langley, Chairman of Black Studies, Associate English professor and Acting English Dept Chair from the University of Missouri, Kansas City, and Dr. Carmaletta M. Williams, Executive Director of Black Archives of Mid-America in Kansas City. Sue Shineman, Diane Ludwig, and Ellen are developing a publicity packet for the branches.

AAUW MO board has also approved The Votes for Women Trail project. Pat Shores is chairing this project; it will be a joint effort of Inclusion and Equity, Public Policy, and C/U. This state-wide project will continue the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment by discovering, documenting and adding many more sites and suffragists to the Trail. <https://ncwhs.org/votes-for-women-trail/>. Pat has already identified five individuals in the Columbia area to recognize. Karen suggested contacting the Mercantile Library on the UMSL campus because they have so many archives.

Karen Francis reported on College/University partners. The committee has revamped the letter and materials to share with university leaders. Only 12 schools in MO are full members. The C/U committee reached out to all MO schools with information about NCCWSL. Karen is meeting with Sue Shineman and branch presidents in June. Inclusion and Equity will present to branch presidents in July. Karen learned about all the activities the young women in AAUW at Missouri State University in Springfield have been doing; their Facebook page is “AAUW at Missouri State University.”

Deb asked the branches to vote on the recommendation from the committee charged with reviewing and revamping the Barbara Lackritz award to honor one person from each branch at the IBC Spring Fling.

- BC votes in favor of the proposal for change.
- FF abstains because they have not been able to discuss the recommendation with all members.
- KWG votes in favor of the proposal for change.
- STC votes in favor of the proposal for change.
- STL votes against the proposal for change. Want it to be a special award with the possibility of making other awards.

New Business

Deb reported that there is no news about gift wrapping for tips at Barnes 'n Noble at Christmas time, and she will continue to check with them.

Deb asked each branch to send her a list of their officers.

Deb suggested that we have one person from each branch form a Spring Fling Task Force to make decisions about next year's Spring Fling, rather than discuss every decision in the IBC quarterly meetings. Possible dates for the event are March 26 and April 2 (Easter is on April 17). Volunteers for the task force are:

- Program-BC: Jean Elliott
- Arrangements-FF: Pam Meyers
- Registration-STC: Rose Ann Weeks
- Publicity-KWG: Marsha Koch
- Fundraising-STL: Ellen Irons
- MAL if needed: Barbara Johnson

The next IBC meeting will be Tuesday, August 24, at 7 pm. Deb will determine the meeting place.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Koch

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AAUW Interbranch Council Finance Report, May 24, 2020

(Receipts and Expenditures since 11-24-2020)

Carol Davis McDonald, Treasurer

Operating funds balance, 11-24-2020		\$2,947.21	
Receipts:			
3-15 deposit, Spring Fling raffle tickets, donations	\$390.00		
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3-22 deposit, Spring Fling raffle tickets, donations	390.00		
4-2 deposit: Refund from NCCWSL 2020	390.00	\$2,040.00	\$4,987.21
Expenditures:			
#403 – Jeanine York Garesche, Spring Fling speaker	\$75.00		
#404 – Daniel Shavers, Spring Fling speaker	\$75.00		
#405 – Karen Francis, Women’s March co-sponsor	\$150.00		
#406 – Deb McWard, Lackritz Award flowers	\$15.00		
Total:		\$315.00	
Operating funds balance, 5-24-2021		\$4,672.21	\$ 4,987.21
Plus NCCWSL Fund balance:		\$1,403.65	
Bank account total (operating funds and NCCWSL)		\$4,672.21	\$6,075.86

(Spring Fling receipts = \$1,650.00)

NCCWSL Fund

	Rec'd	Spent	Balance
Balance, 2-26-2019			\$1,348.95
Airfare for Panashe Gadaga, #371, 4-13-2019		\$289.60	
Airfare and incidentals for Julia Sperry, #372, 4-24-2019		\$494.96	
Incidentals for Panashe Gadaga, #373, 4-24-2019		\$75.00	
Balance, 5-27-2019			\$489.39
Barnes & Noble gift-wrapping tips, 12-21	\$266.71		\$756.10
Barnes & Noble gift-wrapping tips, 12-22	\$238.51		\$994.61
Pool shares from branches	\$950.00		\$1,944.61
Leatrice McNeal's airfare		\$276.96	\$1,667.65
Leatrice McNeal's NCCWSL registration		\$485.00	
Balance, 2-23-2020			\$1,182.65
Donations at Spring Fling	\$53.00		
Donation, Spring Fling	\$38.00		
Balance, 8-25-2020			1,273.65
Donation, Ferguson-Florissant and St. Louis	\$130.00		\$1,403.65