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Bits & pieces of Information for Members

Spring IS coming, and hopefully, we will be able to meet outside once again soon. Seven of us plus two guests attended our March 8 gathering at The Brickhouse Restaurant in White Bear. We had a delicious lunch on their upstairs deck in two clear plastic "igloos". It was a unique and enjoyable experience. While there I polled members (we had a quorum) in order to select the voting delegates from our branch to the Minnesota State Convention April 29 and 30. The names needed to be sent in to be registered before our April meeting. Five members, Janet, Linda, Doris, Joan and LouAnn are planning to attend with Janet and Linda as voting representatives while Joan will be first alternate and Doris second. St. Cloud branch is hosting, and this is their 100th anniversary!

April is the month for our annual meeting, and there are several items of business. Volunteers are needed for the positions of administrator, financial officer, record keeper and communications liaison. The current holders of these jobs are willing to consider staying on if no one volunteers, but the branch will have to formally approve whoever serves. Linda will present the branch financial report. We should discuss our donation to National AAUW and the money still left in our scholarship fund at Century College. Also we must vote on a change to our by-laws as presented by a by-laws committee consisting of Doris and Jan F. The suggested wording was sent out to all members in February in accordance with standard procedure. Bring your questions to the meeting or email one of the board members.

I want to thank everyone who has volunteered this past year, especially Doris and Linda. I couldn't have done this alone. Thank you to those who have opened their homes or back yards, brought treats, served on committees, answered questions or were just supportive. THANK YOU!

Submitted by Janet, Administrator

Annual Business Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 1:30 PM

Location - Janet's home

Snack – provided by Doris

Our third of four business meetings is scheduled to be at Janet's home. An email with directions will be sent prior to the meeting day.

A volunteer will be **needed to take minutes** before the business meeting begins. Our Administrator, Janet is designing the agenda to be user friendly for taking of the minutes. If you already know you are willing to volunteer, please, call or email Janet.

Wearing of masks is optional. Use your own discretion dependent upon your situation.

Submitted by Doris, Communications Liaison

Proposed Bylaws revision

The purpose of this revision is to clarify the role of the Record Keeper. The person is not required to record or take minutes of meetings. The person is required to maintain a file of all original, official minutes of meetings.

The **current** Bylaws (effective July 1, 2019), ARTICLE IX. REQUIRED POSITIONS, Section 2. Duties, e. The record keeping volunteer shall record and maintain minutes of all noticed board, membership and special meetings, and shall make the minutes available upon request for AAUW, IRS and for branch archives.

The revised section of the Bylaws (effective April 12, 2022), ARTICLE IX. REQUIRED POSITIONS, Section 2. Duties, e. The Record Keeper volunteer shall maintain the file of all original, official minutes from all membership, board of directors, committee and special meetings, and shall make the minutes available upon request for AAUW and the IRS.

This proposed Bylaws amendment was emailed Friday, February 4, 2022 2:15 PM to All branch members with the subject of "Notice of Bylaws change to members"

Respectfully submitted, Bylaws Committee; Jan F. and Doris M,

Membership renewal and dues information

*Beginning July 1, the AAUW national dues will be \$67, of which \$64 will be tax-deductible.

\$67 national (\$64 is tax deductible)

\$9 state

\$20 branch

Total \$91 for all members except Life members. They pay \$29.

For those who wish to pay in person, checks will be collected. The alternative is to mail your payment to Linda by June 1st.

Considering an upgrade to lifetime membership for \$1,240, a \$100 savings compared to the cost after June 30? Lifetime membership is fully tax-deductible

Thanks.

Submitted by Linda, Financial Officer

*A reminder of the increase passed was posted in the AAUW *Membership Matters: A News Hub for Leaders*, February 2022 edition.

Tidbits from Communications

March 29 resolutions for the 2022 AAUW Minnesota Convention were to be published for review by AAUW Minnesota membership. Delegates are hoping to attain the AAUW-MN convention resolutions prior to the Annual branch meeting to attain fellow branch members' input.

Connecting with AAUW (national)

The best way to connect with AAUW (national) is through https://my.aauw.org/NC_Login

I plan to check in with individuals to see if you have been successful with getting into your "Personal Snapshot" where you check the summary of your personal contact information and request digital mailings from AAUW or opt out of them. If you are having problems before I contact you, call me.

Submitted by Doris, Communications Liaison

Not getting emails from AAUW?

[A message from MEMBERSHIP MATTERS MARCH edition](#)

"Don't Miss AAUW Emails"

"Help us help other volunteers who report not receiving AAUW emails by directing them to visit <https://aauw.us/emailoptions> to update their preferences and get back on the AAUW email list."