



Minutes
AAUW-NYS Annual Business Meeting
Saturday, June 25, 0900-1300
President Janice Brown, Chair
Parliamentarian- Lauren Monforte
Timekeeper-Lauren Monforte

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Call to Order at 9:06: This is AAUW-NYS's 75th annual meeting. Lauren Monforte is the official legal representative for the meeting.

Attendance: recorded on Zoom report, see attached report

Credentials Report: Carla Clayborne, Credentials Chair reported that 85 members registered: 6 past presidents, 11 board and committee members, 45 branch delegates total 62 delegates. 18 branches are represented of 26 a quorum is established. The delegates voted to accept the report.

Approval of the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes: Lynn Gore, Secretary reported that the minutes of the 2021 Annual Business Meeting were approved by the AAUW-NYS board of directors at their July 17, 2021, meeting.

Adoption of the Rules and Business Meeting Agenda: Janice Brown, AAUW-NYS President presented the rules and agenda. Both reports were adopted

President's Report: Janice Brown, AAUW-NYS President spoke about her term and experiences through COVID. Zoom provided new ways for members to support AAUW-NYS.

Janice read the AAUW National's statement about reproductive freedom issued in response to the ruling to overturn Roe vs Wade yesterday June 24. She requested that members refer to the AAUW National statement concerning Roe vs Wade.

Among other activities AAUW-NYS offered Zoom accounts. A student

communication appointee received \$500 to help with internet communication. Suzanne Young-Mercer was DEI chairperson and worked hard to develop programs. The Community Hub is still being updated, Janice asked that members be patient. She advised that branches continue to follow COVID protocol.

Finance Report: Barbara Van Itallie, AAUW-NYS Treasurer presented highlights of the Treasurer's Report. Balance \$93,717 down by \$10,739. See attached report.

Membership Report: Karen Martin, AAUW-NYS Membership Vice-President reported that there are 117 new members. She asked that branches "Make note of their Story" Set goals review what works. See attached report.

Development Report: Carol Griffith, AAUW-NYS Development Vice-President, and President Elect: The AAUW National received \$42,872.19 from AAUW-NYS in 2021. See attached report. She reported that the bylaws are a continual work of progress. She thanked Jane Pendergast and Edwina Martin for their work on the committee. See attached reports.

Public Policy Report: Nan Scinta, AAUW-NYS Public Policy Director is available to branches for electronic meetings or in person. Contact your assembly or senate member to find out more on the bills they are working on. Edwina Martin suggested that Nan send information about legislation to branches. Nan will send copies of letters she has written to the AAUW President and Secretary for distribution. The priorities for AAUW-NYS for the next term were accepted by the membership. The priorities for 2021-2024 were voted on and accepted. See attached report

Report of the Nominating Team: Edwina F. Martin, Esq, AAUW-NYS Nominating Chair for 2021-2024. There was only one open position for President Elect. Suzanne Young-Mercer applied for the position; she is fully qualified for the

position. She was approved by the board. Janice asked if there were any other nominations for the position. No other names were nominated. Suzanne Young-Mercer is the official nominee. Suzanne spoke briefly. Delegates voted electronically. Suzanne Young-Mercer was officially elected. See attached report.

Keynote Speaker-Gloria Blackwell, CEO, AAUW: updated “One AAUW: Building Equity for All”. She presented a powerful review of the year’s programs. Office hours for website help are Thursdays at 3:30 Eastern Time. How we can help:

1. **Participate** in our 5-Star Recognition Program
2. **Reflect** on our core mission objectives.
3. **Donate** to the Greatest Needs Fund.
4. **Recognize** Title IX’s 50th Anniversary
5. **Speak out** and let your voice be heard as a member of AAUW.

Diversity Engagement: Suzanne Young-Mercer talked about “Diversity Equity and Inclusion: Privilege”. The DEI section of the AAUW-NYS website is being updated by the DEI committee. There are also links to the National website.

Installation of Officers-Gloria Blackwell, CEO: Gloria thanked Janice Brown for her service and encouraged her to continue to contribute to the association. She also congratulated Suzanne Young-Mercer and entrusted that she accepts the responsibilities of the office. Gloria then asked Carol Griffith if she accepted the position of President of AAUW-NYS, and Carol accepted. Suzanne Young-Mercer was asked to accept the governance of AAUW-NYS President-Elect and to be ready to take the next step. Suzanne accepted. Gloria then stated that the positions of President and President Elect were duly installed.

Title IX Panel: “Getting Girls in the Game”: Moderated by Edwina Martin: the panel focused on the impact of Title IX. Dr Miriam Merrill-Athletic Director,

Pomona-Pitzer and Kayla Crosby-Owner, Jamestown Jackals. Both speakers were beneficiaries of Title IX policies. There was a suggestion that AAUW work on a program to address advancing women coaches of both genders. Both speakers play important roles as Role Models for other women and girls.

New Business: no new business.

Announcements: Edwina Martin brought up the 60-year anniversary by Staten Island Branch.

Janice Brown asked that members and branches act boldly she stated that the time is now to get work done. She thanked the members for attending the meeting.

Adjournment at 12:10. .

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Gore,
Secretary AAUW-NYS