



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN – NEW YORK STATE

Winter FOCUS 2023

AAUW New York State Nominating Committee Report – November 21, 2022

Edwina Martin Chairperson – acting on behalf of the AAUW NYS nominating committee, Edwina presented the slate of officer's report for 2022-2023, to the executive committee on November 21, 2022, with full board approval of the following slate of candidates: Nan Scinta Public Policy Vice President (Adirondack Branch), Susan Cicchetti Secretary, (Staten Island Branch), Latasha P. Elder, Treasurer (Fairport Branch). (More candidate information in the Spring Focus).

AAUW New York State College/University Coordinator News/Report – Maria Ellis, MBA

“Celebration of College Women Presidents” -Saturday, April 8, 2023, 9:30 am to noon (ZOOM)

The Panel Topic “College Women Presidents: University & Community Panel

The planning committee will meet by zoom for approximately 45 minutes on Saturdays at 8:00 am, January 7 & 14, February 18 & 25, March 4 & 18, April 1 (wrap up planning).

The planning committee is in the process of creating questions for the panel participants. They are inviting AAUW NYS members to present questions you would like to have answered during the zoom event to be sent to Maria L Ellis mellis@kwnyc.com.

AAUW New York State President-Elect

Betty Harrel (Poughkeepsie Branch) and Betty Preble (Buffalo Branch) have been added to the governance committee.

AAUW New York State Public Policy Vice President Report – Nan Scinta

Nan traveled from Queensbury to Bath, at the invitation of AAUW NYS Bath Branch members to discuss public policy ideas on Sunday, November 6, 2022, with 35 members present. Nan continues to represent the AAUW NYS branches actively with POWHER NYS. Nan has designated a representative to submit to the executive committee January 23, 2023, a state public policy proposal in her absence while in Israel.

AAUW New York State Vice President Membership – Karen Martin

Karen is continuing to work with the changes using the new “Community Hub.” Very positive comments have been received regarding the emails announcing a new member has joined AAUW NYS, which is a very positive outcome of the community hub change. Karen is now President of the Rockland County Branch.

AAUW New York State Secretary Report – Lynn Gore

Lynn is also doing a great job keeping us documented monthly regarding executive board teamwork and has the job of keeping us organized during the discussion portion of the meetings. Lynn is also President of the Kingston Branch.

AAUW New York State Treasurer Report – Barbara Van Itallie

Barbara in the past two month has put her expertise to future investment planning with full approval of the executive board. Barbara is also your Presidents right hand and keeps your President on her toes by setting up the executive board monthly zoom calls.

AAUW New York State Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Report – Suzanne Young-Mercer

Suzanne Young-Mercer and Mary-Carol Lindbloom are working on their goal to have a DEI representative from each NYS Branch. Please help them to be successful. Please note that they have updated DEI newsletter on the AAUW NYS website (aauwnys.org select (Branch Support-Diversity)).

AAUW New York State Past President -Janice Brown

On November 14, 2022, AAUW State Presidents meeting our past AAUW NYS president Janice Brown took charge of educating participants about the importance of state fundraising to support the AAUW National Mission, leading the meeting through some technical difficulties effectively.

AAUW National News

AAUW’s 14th Annual Art Contest
2023 National conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) Register
End of Year Giving Donations Successful

AAUW New York State Executive Committee News

Carol A. Griffith as AAUW New York State President was invited to attend the Inauguration Ceremony on Sunday, January 1st, 2023, held at The Empire State Convention Center, Albany, New York. Ms. Griffith witnessed the inauguration of the first female Governor of New York State, Kathy Hochul.

1. Your AAUW NYS dues for will remain at \$7.00, no increase.
2. Your AAUW Branch Grant and Zoom Forms are being revised.
3. Off Board Appointments- AAUW’s Five-Star National Recognition – Past President -Janice Brown announced January 23, 2023, AAUW NYS Executive Board Meeting.