

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Tar Heel Branch, North Carolina

Held in Charlotte, on Saturday, April 17, 2010

Doris Bernlohr, president, called the annual meeting of the Tar Heel Branch (THB) to order at 3:57 p.m.

The president announced that she had asked Kay White to be the temporary secretary for the meeting; the minutes would be posted within 10 days and if 30 days after the minutes are posted, there are no additions or corrections, the minutes would stand as written.

The president asked that the secretary record in the minutes the following: (1) Election of the following officers to lead the Tar Heel Branch through June 30, 2011: President: Doris Bernlohr, Treasurer: Nancy Shoemaker and Membership: Mari-Pino del Rosario and Board members will be Judy Atkinson/ Public Policy and Pat Abell/AAUW Funds. (2) Passage by a majority of our members, recently voted online, of the following Bylaw changes: (a) to allow for written, conference call, or electronic vote to conduct branch business outside the context of the annual meeting and (b) to allow the president, with the approval of the board, more flexibility in appointing people to specific officers' roles, (3) The names of the delegates to the convention: Kathleen Hilton, named as second delegate to the 2010 convention from the THB, and Mari-Pino del Rosarios selected as the alternate, (4) the nominating committee members for 2010 were Grace Knechtel, Chair, Mary Morrow and Judythe Atkinson.

The president then asked for **Reports**:

- (1) The president was proud to announce that the THB had increased membership from 28 to 56; she then challenged the members to double the membership over the next year from 56 to 112. Her goal for next year is to get on 1 maybe 2 more campuses.
- (2) Nancy Shoemaker gave the **Treasurer's report**. As of March 31, 2010, there was \$319.17 in the Treasury.
- (3) Sheila Bassoppo-Moyo gave a report on **the NC Women United Showcase** in Raleigh in March. Several women's organizations came together to show their activities and share their ideas. It was very successful and NC Women United is ready to host a showcase in Western NC. It was very successful, membership-wise, as two new members joined AAUW at this event.
- (4) Doris Bernlohr, President, reported on the success of the **Survey**. Because no one responded "strongly disagree" to the question # 2 regarding interaction with members, the THB has announced a wine and cheese reception on May 15 in Burlington. If at least 10 members respond that they will come, the reception will be a "go"; otherwise, the reception will be cancelled. The most negative response was concerning a question about being involved in branch leadership. Two interesting comments were that (1) a better branch orientation may be a goal and (2) a branch project, which would involve member interaction, might be a second goal.

The following 14 THB members were present: Doris Bernlohr, Kay White, Nancy Shoemaker, Karla Atkinson, Mary Peterson, Kathleen Hilton, Sonya Stafford, Lois McCarthy, Pat Abell, Grace Knechtel, Diane Schneider, Sheila Bassoppo-Moyo, Lill Van Order, and Mary Fran Schickedantz. A quorum was present.

There was no old business.

Concerning new business, Kathleen Hilton commented on her work for AAUWNC/THB at UNC Pembroke. Kathleen spoke about how regrettable it had been that the UNC Pembroke branch dissolved several years ago since, among other projects, it had an auction to raise money for non-traditional female students. In addition, it had programs and a lunch once a month on different days to attract more members. Now, she said, the THB is the answer on the UNC-Pembroke campus to fulfill the need of professional women on campus to know each other. She has emailed all the full-time faculty and sent them a survey to find out the needs of the women. She concluded that the THB allows members to do AAUW work without the administrative work.

The President then thanked the members and the Board for their work this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay White, recording secretary
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