



AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

AAUW MINNESOTA 2014 STATE CONVENTION

The Art of Purposeful Living



By Rose Gyert, Vice-President Program

The first 24-hour AAUW Minnesota State Convention held at the Historic Gale Mansion was a terrific success! AAUW Minneapolis Branch was our host and did an outstanding job. The convention began with an optional tour at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts *Women in the Arts* exhibit. A dinner at the Gale Mansion followed, honoring Cammy Nelson, Red Wing Area Branch member and Young Women for Equity award recipient. Cammy's project focused on media literacy so girls can be savvy consumers who know the definition of *beauty*. Girls and women have been sold unrealistic standards. The program centers on talking about social media and the constant competition girls feel in school with their peers. Dinner speaker, Ruth Bachman, shared her experience of how she coped with the challenges due to losing an arm to cancer. Ruth's message was one of acceptance, attitude, and adjusting of one's life to a difficult situation.

Saturday's opening ceremony began with presentation of the flags conducted by Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys Junior Girl Scout Troop 43000 Elgin, Minnesota. The keynote speaker, Dr. Catherine Hill, AAUW Director of Research, informed convention attendees of current research and upcoming publications. Catherine's address emphasized how making research matters in the lives of women and girls. Using a consent agenda, the business session went smoothly. One resolution was passed to support the comprehensive law to address bullying and harassment in the state of Minnesota.



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Branch awards were given at the morning session and concluded with AAUW National Updates, a power point presentation conducted by Pam Thiel, AAUW board member from La Crosse, Wisconsin. The presentation certainly tells of the hard work that is being done by staff in Washington, D.C. and by the national board. I was really impressed!

The luncheon speaker was Susan Burke, practicing attorney and Legal Advocacy Fund recipient. Susan spearheaded a series of nationwide lawsuits designed to reform the manner in which the military prosecutes rape and sexual assault. Susan expressed the difficulty to prove cases due to the chain of command, mobility of soldiers, a male dominated institution. These are your Legal Advocacy Fund dollars at work! Not many attorneys want to even take on these cases. Susan does, and AAUW supports her. Susan is a member of AAUW, too!

Afternoon workshops included: *Elder Law, Making a Difference, Tai Chi*, and *Community Colleges: Educating Student-Mothers for the Future*. I attended the *Elder Law*, presented by Professor A. Kimberley Dayton. Professor Dayton had much information to share and actually had experienced elder care law *ins and outs* when her mother-in-law was dying. Many convention attendees wished that there had been more time allotted for this workshop. Does that tell us many of us are thinking about our own future?

I also attended *Making a Difference*, presented by Dr. Mary Tjosvold. Dr. Tjosvold *walks the walk, and talks the talk* of a volunteer and financial supporter. Giving financial support to an organization is important and empowers them to carry out their mission. Enriching life by giving back was crux in Dr. Tjosvold's presentation. Dr. Tjosvold has volunteered and supported endeavors in Africa for several years.

All attending this workshop enjoyed *Tai Chi*, led by Tina McNamara. A *physically active* workshop is always welcomed at a convention of sitting a lot! If you have any suggestions for a future offering of a low impact exercise appropriate for most women over age 55, please let the state board know.

Dr. Catherine Hill, Director of Research, presented another workshop, *Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success*. Dr. Hill shared information of this more recent AAUW report and how members might utilize this research in their branches.

The day concluded with renewed enthusiasm for our mission – AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research! Lucky bidders at the Silent Auction took home their treasures, and all received the invitation to attend the AAUW Minnesota State Convention April 10-11, 2015, in Austin!



YOUNG WOMEN FOR EQUITY AWARD

By Judy Urban

Young Women For Equity Committee, Chair

Camryn C. Nelson received the *Young Women for Equity Award* at the AAUW Minnesota Convention Awards Banquet on April 11, 2014. Camryn was nominated by the Red Wing Area Branch. The award is given to a nominee who plays a significant leadership role in a project that addresses the AAUW mission of advocacy, education, philanthropy or research or any combination of these. There must be evidence shown of the impact of the event or action on the recipients or participants.

Camryn played a key role in developing and organizing an event for middle school girls called *Brave New Girls*. Her goal was to empower girls to be active consumers of media. She generated creative ideas, organized and trained high school girls to run breakout sessions and was the keynote speaker. The event promoted leading with a strong voice instead of focusing on body image stereotypes as promoted in the media. She received a framed certificate and a check for \$250 to further her education.



Rosalyn Nelson received an Honorable Mention certificate and check for \$50 for her creation of a women's group on the campus of Vermillion Community College. The college has a predominately male student body. The women's group has provided a place for female students to discuss their experiences of harassment and to learn about resources available to them. Rosalyn was nominated by the Ely branch.

The nominating committee for this award currently has an opening for the chair position. Judy Urban, outgoing chair, says she has found it an interesting and satisfying position. "It is wonderful to read of all the projects and commitments made by young women to further AAUW's mission in creative and effective ways. The time commitment is minimal and if you have gifts of organization, delegation, and an interest in influencing the next generation by recognizing excellence, this position is for you."

OUR AAUW MISSION IN ACTION: MINNESOTA STYLE

By Sharon Rigot, Incoming President

I was fortunate to have the opportunity to co-chair our 2014 AAUW Minnesota Convention with my very able colleague, Carrie D'Andrea, and an excellent committee of AAUW Minneapolis members.



Our Convention speakers and workshops covered our AAUW Mission through advances in equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Catherine Hill, Director of Research at AAUW, presented *Making Research Matter in the Lives of Women and Girls* and in her Workshop talked about her latest research on *Community Colleges: Educating Student-Mothers for the Future*. Susan Burke, who has been spearheading a series of nationwide lawsuits designed to reform the manner in which the U.S. military prosecutes rape and sexual assault, told us how she works for justice through advocacy. Susan was our Legal Advocacy Fund speaker. Lawyer Kimberly Dayton explained the legal aspects of aging with her *Top Ten Legal Issues for You and Your Parents*. Dr. Mary Tjosvold, a member of the AAUW Minneapolis branch, gave examples of how we can *Make a Difference through Volunteering and Philanthropy*.

Our Co-Presidents, Teresa Sagen and Carolyn Owens point out, in their message in this edition of the Pine, how our State Board and AAUW branches have worked with our Minnesota partners with similar missions. Working together to promote our mission has resulted in amazing legislation such as improved conditions for victims of sexual trafficking, safer schools and, most recently, passage of the *Women's Economic Security Act*. These are huge steps forward! This truly is our AAUW Mission: Minnesota Style!



Thank you to members who took the opportunity at the State Convention to ask questions or make suggestions. The following questions and responses address some of the more popular topics. In preparation for next year's convention, the board will also read the convention evaluations completed by members.

- 1. What resources are available to branches for planning programs, events, and projects?** National has a wealth of information on their website, but you will need to do some *digging*. The Search button on the top right of the page is an essential tool for locating exactly the resource you need. Here are three links which may prove helpful.
www.aauw.org/resource/programs-in-a-box/
www.aauw.org/?s=Spotlight+on+STEM
www.aauw.org/resource/workshop-hosting-a-stem-event/
- 2. How can we connect with other branches working on similar public policy projects?** AAUW wants to know about STEM activity days for girls, promotions of pay equity, efforts to combat sex trafficking or bullying in schools and other public policy events/activities being planned by branches. The AAUW Advocacy staff will provide support, materials, and other assistance for these events, as needed. Knowing about these events in advance helps AAUW spotlight a branch's fantastic efforts in AAUW publications such as *Washington Update*, *Outlook* magazine, and *InsideAAUW*. Also AAUW uses general information about branch events when communicating with members of Congress about some specific issues in their communities that AAUW members are addressing. The procedure for alerting AAUW to an activity is easy. Branches enter their event information and request materials in this online form: <http://bit.ly/UpcomingPolicyEvents>. After an event is completed, branches are encouraged to complete the event report-back form at <http://bit.ly/AAUWEventForm>. Members can also e-mail advocacy@aauw.org or Deborah Swerdlow, Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator swerdlowd@aauw.org to connect with another branch willing to share its expertise in planning and carrying out an event. Deborah says she cannot wait to hear what Minnesota branches are working on!
- 3. How can we connect with other Minnesota branches to share information?** Connecting is a great idea. The key is for each branch to publicize information about branch activities, so branches interested in a similar activity know about it and also whom to contact. Send pictures and information about your program, project, event, etc. to Teresa Sagen, tkswagen@frontiernet.net and she will post it on AAUW Minnesota's Facebook page. You can access the Facebook page through AAUW Minnesota's webpage, www.aauwmn.net. Another resource is the 2014 convention booklet. Twelve branches contributed to Branch Hi-Lights 2013-2014, found at the back of the booklet. www.aauw-mn.aauw.net/files/2012/07/Art-of-Purposeful-Living-Booklet-FINAL.pdf. Read the reports and contact a branch to find out more details about an activity. Contact information is on the Minnesota website, and branch presidents have a state directory.
- 4. What can we do to increase and diversify our membership?** People are more likely to join AAUW when invited by a member. People are also more likely to join a branch, which is energetic and focused on AAUW's mission. Publicity and collaboration are important. Special projects, which focus on particular issues, may engage younger members. Look for ideas in the Membership Matters e-newsletter www.aauw.org/resource/membership-matters

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5. **How can branches connect with local colleges on a regular basis?** Each branch works with the local college/university in their area according to the unique needs and strengths of each organization. Some relationships are closer than others. This is another area where branches can share ideas that work. Contact Co-Presidents Caroline and Teresa for branches to contact. The AAUW Minnesota board is formulating a plan for both increasing the number of college/university partners and for increasing the interaction between branches and colleges. National also is focusing on this issue. Resources can be found on their website. Search using College/University Partners.
6. **Let's thank Gov Mark Dayton for signing the anti-bullying bill and Sen Scott Dibble for introducing the anti-bullying bill.** These are excellent suggestions. AAUW Minnesota will thank the Governor and State Senators and Representatives who worked for all the bills that support AAUW Minnesota's public policy adopted at our state convention.
7. **Should AAUW Minnesota have a balanced budget?** Fortunately, AAUW has been able to build up a surplus over the years, in excess of our required reserve balance of \$25,000. The board has decided to gradually use this excess by funding 10 AAUW Minnesota grants to assist branches sponsoring a young woman to attend NCCWSL each year, at a cost of \$5,000. This \$5,000 is reflected in the annual budget.
8. **Couldn't we save \$3,800 by sending all editions of *The Pine* by email?** Three editions of *The Pine* are distributed by notifying members to go to AAUW Minnesota's website to download *The Pine*. Copies are mailed to members without Internet access. The winter edition is mailed to each member. The board will investigate the suggestions to send all editions electronically, while being cognizant of the needs of all members that would result in considerable savings.
9. **Can a member make a provision in his/her will for a donation to an AAUW Branch that has a 501(c)(4) status?** Yes, but the donation is not tax deductible.



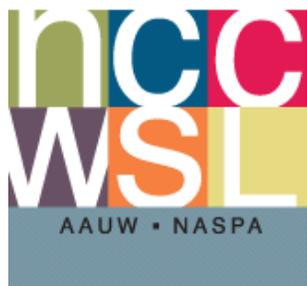
MINNESOTA AND WESA FEATURED IN AAUW'S WASHINGTON UPDATE

The Women's Economic Security Act (WESA) was recently signed into law by Governor Dayton. AAUW Minnesota was one of forty-five organizations that joined together to form the Minnesota Coalition for the Economic Security for Women to ensure the bipartisan support and passage of this important piece of legislation. AAUW MN members throughout the state proved to be valuable advocates by contacting their Representative and Senators.

The Women's Economic Security Act breaks down some of the barriers to the economic progress of women. This legislation is particularly important since women make up more than half the workforce in Minnesota, but earn on average 80 cents for every dollar that men earn. WESA, comprised of nine separate pieces of legislation, strengthens some of the workplace protections for women in Minnesota.

Minnesota achieved pay equity in state and local government over 30 years ago, but these requirements for pay equity have now been extended to businesses seeking state contracts. In addition, employees are able to voluntarily discuss their compensation without fear of retaliation. Furthermore, women will no longer face discrimination in the workplace for being mothers, by extending parental leave from six to 12 weeks and providing accommodations for new mothers in the workplace.

The importance of this legislation in Minnesota might best be summed up in the words of State Representative Carly Melin – "When future generations look back, we will be able to tell them that we did something to make the lives of working women and working families better."



Minnesota Students to Attend NCCWSL

AAUW Minnesota offered ten grants, totaling \$5000 to Minnesota Branches that are sponsoring students to attend the 2014 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, at the University of Maryland, College Park. Up to ten branches were awarded a \$500 grant to help defray the costs for students they sponsor. The Brainerd, Ely, Grand Rapids, Owatonna, Red Wing Area, Rochester, St. Cloud, St. Paul, and Willmar Branches sponsored the following students to attend 2014 NCCWSL.

Abby Esser, University of Nebraska
Shelby Seekon, Vermilion Community College
Gabrielle Faith, Itasca Community College
Kadeshia Haep, Itasca Community College
Brianna Bernard, Augustana College
Camryn Nelson, Graduate of University of Wisconsin, River Falls
Andrienne Noyola, University of Minnesota, Rochester
Kadie Ketchum, University of Minnesota, Rochester
Kaitlyn Brown, St. Cloud State University
Annie Stewart, St. Olaf College
Molly Lou Pintok, Ridgewater College

Branches and colleges and universities are encouraged to invite NCCWSL participants to share their experiences in one of your branch meetings or events.

For more ideas, check out the NCCWSL Program-in-a-Box available at www.aauw.org AAUW Minnesota will once again offer NCCWSL grants to branches for 2015 NCCWSL. Watch for more information and applications this fall.

VICE PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP



By Carrie D. Andrea

AAUW members are the backbone of all the good work we do here in Minnesota toward our AAUW mission. Without YOU we wouldn't have made the progress we have made, especially this past year. Stronger anti-bullying, as well as, pay and workplace equity laws have been passed and signed by Governor Dayton. We have 30 Minnesota Branches and 638 National Members in Minnesota. As of February 1, 2014, the total number of members was 1998, a loss of 16 from last year, but only a loss of 3 members from 2012. These numbers are provided by AAUW National and include members who have paid dues: Annual, Life, Dual, Branch Student Affiliates, Branch eStudent Affiliates, and Associate. Some Branches have had a member increase, while others lost some members. We are holding our own!

Congratulations to the following Branches who received awards at the State Convention for an increase in their membership. Awards were divided into two categories to recognize the difference in the size of the Branches.

The Branches with at least an increase of five members from February 2013–February 2014, were Austin, Fergus Falls, Saint Cloud Area, and Saint Paul.

Branches with a 10% increase from February 2013–February 2014, were Alexandria Area, Austin, and Fergus Falls.

As our world continues to change, finding ways to increase our membership requires a lot of adaptation, imagination and ingenuity. AAUW National provides many suggestions and offers support to our membership chairs. I encourage you all to access this well of information!

AAUW FUNDS

By Janice Paulsen

I would like to thank all of the branches and individuals who supported AAUW Funds this past year. A grand total of \$55,241.56 was raised in 2013.

At the AAUW Minnesota

Convention this past April, the Silent Auction raised \$3066 for the Legal Advocacy Fund. A big thank you goes to everyone who gave items and purchased items with their highest bid. What a fun way to raise money for a good cause! Our convention LAF speaker was Susan Burke, a practicing attorney, who has been working extremely hard on lawsuits designed to reform the manner in which the military prosecutes rape and sexual assault. The Academy Award nominated documentary, *The Invisible War*, covered her efforts on this project. AAUW Funds has supported these cases. Keep up the good work for our mission of equity.

Silent Auction Results

Austin	145.00
Ely	125.00
Faribault	185.00
Fergus Falls	45.00
Grand Rapids	60.00
Hastings	95.00
Hibbing	21.00
Metro West	182.00
Minneapolis	1,498.00
NortheastMetro	100.00
Northfield	60.00
Owatonna	65.00
Red Wing Area	80.00
Rochester	20.00
St. Cloud	30.00
St. Paul	80.00
Willmar	80.00
Winona	<u>195.00</u>
Total	\$3066.00

Remember, all checks should be made out to **AAUW Funds**. Please use the memo line to designate your funds. You may send the checks to me at 2045 Unity Ave. N. Golden Valley, MN 55422 and I'll do the paperwork for you. We will continue the Named Gift Honoree Program for each \$750 a branch gives to either the Dr. Jane Skinner American Fellowship #4203, or the Minnesota Past Presidents American Fellowship #4326.

Thank you again and have a great summer!

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2013 Minnesota Branch Gifts

<u>Branch Name</u>	<u>Total Branch Gifts</u>
AAUW at 3M Center	\$25.00
Albert Lea (6001)	1,215.12
Austin (6003)	1,247.00
Blooming Prairie	20.00
Brainerd (6043)	1,152.20
Duluth (6008)	1,455.00
Ely (6009)	1,056.00
Fairmont (6010)	145.00
Faribault (6011)	1,927.00
Fergus Falls (6012)	178.00
Grand Rapids (6013)	290.00
Hastings (6049)	1,376.00
Hibbing (6014)	3,070.00
Hutchinson (6016)	100.00
Little Falls	15.00
Mankato (6017)	260.00
Metro West (6050)	961.98
Minneapolis (6019)	11,877.34
Minnesota State	300.00
Moorhead (6021)	6,955.00
Northeast Metro (6056)	871.00
Northfield (6025)	1,421.00
Owatonna (6027)	1,565.00
Red Wing Area (6029)	285.00
Rochester (6031)	4,290.50
St. Cloud Area (6032)	346.00
St. Croix Valley (6033)	590.00
St. Paul (6035)	9,341.42
Thief River Falls (6055)	50.00
Twin Cities South	5.00
Willmar (6039)	1,841.00
Winona (6041)	<u>1,010.00</u>
Minnesota Total	\$55,241.56

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Top Ten Branches – Total Gifts

Minneapolis	\$11,877.34
St. Paul	9,341.42
Moorhead	6,955.00
Rochester	4,290.50
Hibbing	3,070.00
Faribault	1,927.00
Willmar	1,841.00
Owatonna	1,565.00
Duluth	1,455.00

Top Ten Branches – Per Capita

Moorhead	\$993.57
Faribault	52.08
Willmar	44.90
Hibbing	39.87
Brainerd	38.41
Winona	36.07
Albert Lea	35.74
Rochester	35.17
Northeast Metro	32.26
Minneapolis	31.17

Distribution of 2013 Gifts

AAUW Funds (9110)	\$7,119.62
Legal Advocacy Fund	14,091.12
Ed. Opportunities Fund	26,205.32
Public Policy Fund	2,228.00
Eleanor Roosevelt Fund	3,145.00
Leadership Programs Fund	2,452.50
Total	\$55,241.56

AAUW MINNESOTA OUT AND ABOUT

ELECT HER 
Campus Women Win



Elect Her: Campus Women Win
Workshop at The University of Minnesota

Students from The University of Minnesota and St. Cloud State University participated in this training program that encourages college women to run for student government on their colleges or university campuses.

The AAUW Winona Branch celebrated their 90th Anniversary with a luncheon at the Winona County Historical Society. *Congratulations AAUW Winona!*





A Message from AAUW MN Co-Presidents

Teresa K. Sagen and Caroline Owens

As our term as Co-Presidents comes to an end, we are both excited and saddened. We are excited to turn over the reins to a very competent President-Elect, Sharon Bigot, but we realize that we have run out of time to accomplish all of our goals. Reflecting on the past two years, we can truthfully say that serving in a leadership role in AAUW Minnesota has given us even greater respect for past state leaders and lasting friendships with so many wonderful women and men who are part of our organization.

When we started our journey in 2012, we wrote about a road map and the “detours” we might encounter which would provide us with opportunities to see possibilities hidden around the corner. Little did we know that our map would lead us to both familiar and unimaginable destinations. We have been fortunate to have the support of a very competent board and strong branches who have challenged us and who have provided support during our journey. While respecting some of our AAUW traditions, we, with all of you as team members, forged ahead into unknown territory to create change. Sometimes, we all seemed to follow the advice of Eleanor Roosevelt – “Do one thing every day that scares you.”

We were fortunate to be part of the implementation of four significant resolutions passed by delegates at state conventions: 1) Defeat of the Marriage Amendment; 2) Defeat of the Voter ID Amendment; 3) Explore an alternative one day or 24-hour state convention; and most recently, 4) Support the implementation of the Safe and Supportive Schools Act.

We have had the pleasure of working with our many partners as active members of the Minnesota Women’s Consortium, the Minnesota Equal Pay Coalition, the Women Candidate Development Coalition, and the Safe and Supportive Schools Coalition and many other groups with common interests and similar missions. The recently passed *Women’s Economic Security Act* afforded us the opportunity to work cooperatively with our partners to address the issues facing women in Minnesota. We acknowledge the AAUW members who called and sent emails to their senators and representatives to ensure the passage of this legislation. We were especially proud to see AAUW Minnesota sponsor *Girls Rock! The Capitol* and the *Youth Summit and Rally for Safe Schools*, to see *\$tart \$mart* and *Elect Her* Workshops in action and to work with branches to sponsor young women for NCCWSL.

We express our gratitude to each of you for your support during the last two years. We look forward to seeing AAUW Minnesota continue to flourish under the leadership of Sharon Bigot and the 2014-2015 Board. We not only encourage you to continue your involvement with your branch, but also with AAUW Minnesota and National. By working together, we can accomplish our common goal of advancing equity for women and girls.

Teresa and Caroline

**AAUW MINNESOTA
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2014-2015**

June 2014

- 5-7 NCCWSL 2014
- 30 Deadline for Branch Officers to State and National
- 30 Deadline for 2014-2015 Dues

July 2014

- 1 Start of New Officer Terms and Fiscal Year
- 26 State Board Meeting

August 2014

- 1 Fellowships and Grants Available Online
- 15 President's Mailing to Branches
- 16 State Financial Records Review
- 30 Pine Deadline

September 2014

- 15 Nominations Open for State Offices

October 2014

- 11 Eleanor Roosevelt's Birthday
- 15 Deadline for Board to Branch Contacts
- TBD State Board Meeting

November 2014

- 15 Deadline for Nominations for State Board Offices

December 2014

- 15 Deadline for AAUW Funds to Jan Paulsen

January 2015

- 1 Half-Year Dues Accepted for New Members
- TBD State Board Meeting
- 15 Pine Deadline
- 15 Deadline for Convention Resolutions Submission

February 2015

- 1 Deadline for NCCWSL Applications to State
- 15 Convention Mailing to Branch Presidents, Past State Presidents, C/U Reps, Committee Chairs, and State Board
- 15 Credential's Chair Notifies Branches of Number of Delegates
- 15 President's Mailing to Branches

March 2015

- 8 International Women's Day
- 15 15-Month Dues Accepted for New Members
- 15 Deadline for Applications for Young Women for Equity Award

CALENDAR OF EVENTS, continued...

April 2015

- 9 Equal Pay Day
- 10 State Board Meeting
- 10-11 State Convention in Austin
- TBD NCCWSL Early Registration Deadline

May 2015

- 15 Pine Deadline

June 2015

- TBD NCCWSL 2015
- 18-21 AAUW Convention, San Diego, CA
- 30 Deadline for Branch Officers to State and National
- 30 Deadline for 2015-2016 Dues



A note from Lucy Diesslin~

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

I will forever cherish the friendships I have made by being a member of the State Board of AAUW MN. This AAUW Board was committed to advocating for women and girls of all ages in education, research and society. I am proud to have been part of this group of women. The examples that they set made me more committed to these equity issues.

My job as Administrative Assistant was busiest just prior and during the convention, so I wasn't able to relax and enjoy the convention until after the fact. I am looking forward to meeting up with AAUW friends at the Austin Convention in 2015, without the added duties of the two previous conventions.

I wish the new and returning members of the AAUW Board every success in their goals and aims they choose to address during their term.

Thanks for the honor.

Lucy

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Yvonne Prettnner Solon
Minnesota Lieutenant Governor

Yvonne Prettnner Solon, Minnesota Lieutenant Governor, was presented with the Women Candidate Development Coalition's Political Excellence Award at the Coalition's 28th Birthday Event in Minneapolis. AAUW Minnesota is one of the founding members of WCDC.

Betsy Hodges, Minneapolis Mayor, welcomed Coalition members and attendees. Both Lori Swanson, Minnesota Attorney General, and Rebecca Otto, Minnesota State Auditor, spoke to attendees about representing Minnesota nationally as women in offices predominately held by men nationwide.



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Deep Roots—Strong Branches

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Mission Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

AAUW Value Promise

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Vision Statement

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

Diversity Statement

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

