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## A Message from AAUW MN Co-Presidents

*Teresa K. Sagen and Caroline Owens*

**Let's Connect!** The AAUW Minnesota board held its first meeting of the year on July 13 and

14. Your Board is composed of capable and enthusiastic leaders, who are dedicated to advancing the AAUW mission in Minnesota. They plan to connect with branch officers through emails, MN Pine, Board to Branch Calls, and the Leader on Loan Program. If you have a question or idea, please connect with the board by sending an email or calling a board member. Contact information is on the AAUW MN website, <http://aauw-mn.aauw.net>. While on the website, take a look at the Minnesota Strategic Plan for 2012-14. The board finalized the plan during a special session on July 13th, incorporating suggestions submitted by branches. Having a plan helps us get to where we want to be!

Let's Connect! Every branch in Minnesota has an idea or program to share. Let other members know what you are doing in your branch, by submitting articles to the MN Pine, posting on our Facebook page, and sharing your newsletter on the AAUW MN website. Invite other AAUW members to a branch meeting, especially if your branch has a special program or speaker. Plan a joint meeting with other branches within easy travel distance. Connect with organizations that share AAUW's mission. Don't forget to tell other AAUW MN members and your community about these special activities. Sharing ideas creates excitement, and more ideas!

Let's Connect! We are members of a powerful national organization. AAUW's national website, <http://www.aauw.org>, has an abundance of information and resources. A visit to this website is one way to stay connected. In addition, read association's monthly Mission & Action E-Bulletins. To locate previous issues, type "Mission & Action E-Bulletins" in the search box on the home page. For information on AAUW's policy issues, subscribe to Washington Update and also to Two Minute Activist Alerts. Find out what other members across the country are doing by visiting AAUW state websites and Facebook pages. AAUW is 100,000 members strong!

Let's Connect in person! Plan to attend the AAUW Minnesota Convention in Rochester, MN on April 26 – 28, 2013 and the AAUW National Convention in New Orleans on June 9 – 12, 2013. We look forward to connecting with many AAUW MN members over our two-year term of office!

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# AAUW Minnesota Strategic Plan 2012-2014

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

## GOAL #1

- AAUW Minnesota will support, promote and enhance the mission of AAUW.
- Facilitate opportunities for Branches to share mission-based programs and activities
- Assist and encourage multi-branch or regional meetings throughout the state
- Organize lobbying efforts focused on mission-based issues
- Provide branches with information on AAUW initiatives and research. Provide suggestions for implementing these initiatives in local communities.
- Organize statewide events such as Equal Pay Day activities, women's history month events, international women's day events, women and girls in sport day celebration
- Partner with organizations whose missions are consistent with AAUW mission, goals and policies and which provide Branches with additional resources

## GOAL #2

- AAUW Minnesota will encourage a diverse, active and growing membership.
- Assist branches with best practices for increasing membership and maintaining current members
- Provide information to branches/members about programs such as "Chapter Leaders Playground" for ideas on increasing and retaining membership and developing future leaders
- Encourage branches to actively recruit national members (formerly known as at-large members) as branch members and/or find ways to gain their participation at the local level

## GOAL #3

- AAUW Minnesota will increase the number of College/University Partners in the State and promote cooperation of the State and Branches with College/University Partners.

- Form a Task Force focused on providing assistance to Branches to develop partnerships with MN Colleges and Universities, to encourage e-affiliate student memberships, and to promote AAUW student groups on campuses
- Implement the recommendations of the College/University Partners Task Force

## GOAL #4

- AAUW Minnesota will support programs that provide women and girls with opportunities for a lifetime of success.
- Provide opportunities for sharing philanthropic efforts of Branches in support of AAUW Funds
- Provide State support to Branches for NCCWSL leadership grants
- Promote \$tart \$mart workshops throughout the state
- Encourage and highlight STEM activities of branches and other organizations

## GOAL #5

- AAUW Minnesota will make use of a variety of communication approaches to meet the needs of a diverse membership.
- Provide access to the Pine through a variety of options with emphasis on electronic distribution whenever possible for fiscal responsibility
- Use the state website and social media (Facebook and Twitter) to communicate with members and to provide a means of sharing information among Branches
- Model and educate branches in the effective use of social media
- Provide frequent contact of state board members with their branch counterparts, including opportunities for interaction at state conventions
- Continue Leaders-on-Loan Program and create policies for implementation

# AAUW MN State Board Resolution Discussion – July 2012

## #2 Resolution to Oppose Voter Photo ID Amendment

### IMPLEMENTATION:

The AAUW Minnesota State Board will encourage its branches to inform members and the public, prior to the 2012 election, of the issues of voter discrimination placed on eligible citizens of Minnesota if the proposed amendment is passed and enacted. The AAUW MN Public Policy VP will provide information and resources to the branches so that they may better help in informing the public.

## #3 Resolution in Support of the “Minnesota Girls Are Not For Sale” Campaign

### IMPLEMENTATION:

The AAUW Minnesota State Board will work with other likeminded groups such as the Women’s Foundation of Minnesota on the “MN Girls Are Not For Sale” campaign.

The AAUW Minnesota State Board will provide information to its

Branches on resources and ways work together to educate the public through examples like showing the documentary “Miss Representation” which graphically shows the exceedingly poor portrayal of women and girls in the media and gives ideas on how we can work to eliminate this negativity.

## #4 Resolution in Support of Marriage Equality

### IMPLEMENTATION:

The AAUW Minnesota Board will make this resolution known to all branches and encourage branches to avail themselves of ready information in order to examine the issue of same-gender marriage so that members are able to discuss the proposed amendment with others in their communities.

AAUW Minnesota, under the direction of its Board, will become a listed coalition partner of Minnesotans United for All Families as a public declaration of opposition to the amendment.

## BRANCH PROGRAMS

*By Rose Cyert,  
Program VP AAUW MN*



*Rose Cyert*

AAUW programs are important since they offer opportunities that enrich our lives, and those of other community members. Branch programs help in the recruitment of new members and the retention of current members. By now all branches should have programs in place for the 2012-13 membership year. Ideally each branch should have a program chair/co-chairs and a program committee to determine the programs for the year. These programs should be centered on AAUW’s mission...to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, philanthropy, education, and research.

Convention 2013 being held in Rochester, will have a breakout session on Lily Ledbetter’s book, *Grace and Grit*, so I encourage all branches to have a book discussion using Lily’s book. If your programs are planned, you may want to have the discussion over coffee or an informal lunch.

If you have concerns regarding program, please contact me: [zom55@charter.net](mailto:zom55@charter.net) or at 1-507-454-3555.



## A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

*by LouAnn Hoppe*

I have been privileged to be the editor of the Pine for nearly four years and so I am ready to pass this position on to someone else. It is an appointed position on the state board so it will not be voted on by the membership, but serves a very important role in statewide communication.

We are looking for someone who is comfortable with a computer and who is organized. The position takes allows you to attend all state board meetings and conventions. The Pine is issued three times a year and it is all done by email, so even if you go away for the winter, you can complete the tasks.

Please consider this opportunity. We would prefer to have someone in place by January, so you could have a transition period and training before taking over the job. Email our presidents or me to volunteer. [lhoppe\\_2@msn.com](mailto:lhoppe_2@msn.com).

# Encourage Rather than Discourage Voting

by Char Kahler, AAUW MN Public Policy VP



## SOME SITES ON THE INTERNET THAT WILL ALLOW ONE TO GATHER MORE INFORMATION:

[ballotpedia.org/.../Minnesota\\_Voter\\_Identification\\_Amendment](http://ballotpedia.org/.../Minnesota_Voter_Identification_Amendment)

[www.ceimn.org/proposed-amendment](http://www.ceimn.org/proposed-amendment)

[www.lwv.org/local-league/lwv-minnesota](http://www.lwv.org/local-league/lwv-minnesota)

[aauw-mn.aauw.net](http://aauw-mn.aauw.net)



Looking at the current text of Article VII, Section 1 of the Minnesota State Constitution, it is difficult to understand why anyone would want to tamper with the clear-cut guidelines related in this portion of the document. No hazy, out-of-focus qualifications, nothing showing a lack of integrity is apparent in the current wording. I urge you to decide for yourself by examining Article VII, Section 1 of the Minnesota State Constitution.

### Text of Section 1: Eligibility; Place of Voting; Ineligible Persons

Every person 18 years of age or more who has been a citizen of the United States for three months and who has resided in the precinct for 30 days next preceding an election shall be entitled to vote in that precinct. The place of voting by one otherwise qualified who has changed his residence within 30 days preceding the election shall be prescribed by law. The following persons shall not be entitled or permitted to vote at any election in this state: A person not meeting the above requirements; a person who has been convicted of treason or felony, unless restored to civil rights; a person under guardianship, or a person who is insane or not mentally competent. Article VII, Section 1 – Minnesota State Constitution

### The proposed Constitutional amendment would add the following text:

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*“All voters voting in person must present valid government-issued photographic identification before receiving a ballot. The state must issue photographic identification at no charge to an eligible voter who does not have a form of identification meeting the requirements of this section.”*

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“Even if the state is required to provide a free voter photo ID to those who don’t have an approved ID, people applying for a ‘free’ voter-photo ID would have to travel to a Department of Vehicle Services office – in some cases 50-100 miles roundtrip – and would be required to show secondary documents, which may cost \$35.” (League of Women Voters)

According to Scott Newman, author of Minnesota’s voter ID amendment, this legislation would “prevent voter fraud and inspire confidence in the integrity of our electoral process.” (Pioneer Press, 06/21/12) [www.twincities.com](http://www.twincities.com)

Our current laws have proven sufficient to deter voter fraud. The penalty can be up to \$10,000 fine and one year in jail. Our system has checks and balances that take place before and after the election to look at everyone who signed the roster to make sure that voter was legitimate. If there are questions, they are forwarded to county attorneys for further investigation

and possible prosecution. Because most of the flagged records are data entry errors or the result of a misunderstanding, charges are rare. Virtually none of these would have been prevented had those voters been required to show photo ID. A photo ID can only prevent voter impersonation. There are no cases of voter impersonation on the record in MN elections.

## Provisional Ballots

No ID at polling place? No problem – simply fill out a provisional ballot. Easy? Not really. Minnesota has never needed provisional balloting because it allows a citizen to register to vote on Election Day and then cast a regular ballot.

How would it work? Under the language of the proposed constitutional amendment, the following could vote only by provisional ballot.

- Any voter who is unable to present an approved form of government-issued photo ID on Election Day.
- Those citizens registering to vote on Election Day (This change in our election system would result from language in the amendment subjecting all voters to “substantially equivalent identity and eligibility verification.” ie. Photo identification)
- Any voter whose identity and/or eligibility is challenged may also have to cast a provisional ballot.

## Cost of Implementing Amendment

To validate a provisional ballot, the voter may have to make at least 3 trips— to a vital records office, to the Department of Motor Vehicles, and then back to the elections office – assuming he or she can get the proper ID in what is likely to be a 3-10 day window.

The costs associated with provisional balloting will fall largely on local governments and likely would be funded through property taxes. (Minnesota has never had the need of provisional ballots in the past.)

Recently Hennepin County released estimates as to what these proposed election law changes would have cost if they had been in effect for the 2008-2010 elections. Hennepin County estimated a cost of \$44,625 for start-up costs associated with provisional balloting. The costs of actually administering the process range between \$142,623 and \$193,150, depending on the year. Source: League of Women Voters MN

## In opposition to the amendment delegates to the Education Minnesota Representative Convention in August 2012 commented:

Educators have a duty to teach their students how to make good choices, and that means weighing the evidence and considering the consequences of every decision. If we are to teach by example and apply those same criteria to the Voter ID constitutional amendment, **WE MUST CONCLUDE THAT WE SHOULD VOTE “NO.”** [www.educationminnesota.org/en/issues/elections/photoid.aspx](http://www.educationminnesota.org/en/issues/elections/photoid.aspx)



## NEW STATE WEBSITE AND ADDRESS

*by Carol Sheggeby*

AAUW MN has a brand new website! The new address is <http://aauw-mn.aauw.net> although you can reach it using the old address, too, temporarily.

Because Association offers the services of an on staff web site technician, Megan, to assist in creating and/or maintaining your branch (or state) website, we used this service. There was no cost to us, and the help offered was very complete. There are several options for further maintenance, if you want it, for a nominal fee. If your branch is thinking of starting a site, contact Megan at [site-resources@aauw.org](mailto:site-resources@aauw.org) for details.

If your branch does not have a website, remember you still have your own branch page on the state site. You are encouraged to create some current content for your page. For example: your program list for the year and/or your own greeting to newcomers in your community. Keeping the information current is very important – or else keep it free of dated items.

Send your brand web page content or any further questions about the process with site-resources to me at [csheggeby@gmail.com](mailto:csheggeby@gmail.com)

# “Marriage Amendment” – MN Cities Take a Stand

by Char Kahler, AAUW MN Public Policy VP



Char Kahler,  
VP MN Public Policy

“Generally I am of the opinion that city councils shouldn’t take political positions on behalf of the city... but this really is an issue of human rights. It’s an issue of making sure that people have freedoms and rights and that our constitution isn’t taking those away.” Mayor Dan Roe, Roseville, Minnesota

Source: Pioneer Press Roe’s response to the Roseville City

Council voting unanimously to pass a resolution to oppose the equality-limiting marriage amendment on Minnesotans’ ballots this fall.

Cities are making these decisions. You as a voter will be asked to do the same.

## This is what will appear on the ballot November 6, 2012:

Limiting the status of marriage to opposite sex couples.

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*“Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota?”*

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If passed the Minnesota Constitution would change to include wording that already exists as a Minnesota State Statute. Minnesota has dealt with the issue of marriage between same-sex partners several times over the years. In fact, the Minnesota Supreme Court was one of the first in the nation to rule on the issue of marriage between same-sex couples. The *Baker v. Nelson* decision (291 Minn. 310, 191 N.W.2d 185) in 1971 held that Minnesota Statutes prohibited marriages between same-sex partners.

<http://www.leg.state.mn.us/lrl/issues/issues.aspx?issue=gay>

## Constitutional changes:

The proposed amendment would add a section to *Article XIII* (Miscellaneous Subjects) of the Minnesota Constitution. The section is as follows: *Section 13*. Only

a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota.

## Cities Leading with Registration of Domestic Partners

While Minnesota law currently restricts marriage to different-sex couples, state law also allows local governments to register domestic partners (see Ch. 145C). Each of the domestic-partner registration ordinances in Minnesota provides for recognition of registrations from other cities, as well as domestic partnerships, civil unions, and even marriages from other jurisdictions — as municipal domestic partnerships, and nothing more.

## Currently 18 cities/towns in Minnesota have domestic partnership ordinances.

In 1991, the City of Minneapolis created Minnesota’s first municipal domestic-partner registration ordinance. 18 Minnesota cities currently have domestic partnership ordinances that allow (same-sex or opposite-sex) couples who meet certain criteria, but who may not be able marry under state law, the ability to document their relationships for the purpose of securing **voluntary** employer benefits and some limited forms of legal recognition to protect their families. **Those cities are:** Crystal, Duluth, Eagan, Eden Prairie, Edina, Falcon Heights, Golden Valley, Hopkins, Maplewood, Minneapolis, Northfield, Red Wing, Richfield, Robbinsdale, Rochester, Saint Louis Park, Saint Paul, Shoreview, and Shorewood.

## Same Sex/Domestic Partnerships are Step in Right Direction

Domestic-partnership registration ordinances do not create or limit rights or obligations in such areas as inheritance, adoption, child custody, separation, or over 500 related areas governed solely by State law. In fact, local governments in Minnesota may not offer their employees’ domestic partners health coverage akin to that provided to employees’ spouses.

None of the domestic-partner ordinances passed in Minnesota requires any private business or other entity to pay to provide financial benefits of any kind to couples who register. But, it can make it easier for those businesses who would like to **voluntarily** provide health

or other benefits. Businesses would be spared from having to create their own, internal registration process.

There is no evidence that in twenty years' experience, businesses or residents have left, or declined to move to, Minneapolis due to its domestic-partner registration ordinance. In OutFront Minnesota's experience, local leaders express support for such ordinances because they believe they enhance their city's reputation as welcoming to all families and communities, and that this is conducive to welcoming new businesses and residents.

#### **Effect in places of worship.**

A municipal domestic-partner registration ordinance is entirely a function of civil government and has no effect on places of worship. Should a place of worship choose to conduct a ceremony for domestic partners, they are of course free and welcome to do so, but no government entity may require that a place of worship recognize or act on a domestic-partner registration. Source: OutFront Minnesota

Likewise, even if the definition of marriage were to be changed to allow for same sex marriage in our current state law, this principal would apply.

According to Rabbi Tilsen of the Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel "a religious marriage (is) subject to the laws of the State, but does not make a State marriage subject to the laws of any religion."

**Bottom line: WE MUST NOT ALLOW THE ELEMENTS OF DISCRIMINATION** (ie. The Marriage Amendment) to be cemented into our state constitution.

Google Same-Sex Marriage Minnesota Resources

Check out videos on YouTube – Marriage Equality.



## **AAUW of Minnesota State Convention**

### **WOMEN'S HEALTH, WOMEN'S WISDOM**

**APRIL 26, 27, AND 28, 2013**

**KAHLER HOTELS, ROCHESTER, MN**

**Please join us in April** for a fun and informative weekend in Rochester, home of the Mayo Clinic and the newest branch of the University of Minnesota. Keynote speaker, Dr. Lynne T. Shuster, women's health specialist and founding director of the Women's Health Clinic at Mayo Clinic, will set the tone for the weekend focusing on women's health and education issues. There will also be opportunities to discuss Lilly Ledbetter's book, *Grace and Grit*, learn about the University of Minnesota-Rochester's unique integrated curriculum, and hear about Mission 21, a Rochester-based organization committed to the complete restoration of victims of human trafficking. Attendees who arrive on Friday may also have the opportunity to tour Rochester— by trolley!

Convention lodging will be in the spacious Kahler Inn and Suites which offers free continental breakfast and free covered parking. Most of our meetings and banquet will be held in the modern Rochester Marriott and we will enjoy a Saturday luncheon in the stately Elizabethan room in the historic Kahler Grand Hotel. All three of these Kahler Complex hotels are connected to each other by underground pedestrian walkways and skyways as well as to Mayo Clinic and the rest of downtown Rochester, including many shops, restaurants, public library, and art center.

**All branches will receive a convention packet in February with registration forms and more information.**

# AAUW and the Minnesota Women's Consortium

by Sharon Bigot, AAUW MN Representative to the Minnesota Women's Consortium

AAUW Minnesota has a long history of partnerships with other like-minded organizations. You can see a list of these Partnerships in our 2012-2013 directory located on the AAUW MN website. I am the AAUW MN representative to the Minnesota Women's Consortium. I am also beginning a two year term on the MN Women's Consortium Board of Directors. There has been an AAUW MN representative on the Consortium Board of Directors since 1985.

The Minnesota Women's Consortium is a statewide association working to achieve equality and justice to all women and girls in Minnesota. It was founded in 1980 and currently connects 152 diverse organizations, each working in their own way to make that vision a reality.

The Consortium publishes a quarterly hard copy newsletter and a bi-monthly email newsletter. Through these newsletters, member organizations can promote their activities and educate the readers on the issues of the day. Action opportunities are made available. Both AAUW Minneapolis and AAUW St. Paul have their weekly programs on the Consortium's calendar. In fact, AAUW Minnesota, AAUW Minneapolis and AAUW St. Paul are all members of the MN Women's Consortium. Individuals can join, too, and I have had my own individual membership in the Consortium since the late 1980s. I find their newsletters invaluable.

## Dues to join this unique organization:

Nonprofit Members: \$90 annually

Business members: \$125-\$250 annually (depending on revenue)

Individual members: \$50

You can contact the Consortium at [info@mnwomen.org](mailto:info@mnwomen.org) or at 651-228-0338 for further information. They are located in (and are co-owners of) the Minnesota Women's Building 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103

Lorraine Hart is in charge of Finance and Administration.

Erin Parrish is the Executive Director.

MWC is a 501 (c)(3) organization.

# Affordable Care Act

By Karen Rowley and Carrie D'Andrea

While the AAUW of Minnesota couldn't have anticipated the Supreme Court ruling that saved the essential part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the delegates at the April 2012 State Convention passed a proposal that Branches review and discuss the Minnesota Health Plan in the 2012-2013 program year. This is the Minnesota version of a single-payer plan, supported by Governor Dayton, and which, at one point had 70 legislative co-sponsors.

Fortunately, there are a number of resources for learning about health care reform and the single-payer option for achieving comprehensive universal health care coverage.

The Commonwealth Fund is a private foundation working toward a high performance health system - they do not advocate single-payer but they do have excellent information and compare the USA with other countries.

[www.commonwealthfund.org/Health-Reform.aspx](http://www.commonwealthfund.org/Health-Reform.aspx)

Beyond the Affordable Care Act: An Economic Analysis of a Unified System of Health Care for Minnesota ([www.growthandjustice.org/beyondaca](http://www.growthandjustice.org/beyondaca)). Amy Lange, a policy fellow at Growth & Justice, wrote this very thorough report, basing it on economic modeling done by the national consulting firm, The Lewin Group. It documents how Minnesota could save \$4 billion compared to ACA in 2014, while covering every Minnesotan for all necessary health care. Ann has offered to speak to AAUW groups.

## The Growth & Justice web site also has a number of other helpful articles.

The web site for the Minnesota Health Plan is [www.mnhealthplan.org](http://www.mnhealthplan.org). The bill references are Senate File 8/ House File 51. This differs in some ways from what was studied by The Lewin Group.

Physicians for a National Health Program, Minnesota Chapter. Nearly 1,000 Minnesota health care professionals, mostly physicians support single-payer. Contact them for speakers to discuss single-payer with any group, small or large. [www.pnhpminnesota.org](http://www.pnhpminnesota.org).

## Books

Mary O'Brien and Martha Livingston, eds. *Ten Excellent Reasons for National Health Care*, 2008. Published by The New Press.

T.R. Reid, *The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care*. 2009-2010. This book gives an excellent over-all view of health care around the world and how it is paid for.



# Is Your AAUW Branch Invisible?

by Sharon Bigot, Vice President Membership



Sharon Bigot  
VP Membership

It isn't easy to recruit new members if your community doesn't know you exist. Our 2012 State Convention "Best of Branches" reports indicate that those branches who made themselves visible by participating in community activities following the AAUW mission of advocacy, education, philanthropy and research are the branches most likely to gain new members. Here are a few examples of those community

activities: partnerships with other local organizations to sponsor candidate forums, hosting a speaker on a topic of interest to your community and inviting your community to participate along with your AAUW branch, working with your local grade school girls on Science Fairs or STEM projects and providing college scholarships to local high school girls. If you would like some ideas for possible programs, take a look at the AAUW Programs in a Box. These programs are available to all AAUW members and can be downloaded from the AAUW website.

E-mail [programinbox@aauw.org](mailto:programinbox@aauw.org) to check them out.

## Dates to remember:

January 1, 2013: Half-Year dues accepted for New Members

March 15, 2013: 15-Month dues accepted for New Members

April 26-28, 2013: AAUW Minnesota Convention in Rochester

June 9-12, 2013: AAUW National Convention in New Orleans

There are 16 Minnesota Colleges with AAUW-Minnesota College/University Representatives. Their names are listed in the AAUW MN directory which can be found at <http://aauw-mn.aauw.net>.

Students at these colleges can become e-student affiliates, These e-student undergraduates will be able to get AAUW's publications, including research projects, electronically and at no cost (free). What a great way to start a young woman on her way to a future in AAUW.

Graduate students can become members with AAUW National dues of only \$18.81 (instead of \$49) through June 30, 2013. This is an extension of our 130th anniversary since AAUW National was formed in 1881!

## MINNESOTA EARNS TOP TEN AWARDS

AAUW Minnesota recently received five 2011-12 National Fundraising Awards from Association. The award letters were signed by Linda Hallman, Executive Director of AAUW and state: "Top Ten Branch and State Fundraising awards are among AAUW's highest branch and state honors. We know that it is only because of the ongoing support and commitment of our members and donors that AAUW can continue to be a leading champion for women and girls."

### The "Top Ten" awards Minnesota earned:

- Tenth in Total State Giving in Combined Support
- Ninth for Total State Giving to the Educational Opportunities Fund
- Fifth in Total State Giving to the Legal Advocacy Fund
- Second in Total State Giving to the Public Policy Fund
- Eighth in State Per Capita Giving to the Public Policy Fund

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## MN AAUW NEEDS YOU!

*Sue Grove, Nominating Committee*

Wouldn't you like to be a part of a fun group who also gets things accomplished? Serving on the Minnesota AAUW Board is the place to be! Having served on the board on two different occasions, I can tell you that it is really rewarding, you learn a lot, and you do have fun. Please consider sharing your talents with Minnesota AAUW. No one does it alone; it is always a team effort.

### We are seeking candidates to serve on the 2013-2015 state board of directors for the following positions:

- President Elect, 2013 - 2014
- Vice President for Program, 2013-2015
- Treasurer, 2013-2015

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- Nominating Committee, 2013 for 2014 elections (3 members and 1 alternate)

The members of the Nominating Committee are Sue Grove, Chair; Susan Moody, Hibbing; Pat Powers, Hastings; Rose Cyert, Winona; LouAnn Hoppe, Northeast Metro; and Alice Laudon, Rochester (Alternate). Please feel free to contact any one of us if you have questions.

All you need to apply is a strong belief in the mission of AAUW and a willingness to learn and grow. Rewards for state service include leadership development, camaraderie and teamwork with other leaders. An applicant may be self-nominated or nominated by your branch, branch board of directors, or any individual.

A brief description of position responsibilities and a vita sheet to be used for nominations can be found on the AAUW Minnesota website: [www.aauwmn.org](http://www.aauwmn.org).

Nominations are open for the period of September 15 to November 15 and may be received at any time up to the closing date, mailed to the address below. Please note that the signature of the nominee is required on the vita sheet.

**The nominating committee will present a slate of candidates to the membership at the 2013 state convention in Rochester.**

Please give serious consideration to applying

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## NCCWSL - National Conference for Women Student Leaders

*By Mary Parcheta*



Eleven branches participated in the NCCWSL program last June by sponsoring a student to attend the National Conference for Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Thank you to these branches. It was an awesome experience for all fourteen young women who attended. They came back inspired and ready to enthusiastically move forward with all they learned in the 3-4 short days they spent at the University of Maryland.

For future attendees, the Minnesota State Board has voted to offer each student that attends a \$500 grant per student. The total cost for the conference runs around \$850 for the pre-conference workshops, registration, room and board and a stipend for travel. To each sponsoring branch the cost would be about \$350/student. The conference will be held May 30-June 1, 2013, at the University of Maryland.

Attending this conference is a valuable lifelong experience for a young woman to enhance her college and professional career in addition to fulfilling the mission of AAUW. Please offer this opportunity to a deserving young woman; perhaps a niece, granddaughter, friend, or even an awardee of one of your local scholarships who is now a sophomore or junior in college.

I urge you to access the AAUW Minnesota/About US/NCCWSL for more information. Also please contact Mary Parcheta with further questions; mparch01@aol.com, 651-439-9432. The deadline for submitting your selections to Mary is February 15, 2013.

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### NCCWSL THIS SUMMER 2012

**My name is Kaitlyn Macheledt and I was an attendee of NCCWSL this summer 2012.**

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, held at Maryland State University this summer, was a life changing experience. I spent my time at the conference developing professional goals, meeting interesting, driven women and creating life long connections. The memories listening to all of the inspiring speakers and riding a Metro for the first time, and of gallivanting downtown D.C. at night, will always be my own little treasures. Knowing there is a conference that encourages young, intelligent women to come together to discuss, network and plan their futures is wonderful. I am so grateful to AAUW for giving me the opportunity to go to NCCWSL. I am also very grateful that these organizations are in collaboration. AAUW is a wonderful, inspiring organization and I am happy to know more about it. I am appreciative to each and every member who worked towards sponsoring women like me to go to this conference.

**Om Nashi Me, Kaitlyn Macheledt**

# Young Women for Equity Awards

Do you know a young woman who is exceptionally involved in making life more equitable for women and girls? If so, AAUW MN would like to hear about her and recognize her efforts.

Nominations for the Young Women for Equity Award will be open in January, 2013. It is not too soon to encourage your branch members to think about someone they would like to nominate. At the convention this past spring two young women received the award for unique and impressive projects they planned and carried out. The selection committee looks forward to receiving more nominations this year for young women doing outstanding work in achieving equity for women and girls.

We are also looking for members to join our selection committee. A lot of the work can be done via email. There will probably be two “in person” meetings to attend. Most of the work begins after March 15th. Please contact Judy Urban via the contact information given below

## The criteria for this award are:

A young woman may be nominated for either a high school or college level (up through age 25) award.

The nominee must have shown leadership in a specific action or event that reflects the AAUW Mission: “Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.”

There must be evidence of the impact of the action or event. The evidence must be specific to the nominee’s participation. Measurable outcomes should be shown if possible. These could include any of the following: number of women or girls served, results of the event or research as they impact women or girls, any statistical measures of success, “before and after” stories of women or girls benefitting from the action.

The honorees will be awarded a monetary contribution toward their continuing education and a framed certificate. The recipients of this award will be announced at the State Convention and they will be invited to our convention banquet. Each winner will have the opportunity to speak briefly at the banquet. One parent, guardian, friend, or significant other, accompanying the nominee, may attend the banquet free of charge as our guest. Other family members are welcome but will need to make reservations and pay for their own meals.

More information and nomination forms are available from Judy Urban, 1007 Cliff Road Eagan, MN 55123 or [judyurbansm@netscape.net](mailto:judyurbansm@netscape.net). Forms must be returned by than March 15, 2013.

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for a state board position. These leadership positions provide a great opportunity for you to share your talents with AAUW Minnesota State. We need you. Thank you.

Mail completed and signed vitae by November 15, 2012 to: Sue Grove, AAUW Minnesota State Nominating Committee Chair, 2301 – 15th Ave SW, Austin, MN 55912. Phone: 507-433-5464; [sue.grove@riverland.edu](mailto:sue.grove@riverland.edu)

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# AAUW OF MINNESOTA CALENDAR 2012-2013

## September 2012

- 1-30 Board to Branch Contacts
- 15 Nominations Open for State Offices

## October 2012

- 11 Eleanor Roosevelt's Birthday
- 20 State Board Meeting

## November 2012

- 15 Deadline for Nominations for State Board Offices

## December 2012

- 30 Deadline for AAUW Funds to Jan Paulsen

## January 2013

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

## February 2013

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

## March 2013

- 1-31 Board to Branch Contacts
- 8 International Women's Day
- 15 15-Month Dues Accepted for New Members
- 15 Deadline for Applications for All State Awards

## April 2013

- TBD NCCWSL Applications/Registration Deadlines
- 9 Equal Pay Day
- 26 State Board Meeting in Rochester
- 26-28 State Convention in Rochester

## May 2013

- TBD Pine Deadline
- 30 NCCWSL

## June 2013

- 9-12 AAUW National Convention – New Orleans

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