**FROM THE AAUW MN RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:**

Resolutions for the AAUW-MN State Convention are being requested. According to the State by-laws, resolutions must be submitted **60-days before the convention. State Convention is: April 26-27, 2019.  Additional opportunity for submission is allowed** with a call for resolutions from the floor of the convention.

**Submit Resolutions using the Submission Form (template provided) to jmcfree@aol.com**(preferred)**:**

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**The AAUW MN State by-laws, Article XVIII, Sec. 4; f 1-6:**

The resolutions committee shall consist of at least three members, including the state public policy vice president, the committee chair and any additional members appointed by the state president. One member shall have served on the previous convention resolutions committee. The committee shall screen all resolutions submitted prior to the convention.

      1. Resolutions on AAUW MN policy and program and all other resolutions to be proposed at the state convention **may be initiated by any branch member**, the state Board of Directors, state standing or special committees, or the resolutions committee.

      2. Proposed resolutions shall be **presented in writing to the resolutions committee at least sixty days in advance of the state convention**with a copy sent to the appropriate state officer or committee chair affected by the resolution information.

      3. The resolutions committee shall be authorized to reword, clarify, or combine submitted resolutions and send them to the branches at least thirty days before the convention.

      4. The resolutions committee shall report the approved resolutions to the state convention and recommend suitable action to be taken on them with a majority of the convention accredited delegates present and voting required for adoption. **(This section may be amended to the by-laws)**

      5. The resolutions committee shall submit the unapproved resolutions without recommendation to the state convention with a two-thirds vote of the accredited delegates present and voting required for adoption.

      6. Resolutions may be presented **from the floor for discussion by a two-thirds vote of the convention accredited delegates present and voting with a three-fourths vote of the convention accredited delegates present and voting for the adoption of such resolutions**.

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**What is a Resolution?    By definition it is:  a formal expression of opinion, will, or intent voted by an official body or assembled group.**

Here is an example from the American Library Association:

WHEREAS, The free exchange of ideas and information is the foundation of a democratic society; and
WHEREAS, Democracy demands that there be no compromise of the rights of citizens to choose what they read, see, and hear; and
WHEREAS, Library users should be protected from invasion of privacy; and
WHEREAS, The names of individuals using libraries should be confidential; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That censorship be actively resisted; and
RESOLVED, That all library patron/user records be secure from access by individuals, government agencies, or officials; and be it further
RESOLVED, That appropriate legislation be enacted.