

AAUW MN Annual Meeting
Public Policy Report
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Needless to say, this has once again been an extremely challenging year. Nearly all advocacy was conducted remotely, via ZOOM or other social media outlets. Despite the circumstances, State Public Policy Chair (SPPC) monthly meetings with AAUW National continued. Local & state advocacy was achieved virtually, in print, and via phone calls.

Goals accomplished & completed in 2021-2022:

- engaged members and develop outreach strategies to AAUW National & State Public Policies and Issues
- attended monthly AAUW national SPPC ZOOM meetings
- coordinated information outreach and advocacy activities
- continued statewide Email communications to PP branch chairs
- provided Public Policy updates for publication in The Pine.
- provided Public Policy updates for the AAUW-MN website
- attended local/regional political candidate meet/greets via ZOOM platform
- attended ZOOM meeting “Protecting Our Vote Minnesota and Nationwide”, led by Sen. Klobuchar and Steve Simon-MN SOS, January 11, 2022.
- attended virtual ERA Coalition March “Rise Up4ERA”, January 27, 2022
- published and reported AAUW MN public policy branch events and activities to AAUW national outreach personnel
- Convened the first AAUW MN Public Policy Branch Chairs/Contacts ZOOM meeting
- planned a virtual 2021 AAUW MN Legislative Day.

Visioning for 2021/2022:

This is my final year as VP Public Policy. However, until June 30, 2022, I will continue to use social networking and technology to create channels for communicating AAUW Public Policy Priorities. Taking a cue from SPPC training sessions and the new national website, I envision an AAUW-MN Public Policy program that will invigorate members and promote advocacy using the following actions:

- publishing selected Public Policy webinars, video resources and tools provided by AAUW National and other States;
- sharing State Net Legislative tracking postings with branch chairs;
- communicating with AAUW MN branch public policy chairs/contacts;
- distributing pertinent National Public Policy webinars to Branch PP chairs;
- continuing ZOOM, or other online communication platforms, for meetings with branch chairs.

Moving Forward – Collectively Advocating