

**AAUW General Membership Business Meeting
June 9, 2022
Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel, Dinner meeting**

Monique Jones, president, welcomed the members to this our first in-person Annual Meeting since 2019. She thanked the members and guests for coming. She made a few announcements mentioning the 50th anniversary of Title IX and Oaxaca Week to be held in Poughkeepsie this summer.

After the first course, the meeting was called to order by **President Monique Jones** at 7:00 pm. There were 41 members present which satisfied our quorum of 10%. Monique announced that delegates to AAUW-NYS Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 25th are: Bonnie Auchincloss, Maria DeWald, Sue Doyle, Jackie Goffe-McNish, Marcine Humphrey, Sandy Lash and Celia Serotsky and have been approved by the board. She gave a brief report of the year and invited all to read the reports from the board and initiatives that are on the website for an excellent overview of the year. Monique concluded by saying: "I cannot close without emphasizing the awe I feel for the great work that comes out of this volunteer-based organization. It's been my true pleasure to have served as your branch president these past two years and I would like to thank you for your support."

Minutes

Margaret Nijhuis explained that as stated in our bylaws the minutes from the previous general business meeting which was held on November 11, 2021 were referred to the board, approved at the December board meeting and are on the AAUW Poughkeepsie website under Leadership/Minutes. Minutes from this meeting will be presented to the board for approval at their September meeting and subsequently posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer **Pat Luczai** reported on the Financial Position as of June 8, 2022: Total Assets are \$81653.00. For the current fiscal year starting July 1, 2021, Total Revenue is \$ 32,294.78 and Total Expenditures are \$ 21,075.88.

Pat reported a total of \$8,845.43 has been received from all sources – contributions and grants. The budget was presented as approved by the board with the request that any questions be directed to Pat.

Nominations

Betty Harrel, Nominating Chair, presented the following slate of officers for election:

President: Celia Serotsky
Communications VP: Barbara Durniak
Treasurer: Diane Jablonski
Secretary/Bylaws: Beth DeFiglio

Monique Jones stated that there had been no other nominations and asked that the Secretary cast one ballot for the slate. **Barbara Van Itallie**, AAUW-NYS Treasurer, installed the new officers.

In Memoriam

Mary Scalise-Annis, Membership Co-VP, presented a brief memoriam for AAUW member, **Margaret Lombardi**, who passed during 2022.

Membership Honors

Bonnie Auchincloss and **Mary Scalise-Annis**, Membership Co-VPs, presented the longevity awards which are based on the number years a member has been part of our local AAUW branch:

10 Years Mary Ann Boylan, Cori Cumming, Sharon Fleury, Linda Lurie, Vicky Marrone, Eleanor Maslinoff, Marta Newkirk, Stephanie Pyrek, Erica Salzman-Talbi, Marlene Straus, Elizabeth Villanti, Ellen Zelig

15 Years Lula Allen, Stephanie Capichioni, Ellie Charwat, Ruth Gau, Gwen Higgins, Susan Holland, Janice Humbert, Wendy Maragh Taylor, Emily Moran, Saranne Ratner, Linda Roberts, Ruth Sheets, Ann Smith, Sherre Wesley, Greta Woo

20 Years Linda Beyer, Jeanne Henderson, Marcine Humphrey, Judy Linville, Carol Loizides, Ginny Marcus, Carole Peterson

25 Years Karleen Dorn

30 Years Laura Graceffa, Roz Werner

45 Years Barbara Hesperheide

50 Years Erin Teichman

50+ Years Lillian DePasquale, Mary King, Betty Harrel, Pamela Sadlier, Margaret Nijhuis

Honors and Awards

Margaret Nijhuis, Honors and Awards Chair presented the following awards:

Emerging Leader Award: **Celia Serotsky**

2022 AAUW Funds Named Honorees: **Catherine Albanese (In Memoriam), Blanche Bergman, Cathy Kinn, Judy Longacre, Vivian Rose and Mary Ann Williams**

2022 Cornerstone Award was presented **Diane Jablonski**

Board Introduction

Monique Jones asked that all take note of the appointed and off-board member that are listed in the program and asked those present to stand.

Board 2021-2022

President: Celia Serotsky

Program Vice Presidents: Maria DeWald and Marcine Humphrey

Membership Vice Presidents: Bonnie Auchincloss and Mary Scalise-Annis

Development Fund VP: Mary Lou Davis

Communications VP: Barbara Durniak*

Secretary/Bylaws: Beth DeFiglio*

Treasurer: Diane Jablonski*

Membership Treasurer: Sue Doyle

Appointed Board Positions

Community Service Liaison: Mary Ann Boylan

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: Gwen Higgins

Historian: Marge Barton

Honors and Awards: Margaret Nijhuis

Interest Group Liaison: Linnea Masson

International Relations Chair:

Newsletter Editor: Cyd Averill

Nominating Committee Chair: Pat Luczai

Past President: Monique Jones

Public Policy Chair:

Public Relations Chair: Betty Harrel

Appointed Off-Board Positions

Assistant Newsletter Editor: Philippa Goodman
Assistant Secretary: Kay Saderholm
Communications Assistant: Joanne Scolaro
Database Manager: Claudette Hennessy and Darlene Yerdon
Facebook Manager: Mary Coiteux
Keyes Fund/NCCWSL:
Photography Comm. Chair: Bonnie Auchincloss
State/National Liaison: Barbara Van Itallie
Technical Support: Bonnie Auchincloss
Website Editors: Cyd Averill, Barbara Durniak, Margaret Nijhuis and Joanne Scolaro

Monique Jones thanked the Board for being willing to serve. She also thanked those leaving positions on the board:

Lula Allen: Mothers Project
Kay Bishop: Mothers Project
Kathy Friedman : Assistant Newsletter Editor
Betty Harrel: Nominating Committee Chair
Barbara Hesperheide: Historian
Monique Jones: President
Pat Luczai: Treasurer
Jacqueline Goffe-McNish: Public Relations Chair
Margaret Nijhuis: Secretary/Bylaws
Sheila Zweifler: Community Initiatives Liaison

Interest Groups 2022-23

Our nineteen interest groups provide programs and events each month for their members. They are a vital part of our organization.

All those books...: Carol Loizides
Art on the Go: Mary Coiteux
Adventures en Soleil: Terry Jackrel
Bridge I : Patty Cerniglia
Bridge II: Sandy Goldberg
Canasta: Barbara Cohen
Contemporary Literature: Linda Freisitzer, Ann Wade
Cuisine Group: JoAnne Abraskin, Blanche Bergman
Daytime Literature: Susan Fink, Kathy Friedman
Gourmet: Out & About: JoAnne Abraskin, Mary Ann Boylan
Mah Jongg: Blanche Bergman
Manderley Literary Society: Shelley Friedman
Pedal Pushers: Pat Luczai
Pins & Needles: Pat Luczai, Mary Ann Williams
Poetry & Play Readings: Maria DeWald, Jackie Sweeney
Reely Together: Jackie Vierno
Trekking: Tori Smith
Word Games: Sharon Fleury
World Travelers: Bonnie Auchincloss

Community Service Initiatives 2022-23

We are proud of the accomplishments of our initiatives and the services they provide.

Court Watch: Ann Pinna
Days for Girls: Sabashnee Govender and Judy Longacre
Extending Girls' Horizons: Peggy Kelland
Leading to Reading: Betty Harrel
Math Buddies: Barbara Van Itallie

Events 2022-23

Annual Meeting: Celia Serotsky & Committee
Monthly Programs: Maria DeWald, Marcine Humphrey
Open House: Bonnie Auchincloss and Mary Scalise-Annis
Woman of the Year: Mary Lou Davis & Committee

After the main course the evening continued.

Program speaker: Monique Jones introduced Dr. Lucia Cherciu, Dutchess County Poet Laureate

When dessert was finished the program ended.

Closing

Monique Jones thanked everyone for attending and wished them a good summer and welcomed the new president, **Celia Serotsky**. Celia thank the incoming board and Monique for her 2 years of service as president. **Mary Scalise-Annis** presented the President's Pin to Monique.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Nijhuis, Secretary