



Iowa Branch Connector

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The Value of Affiliation with AAUW: *By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.*

Welcome to this monthly electronic publication. You are invited to share this information with other members and branch leaders by forwarding it to them, or providing a hard copy.

Maureen White, AAUW Iowa President, 2014-16

Greetings from your AAUW Iowa Nominations Committee Director, Irene Dodder.

To keep AAUW Iowa as an organization that continues to be a dynamic force for positive growth in the Iowa and nation, leadership must always be cultivated. Finding and supporting leaders is the responsibility of all AAUW members as well as the nominations committee. Each member has unique qualities that can be polished into tremendous leadership skills. Be willing to step forward into the positions that ignite your passions. The Elective/Appointive Candidate Recruitment Form, which is used by the committee, is available to all who wish to serve at the state level. The form can be found on the AAUW Iowa website.

Why serve on the AAUW IA state board? First, it is a wonderful way to work with other dynamic women with like interests. Secondly, by furthering the policies of AAUW, you are improving the lives of women and girls in the state of Iowa. Thirdly, it is an amazing learning experience with many rewards that last a lifetime. As Eleanor Roosevelt said, "The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience." AAUW leadership is that experience.

The office to be filled this spring at the 2015 AAUW Annual Conference is the position of President Elect. Candidates for this position must be dedicated and forward thinking, have knowledge of the state organization and some prior experience on the board. Many members have these qualifications and we encourage you to volunteer your interest to the Nominations Committee. The AAUW IA Nominations Committee members are Mary Koenig, serving southwest Iowa, Sharon Vana of northeast Iowa, Karen DeVore in southeast Iowa and Lois Enger of northwest Iowa.

The Nominations committee will be meeting soon to begin our search for the most suited women to serve in this capacity. We are looking forward to your suggestions and help in making this selection.

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