



Iowa Branch Connector

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A Monthly Electronic Bulletin for AAUW Leaders in Iowa

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.

Maxine Lampe, AAUW IA President 2012-2014

The State Conferences are over and it was great seeing so many of you there! Attendance was up! We had a total of 102 members registered (10 board members attended both conferences). In addition to those members, we had 13 non-paying guests who also attended as parents/grandparents of Speech Trek finalists, Distinguished Faculty awardees and their friends as well as Amy Blackwell from National. Last year 71 people attended. Our baskets brought in over \$1500 (exact total will be published later) and we sold out of our art project notebooks. Now we would like your feedback.

1. Was it a good idea to have two conferences in opposite sides of the state? Next year we will have only one since we have election of officers. It will be in Des Moines on April 11 and 12. But, would you like to see the regional conferences in the off years?
2. Was Speech Trek a good idea and should we do it again next year? If we do we would like to use the theme of "Miss Representation" - how girls and women are misrepresented in the media.
3. For those of you who did the REAP applications, was that a good process for your branch?
4. Should we do the Membership Incentive grants again?
5. Do you have any feedback or ways to improve the **Initiative** newsletter?
6. What else would you like the state to do for your branch?

Remember that Online voting for National AAUW began on April 15, and ends on June 10. Members may request paper ballots by contacting connect@aauw.org or calling [800.326.2289](tel:800.326.2289) from April 1 - May 2. Deadline for receipt of paper ballots is May 17. In order to vote, members will need their AAUW member number and a special PIN number which was sent from the national office. This process is described at www.aauw.org, under *One Member One Vote*.

Let me know if any of your members are attending the National Convention, so we can get together at some point during the convention. As of now I know that Diane Patton, Maureen White, Mary Ann Ahrens and myself are planning on going.

Thanks to all who helped make the 2013 State Conference a success. A wrap-up will be in the Late Summer/Fall Initiative.

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