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Don't forget the **Victorian Holiday**

At the Amherst Museum
December 9th - 2 PM



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President's Message

The theme of the New York State AAUW convention is **Peace Can Be Achieved Through Cooperation**. It is time to begin planning to travel to Lake Placid, New York for this gathering from May 3 through May 5, 2002. The buses will leave from Buffalo and the cost is \$80.00. Fun begins when you enter the bus. The Lake Placid Hilton Resort will provide hospitality. Planned special events are a tour of Lake Placid or a pre-convention peace seminar, Adirondack night for the Education Foundation, a luncheon focusing on the Legal Advocacy Fund and later in the afternoon a wine and cheese party at Olympic Ski Jump Tower. There will also be a lap swim for the IFUW Bina Roy Fund. More information will be coming your way.

We need your help in calling your congressional representatives. We strongly believe that women leaders must be included in the rebuilding of a democratic government in Afghanistan. Afghan women leaders must be at the negotiating table. The deplorable repression of Afghan women and girls has become headline news in the past months but this human rights violation has lasted five long years.

You may call:

- the U.S. State Department at 202-647-4000

Deadline for the January issue is December 12
Please send articles to Joan Eschner via e-mail to jmeschner@att.net. Articles that are received later than the above date will not appear in the January issue.

- the White House at 202-456-1414
- Senator Joseph Biden who is chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at 202-224-5042
- United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan at 212-326-7000

I wish everyone a safe and peaceful holiday season.

Rita Clement

Change in Bylaws

Bylaws changes will be voted on at the January 2002 meeting. See insert. Contact Betty Preble for answers to any questions. We hope to put the complete set of bylaws on the Website soon.



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Victorian Holiday

At the Amherst Museum

December 9th - 2 PM

We are all looking forward to enjoying the tours and the ambiance of the Victorian Holiday on December 9th. Since our block of tours is time specific, and there will be other people going out on tour prior to our arrival and at the conclusion of our tours, we hope that our AAUW members and guests will arrive at the Museum promptly at or before 2 PM. This way we can send the first of our tours out as close to 2 PM as possible and we can keep within our allotted time frame, and not hold up other people who have reserved specific tour times.

Since many participants are not familiar with the location of the Amherst Museum, we have included a map to assist you in planning your route and trip time. The Museum is located at the intersection of Tonawanda Creek Road and New Road, on the banks of Tonawanda Creek. This is in the very northeast corner of Amherst, on the border of Niagara County. The following are some suggested routes of travel, including mileage to indicate possible time frames.

FROM THE NORTHTOWNS: You may wish to use Niagara Falls Blvd., going North to Tonawanda Creek Rd. Turn right into the Town of Amherst, and follow Tonawanda Creek Rd. 6.5 miles to the Museum. It is a very twisting road - be sure not to get on any bridge that takes you over the creek, or you will be in Niagara County. You might also approach the Museum using Millersport Hwy. from Eggertsville, to New Rd. Turn left onto New Rd. and go 1.8 miles to the Museum.

FROM THE SOUTHTOWNS: You may wish to use the New York State Thruway (I-90) to Exit 50, and then take the Main St. East exit, following Main St. through the Village of Williamsville to Transit Rd. (Rt. 78) - distance of 3.4 miles. Turn left onto Transit Rd. and go 8 miles to the intersection of Millersport Hwy (on your left), and then .1 mile further to Tonawanda Creek Rd. on your left. Turn left into the Town of Amherst, and follow Tonawanda Creek Rd. 1.7 miles to the Museum. You may also prefer to use Transit Rd. all the way from the Southtowns, following the above directions once you cross Main St.

What ever your route, watch for brown and white directional signs stating Amherst Museum with an arrow.

For those of you who rather follow a map, you'll find one on page 11.

The Museum does have a website with more driving options, if you care to visit it. Just go to:

<http://www.amherstmuseum.org/directions.htm>

If you do get lost, please call the Museum at 689-1440. Someone is always on the desk to help out people who get lost while on their way to the Museum.

Remember to dress warmly, and be prepared to have a wonderful time. You will be amazed at what a wonderful local treasure we have in this Museum. If you have any questions prior to the event, please call Marilyn Kihl at 691-8299.

Buffalo Branch Study/ Interest Groups

Group Leaders

Please send study group information to:

Mary Kellner

8470 Lakemont Dr.

East Amherst, NY 14051

741-8127

mlnkel@aol.com

Group: **Bridge Biddies**

When: Once per month

Topic: Casual bridge playing

Contact: Margaret Haas (839-3701) or

Valerie Marvin (833-8506)



Group: **Clueless Mystery Book Club and Dinner by the Book** – Joint meeting

When: Wednesday, December 19 at 5:30 PM

Where: Shannon Pub

5050 Main Street, Snyder

Topic: *Death in Holy Orders*

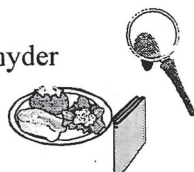
by P. D. James

Reviewer: Norma Millar

Contact: RSVP to Fran Witnauer (H 837-5887

or W 856-3150) for reservations

or Norma (875-6091)



Group: **Film Group**

When: Tuesday, December 4

Contact: Maria Ceraulo (881-0729)



Group: **Great Decisions**

No meeting this month

Group: **Human Rights for Women – Global Issues**

When: Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 PM

Where: Williamsville Branch of Amherst

Public Library

5571 Main St., Williamsville

(between Cayuga & Mill Sts. between Amherst Town & Williamsville Village Halls), ample parking available.

Topic: *Status of Women in Africa*

Discussion Leader: Tamara Brown

Contact: Teresa Gessner (634-5053)

All are Welcome!

Group: **Out on the Town**

No activity this month other than Victorian Holiday at Amherst Museum.

Contact: Marilyn Kihl (691-8299) with suggestions for future activities.



Group: **Travel Group**

No meeting this month.

Tentatively planned is a weekend in

- Cleveland in March or April,
- a 5-day trip to Montreal in July,
- a Rochester House & Garden tour June 8, 2002
- a Chautauqua House & Garden tour July 16, 2002
- a weekend in Lancaster, PA for "Miracle of Christmas," Living
- Waters show in late November or early December.

Contact Bunny Blackstone (655-4519)

if you are interested in any of these trips. The group can then decide which trips to pursue at a reasonable price.



Hate Crimes Legislation Needed Write Today!

You are encouraged to write your members of Congress to urge them to enact hate crimes legislation in light of the recent backlash of hate violence against Arab-Americans and the increase of hate crimes generally. By passing this **Local Law Enforcement Prevention Act (S625/HR1343)**, the response to hate crimes motivated by race, color, religion, or national origin would be broadened to include crimes targeting people based on their gender, sexual orientation, and disability. A sample letter follows:

Washington, D.C. 2051

Dear *Senator/Representative*:

Congress must declare that hate motivated violence carried out against American citizens will not be tolerated. The **Local Law Enforcement Act (S625) or (HR1343)** will strengthen the federal response to hate crime violence. While states should continue to play the primary role in the prosecution of hate crime violence, the federal government must be able to address those cases which local authorities are either unable or unwilling to investigate and prosecute.

The hate crimes prevention bill would broaden the law by changing federal law to recognize gender, sexual orientation, and disability-based hate crimes. It would expand federal jurisdiction to cover the most violent of these hate crimes. I believe that hate crimes against these groups as well as crimes motivated by race, color, religion or national origin are forms of discrimination. The federal government must have jurisdiction over such crimes to protect all Americans.

Once again, I urge you to support the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act (S625) or (HR1343).

Sincerely,

Addresses and bill numbers (S625):

**The Honorable Charles Schumer and The Honorable Hillary Clinton
United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510**

(HR1343)

**The Honorable (your representative):
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515**

Action Alert

Help Women Rebuild Afghan Democracy

As U.S. led military attacks on Afghanistan continue, world leaders have begun to discuss the future of Afghanistan if the Taliban is overthrown as a part of war on terrorism. While both President Bush and U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell have condemned the Taliban, they have suggested that the factions of the Taliban might be included in efforts to restructure the Afghan government.

We need your help to demand that the U.S. include Afghan women leaders, many living in exile or under virtual house arrest, in rebuilding a democratic government in Afghanistan. The U.S. must not lend credence to the human rights abuses suffered by Afghan women and girls by allowing members of the Taliban to participate in reconstructing the country. Afghan women leaders - not Taliban extremists - must be at the table.

ACTION NEEDED:

We need your help to call on Secretary of State Colin Powell, President Bush, Chair of Senate Foreign Relations Committee Senator

Joseph Biden and United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan to:

1. Insist that Afghan women leaders be included in the rebuilding of a democratic government.
2. Demand that members of the Taliban be barred from participating in efforts to restructure the Afghan government.

The YWCA of Niagara will be hosting Institute for Public Leadership in the spring of 2001. This program is for women interested in becoming a candidate or running a campaign. For more information please contact Jennifer Stoll at 433-6714.

Family Planning Advocates 25th Annual Conference will be held on January 28th and 29th in Albany. For more information on this event contact (518) 436-8408 or www.FPA.org.

Connect to:

<http://www.now.org/congress> to send an email to Secretary of State Colin Powell, President Bush, Chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Sen. Joseph Biden and United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan demanding that Afghan women leaders be included in the rebuilding of a democratic government, and that women's human and

democratic rights be protected against the warlords fighting for post-Taliban control.

BACKGROUND

The deplorable repression of Afghan women and girls under the Taliban regime has become headline news in recent weeks, but it has lasted for five long years. Women are prevented from working, attending school, receiving health care, going outside without both a male relative and a head-toe covering and the beatings, torture and executions for violation of these and other strict rules have horrified the world.

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Prior to the Taliban's 1996 takeover of the country, Aghan women were 70 percent of the school teachers, 40 percent of the doctors, 50 percent of the government workers, and 50 percent of the college students in Afghanistan. They were scientists, professors and members of parliament. They led corporations and nonprofit organizations in local communities. There are many women who are well equipped to participate in leading this country back to full democracy, and the U.S must not allow the warlords to divide the spoils and negotiate the opportunity for a government that includes women as full and equal human beings.

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“Gender Balancing” in Traditional College Courses

As an Educational Equity project the Buffalo Branch is seeking to identify examples in higher education in western New York of courses in which women's and men's issues are

considered together. Nearly twenty years ago Susan Van Dyne and Marilyn Schuster of Smith College suggested six stages of curriculum change from “invisible women” through women as exceptional or disadvantaged to a “transformed, balanced curriculum” with an “inclusive vision of human experience based on difference and diversity, not sameness and generalization.” While there has been progress in offering women's studies courses, we are interested to know whether, or to what extent, issues about women are being included in traditional college courses.

The Buffalo Branch would like not only to determine the status of gender issues in classes at local colleges but also to offer recognition to exemplary courses. We'll seek information from faculty members at local institutions. We plan to publicize results of the inquiry and to offer recognition of exemplary initiatives in the form of a certificate. We'll also tell people about the national awards program for programs promoting educational progress for women.

If you know a faculty member who would be sympathetic to this inquiry and you would be willing to have your name used in connection with a telephone call and a brief questionnaire, please speak to me at a meeting, send me an e-mail <jamiesn@localnet.com>, or telephone me at 877-8569. Even if the faculty member you know doesn't teach a course dealing with gender equity he or she may be able to lead us to someone who does.

If you would be interested in any aspect of the project from refining the survey or calling some faculty members or designing a certificate of recognition or seeking publicity for the project, please let me know. The project will start after the first of the year.

Carol Jamieson

New Members

It has been quite awhile since new members were last recognized in the Newsletter. As publisher, I would like to include the names of new and fairly new members so they can be recognized and welcomed to our organization. The following is a list of names not found in last year's roster

Betty Preble
6935 E. Quaker
Orchard Park, NY 14127

Mary Stanton
54 Garden Court
Amherst, NY 14226

Louise Weaver
115 Kohler St.
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Katherine O'Mara
305 Willowgreen Dr.
Amherst, NY 14228

Deborah Legge
29 Hillcrest
Amherst, NY 14226

Miss Phyllis Wray
143 Highland Parkway
Kenmore, NY 14223

Joan Newhouse
28 Manor Oak Dr.
Amherst, 14228

Zelda White
207 Londonderry Lane
Getzville, NY 14068

Maureen Moran
374 Nassau Ave., Lower
Kenmore, NY 14217

Marie Saccomando Coppola
704 Charlesgate Circle
E. Amherst, NY 14051

Jayne D. Mack
1 Hunters Lane
Williamsville, NY 14221

Carol Loos
6145 Gott Creek Trail
E. Amherst, NY 14051

Rupert Brook
85 S. Ellicott St.
Williamsville, NY 14221

When many organizations are losing members, it is wonderful to see that the Buffalo Branch of AAUW offers its members worthwhile activities, interesting functions and a chance to make a difference in the community and the world.

Joan Eschner

2002-2003 Program

It's time to be thinking about next year's program. Are there ideas you want to learn more about? Can you recommend a speaker? Is there an activity that intrigues you? Do you want to know more about an AAUW project or goal? Now's the time to make your thoughts known. I'll take info at the December meeting or you can call me at home (675-4059) or send email to kristb@adelphia.net. There will be a program meeting in January, but you don't need to wait until then to make a recommendation.

Betty Krist

Visit the AAUW Website and... Give the Gift of AAUW Membership—For Free!!

As a member of AAUW, you can give free 12-month memberships to as many 2000 and 2001 college or university graduates as you would like.

It's fast! It's easy!! And it's COMPLETELY FREE!!!

Visit <http://www.aauw.org/6000/gradgift.html> and fill in the online enrollment form. That's all there is to it!

A special holiday gift card, indicating you as the gift giver, will be sent to your new recruit if you complete the online application by December 14, 2001. So act fast!

Women of Achievement

Achievement Award Nominees AAUW Buffalo branch will be honoring a woman of achievement on April 27, 2002 at The Mansion in Buffalo, NY. Please send résumés for the nominees to either Rita Clement or Marguerite Collesano. The selection will take place in February 2002. Western New York is home to many outstanding women. Networking is one of the strengths of AAUW. We count on every member's initiative and energy to locate nominees for this honor.

AAUW Buffalo Branch Minutes October 3, 2001

- Meeting called to order by Rita Clement.
 - Marguerite Collesano was installed as President Elect by Suzanne Oliver
 - Treasurer's Report: Accepted as presented.
 - Bylaws changes were postponed until the November meeting.
 - Education and Equity Project Proposal: Carol Jamieson reported on the extent that gender equity is found in the higher education curriculum. It is proposed that a study be made to assess practices in local colleges as to the inclusion of gender equity in educational settings. The purpose is to educate the public and to gain new membership.
 - Education Representative: Linda Drajem reported on a proposed project for high school girls called "Math as Metaphor" A workshop for 60 students will be held October 22, 2001.
 - Sandra Ceraulo has resigned as Web Designer and Rita Clement discussed searching for a replacement. Suggestions were offered by members.
- NEW BUSINESS:**
- Cathy Weiss reported that the United Way offers training for board members as a way to train and recruit women to serve on boards of community organizations.
 - LAF- Freddie Cheek reported on the need to develop a fundraiser for the Legal Advocacy Fund. The Legal Advocacy Fund does not have a budget line. In the past, the funds have come from the generosity of members and such fundraisers as raffles for baskets and gifts. Needed are contributions from the community
 - September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center - motion was made that AAUW Buffalo branch donate \$500.00 to the American Red Cross through the HSBC Matching funds program. The motion was tabled for the November meeting so that other options may be considered because of the loss of funding to WNY community organizations.
 - Motion was made and passed to offer membership for a year to program speakers who do not accept an honorarium.
 - Marguerite Collesano will continue as membership chair.
 - Discussed, was the need to recruit mentors or tutors to help and encourage girls in varied endeavors and it was suggested that our branch consider taking this on as a program.
 - Sharon Minklein reported the first ACWA meeting was held and 60 women attended. The first workshop will be held at the Amherst Museum.
 - Adjourned 7:50 p.m.

The Legal Advocacy Fund Provides Validity

What does having the support of thousands of women (LAF supporters) and the voice of 150,000 women (AAUW members) mean to those who the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund assists? LAF has supported over 70 women with their legal battles to level the playing field at higher education institutions for the past 20 years. These women have been courageous in their litigation struggles for equity, and against sex discrimination and harassment. LAF has provided these women with the financial and moral support necessary to continue their lawsuits. With LAF support, they realize they no longer have to stand alone. LAF doesn't support just any grievance; the suit must have a high probability of success and potential significance to other women in higher education. LAF selects cases carefully after much consultation. *We want these women to succeed.*

So, what do some of the women we have supported for the last 20 years with over \$750,000 dollars have to say to us?

"Thank you"

Vickie Dugan: "You took me in; I didn't have to be a member of AAUW to get your support." AAUW members from Oregon were present at her court hearing daily for the full trial, in fact the prosecuting attorney commented on their presence. After a most successful jury trial, Vickie now says, "It feels like home to stand in front of an AAUW audience." She stresses the importance of carrying the LAF message to younger women who are just entering higher levels of academia.

After 4 years of litigation, **Lorraine Jackson and Susan Duffy** decided to settle out of court through mediation. In thanking the LAF Board of Directors and the Rawalt Legal Defense Fund trustees for their support, they said, "We will never forget the support we received from fellow AAUW members. There were dozens of times when we found ourselves saying 'Thank God for AAUW.'" Both women have further thanked LAF by supporting the Fund with generous contributions.

The litigants in *Fish, et al. v. St. Cloud State University*, Minnesota, were so appreciative of the LAF support that they instructed their attorneys to send a check representing "a complete refund of all monies advanced to cover the costs in the case." In addition, these women have been inspired speakers at state and national AAUW conventions.

Colleen Crangle, after successfully suing Stanford University, said "Knowing that thousands of women knew and cared about discrimination in academia" made her feel she was "floating on an ocean of support." She realized she was fighting a much larger fight than just for her university position and self worth. She represented every woman.

Supporting these women today and in the future is an essential part of the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund legacy. We must hold up the "light of justice and truth," as Colleen Crangle has said, to encourage women who regrettably will have to struggle for equity in higher education. The ongoing work of the LAF deserves our appreciation and our financial support.

Your Support is Needed

AAUW created the Legal Advocacy Fund in 1981 to further its mission to promote equity, education, self-development and positive societal changes for women. LAF has three major programs to promote equity for women in higher education.

I. CASE SUPPORT

LAF has provided more than \$500,000 in financial support to more than 60 cases in which students, faculty or administrators have challenged discriminatory practices involving sexual harassment, denial of tenure or promotion, pay equity or aid for women's athletic programs.

I. LAF NETWORK

LAF has established a network of experienced attorneys and social scientists, who serve as volunteer consultants to the lawyers and plaintiffs who are considering litigation or who are already in the process of conducting sex discrimination litigation.

II. PROGRESS IN EQUITY AWARD

This financial award was created by the LAF Board of Directors to recognize college and university programs which have resulted in significant progress toward equity for women on campus and in the community. New York State recognizes colleges in the state that meet this criteria.

Contributing to the Legal Advocacy Fund provides us with a tangible way to show our support for women who have experienced discriminatory practices.

Please consider contributing at one of the donor levels listed. These donors will be listed in the LAF Luncheon Program at the 2002 AAUW NYS Convention. Whatever you are able to contribute will be greatly appreciated by the Legal Advocacy Fund.

DONOR LEVELS:

LAF CIRCLE (\$50-\$99)

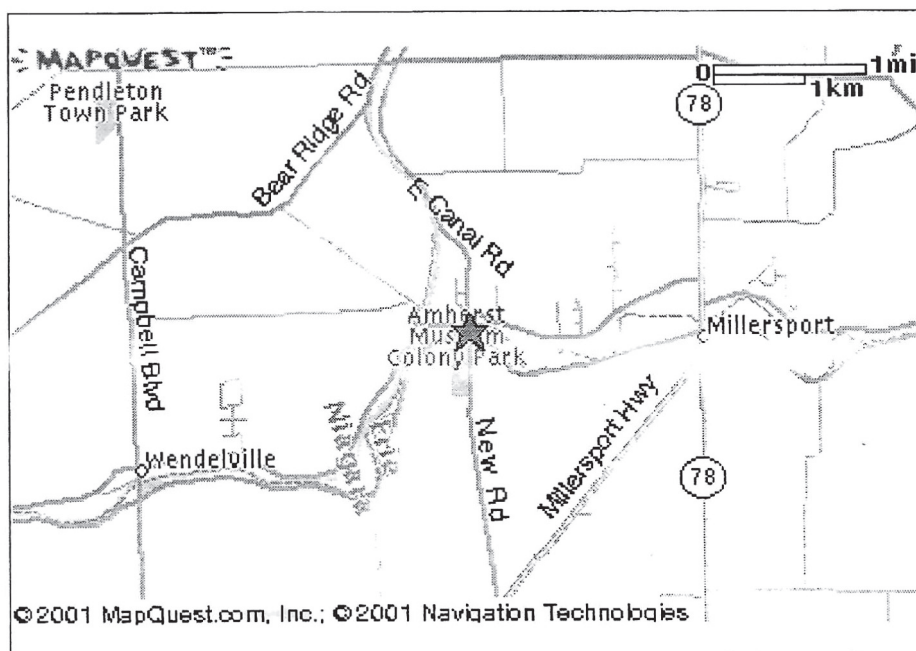
LAF AMICUS (\$100-\$249)

LAF PARTNER (\$250-\$499)

LAF ADVOCATE (\$500-\$999)

Thanks very much for your help! Evvie

*See donation slip attached to
By-Laws insert*



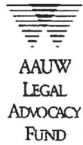
In principle and in practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.



AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, life-long education, and positive societal change.



The AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.



AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for AAUW women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 9,

"Victorian Christmas Tour at the Amherst Museum"

(Reservations due this month)

Saturday, January 26

Continental Breakfast

"Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder"

Wednesday, February 13

Coffee and Dessert

"Voiced of Difference" & Pan Am Recap

Friday, March 8

Dinner

Celebration of International Women

Moving? Did not receive the newsletter? Please contact Jean Hubbard, (832-0349). This newsletter was delivered to the William Street Post Office, Buffalo NY on November 21, 2001.



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AAUW Buffalo Branch Bylaws Changes April 2001

The following bylaws changes are recommended.

Note: New material is underlined. Material amended or deleted is in (parentheses).

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

- D. Cooperate in AAUW state and regional work, including (membership in the Tri-County Interbranch Council, a mechanism for) joining with other (council) branches to address issues of concern to this area.

Change to:

- D. cooperate in AAUW state and regional work, including joining with other branches to address issues of concern to this area.

Rationale:

The Tri-County Council has not functioned as a council for at least ten years. Representatives from the four remaining branches involved in the council agreed that the money remaining in the treasury could be used to fund the first Sister-to Sister Summit.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers

- A. Elected officers. There shall be president, president elect, program vice president, membership retention vice president, membership recruitment vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer of the branch. Only those members having primary branch membership shall be president, president-elect, vice presidents, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, nominating committee chair and nominating committee, and treasurer of the branch. Other elected Board members may include: loan funds treasurer, Educational Foundation chair, education and equity chair, public policy chair and (issue task force chairs).

To be amended to say:

Other elected Board members may include: loan funds treasurer, Educational Foundation chair, education and equity chair and public policy chair.

Page 11 Section 5. Rotation

The president-elect, membership recruitment vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, Educational Foundation chair, and public policy chair shall be elected at the annual meeting in the even years; the president-elect, program vice president, membership retention vice president, treasurer, and loan funds treasurer shall be elected at the annual meeting in the odd years. A president-elect shall be elected in both even and odd years at the annual meeting and shall assume office of president in the subsequent year. (Issue task force chairs shall be elected at the annual meeting following the introduction of a new issue by the Association.)

Delete this last sentence.

Rationale:

The Association no longer selects issues for study and program development.

ARTICLE IX - STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees

- (B.) In addition, there shall be a standing committee or task force on each of the current Association issues to be implemented by the branch. It must implement at least one.)

Delete B. as written above.

(C.) Composition and Function.

Change to C. to B. Composition and Function

Rationale:

The Association eliminated the issues and requirements for establishing a standing committee or task force to implement them several years ago.

Continue in Section 1, B (currently C).

- (5) The program development committee, chaired by the program vice president, shall include any representatives for the areas of interest, (branch issue task force chairs,) and such other members as are deemed necessary. This committee shall consider the Association program (issues and shall recommend to the branch the selection of issues (s) to be implemented. The committee) shall provide policy guidance for continuing program concerns of the branch (and shall also consider future Association program issues.)

Change to read:

- (5) The program development committee, chaired by the program vice president shall include any representatives for the areas of interest and such other members as are deemed necessary. This committee shall consider the Association program and shall provide policy guidelines for continuing program concerns of the branch.

- (8) Issue Task Force(s) shall implement the current Association issues(s) selected by the branch.)

Delete # (8)

Rationale:

The Association eliminated the concept of issues and the practice of having issue chair(s).

ARTICLE XI - REPRESENTATIVES OF AREAS OF INTEREST

Section 2. Duties

Each representative shall be :

- (A.) A member of the committee on program development;
(B.) A member of any appropriate issue task force.)

Change to read:

Each representative shall be a member of the committee on program development.

Rationale: We need to eliminate any references to issues chair or task force.

March 30, 2001

These bylaws changes were proposed in the spring of 2001 but the motion was tabled. These proposals will be voted on at the January 2002 branch meeting. They are all designed to update the bylaws to the reality of external changes which have been made over the past few years.

1. The Tri-County Council has not existed for several years, so the first proposal simply removes references to that body. It leaves intact the spirit of cooperation with other area branches.
2. The Association has not required that branches implement task forces or standing committees on issues chosen by the Association for some time. The remaining proposals simply remove the references to those requirements.