REPORT OF THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE

AAUW-MA Annual Meeting

April 30, 2022

The Bylaws Committee was tasked with examining the 2016 version of the AAUW-MA Bylaws

* to bring them up to date with current practices
* to streamline where possible
* to correct errors
* to read for consistency

The major changes were related to the make-up of the board and its officers

* all instances of the word “president” were changed to “president/administrator”
* the elected board will be the president/administrator and the finance officer
* other members of the board shall be appointed positions
* branch presidents/administrators remain as members of the board

A few changes were made to state meetings

* the word “convention” was replaced with “annual meeting”
* at annual and special meetings, all members in good standing have one vote, eliminating the out-of-date delegate method of voting

Other changes were mainly housekeeping

* “AAUW-MA” or replaces the word “state” where appropriate
* errors in Article numbering were corrected

The updated Bylaws will be voted on at this meeting since

* in 2021, they were not finished in time for the required 30-day notice to members
* we were awaiting mandated changes from AAUW which were not anticipated before June 2021

Next step

* members will be sent the Bylaws to review before the annual meeting
* members will vote on the revised Bylaws at the 2022 annual meeting
* the committee recommends voting to approve

Respectfully submitted,

The AAUW-MA Bylaws Committee

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