

**BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
UNIVERSITY WOMEN OF [WILLINGBORO, NJ]**

ARTICLE I. NAME AND GOVERNANCE

Section 1. Name. The name of the organization shall be the American Association of University Women (AAUW) [*Willingboro Branch, NJ*, hereinafter known as the “Affiliate.”]

Section 2. Affiliate. AAUW [*Willingboro Branch NJ*] is an Affiliate of AAUW as defined in Article V.

Section 3. Legal Compliance. The Affiliate shall comply with the requirements of AAUW and federal, state, and local law. The bylaws of the Affiliate shall in no way conflict with the AAUW Bylaws and/or policies.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. The purpose of the Affiliate is to further AAUW purposes and policies.

Section 2. Policies and Programs. In keeping with this purpose, the Affiliate shall promote equity, education, and development of opportunities for women and girls that enable them to realize their full potential.

ARTICLE III. USE OF NAME

Section 1. Policies and Programs. The policies and programs of AAUW shall be binding on all members engaged in AAUW activities, and no member shall use the name of AAUW to oppose such policies or programs.

Section 2. Proper Use of Name and Logo. The name and logo of AAUW may be used only by members (as defined below at Article IV, Section 2) and Affiliates (as defined below at Article V, Section 1) only according to policies and procedures established by the AAUW Board of Directors; others may do so only according to written licenses.

Section 3. Individual Freedom of Speech. These bylaws shall not abridge the freedom of speech of any AAUW member to speak an opinion in the member’s own name.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. Composition. The members of AAUW at present consist of members (“Individual Members”) and college/university members (“College/University Members”).

Section 2. Basis of Membership.

a. Individual Members.

(1) Eligibility. An individual holding an associate's (or equivalent, e.g., RN), bachelor's, or higher degree from a higher education institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S Department of Education (an "Accredited Higher Education Institution") or other qualified educational institution located outside of the United States, as determined by the AAUW Board of Directors, shall be eligible to receive admission to AAUW membership; such membership shall be granted upon payment of AAUW dues. The provisions set forth in this section are the sole requirement for eligibility and admissibility to AAUW membership except that the AAUW Board of Directors may establish a process to assess credentials that are submitted based on degree equivalence.

(2) Appeals of Refusals of Admission to Membership. Any potential Individual Member or College/University Member who claims qualification for membership in AAUW and who has been refused admission to membership may present credentials to the AAUW Board of Directors for review. The decision of the AAUW Board of Directors shall be final.

(3) Saving Clause. No Individual Member shall lose membership due to any change in the status of the higher education institution upon which original qualification for membership was based.

(4) Life Membership.

(a) Paid. An Individual Member may become a life member (a "Life Member") upon a one-time payment of twenty years' annual AAUW dues, based on the amount of annual AAUW dues the year the Member elects to become a Life Member. Thereafter, the Life Member shall be exempt from the payment of AAUW national dues.

(b) Fifty-Year Honorary. An Individual Member who has paid AAUW dues for fifty years shall become a Life Member and shall thereafter be exempt from the payment of AAUW national dues.

b. College/University Members. Any Accredited Higher Education Institution or other qualified higher education institution located outside the United States, as determined by the AAUW Board of Directors, that pays annual dues to AAUW shall be eligible to be a College/University Member. Each College/University Member shall appoint one or two representatives who are eligible to be Individual Members and who shall each have the membership benefits of an Individual Member and any other benefits that accrue to representatives of College/University Members, as determined by the AAUW Board of Directors.

Section 3. Student Associates. The AAUW Board of Directors may permit undergraduate students enrolled in Accredited Higher Education Institutions or in other qualified educational institutions located outside the United States, as determined by the AAUW Board of Directors, to associate with AAUW, with fees (if any) and benefits as determined by the AAUW Board of Directors.

Section 4. Dues.

a. Amount. The annual dues and member benefits for any category of member shall be established by a two-thirds vote of the AAUW Board of Directors. Members shall be notified of the intent to consider a change in the dues, the proposed amount, and the rationale for the change at least 60 days prior to the vote.

b. Payment. Member dues shall be payable in accordance with procedures established by the AAUW Board of Directors.

Section 5. Severance of Membership. Any Member may be suspended or removed from membership for any conduct that tends to injure AAUW or to adversely affect its reputation or that is contrary to or destructive of its mission according to these bylaws, with action taken following policies and procedures adopted by the AAUW Board of Directors. In addition, a College/University Member that is no longer eligible for membership shall be removed from membership as soon as practicable after it loses its eligibility.

Article V. AAUW AFFILIATES

Section 1. AAUW Affiliate Defined. An AAUW Affiliate (“Affiliate”) is an organization affiliated with AAUW for the purpose of supporting AAUW’s mission through Affiliate programs, fundraising, networking, and/or other activities. Affiliates are typically nonprofit membership organizations under state law and may also have been recognized as tax-exempt 501(c) (3) or 501(c) (4) organizations under the Internal Revenue Code. An Affiliate may use AAUW’s name and/or logo only if approved by the AAUW Board of Directors.

Section 2. Organization.

a. Purpose. Affiliates shall promote the purposes, programs, and policies of AAUW.

b. Bylaws. Affiliates shall develop bylaws as meet their needs. However, any such bylaws shall not conflict with AAUW Bylaws or with applicable law.

c. Structure. Affiliates may create such leadership structures as meet their needs. Each Affiliate shall provide AAUW with designated contacts for administration and finance.

Section 3. Loss of Recognition of an Affiliate.

a. The AAUW affiliation status of an Affiliate may be revoked for cause through affiliation review procedures specified by the AAUW Board of Directors.

b. The Affiliate shall have the right to appeal to the AAUW Board of Directors within a designated period.

Section 4. Property and Assets.

The title to all property, funds, and assets of an Affiliate is vested in the Affiliate. An Affiliate shall have complete control of its property and assets, except that such property and assets shall not be used for any purpose contrary to AAUW's purposes. In the event of the dissolution of an Affiliate or the termination of an Affiliate's affiliation with AAUW, all assets of the Affiliate shall be transferred and delivered to AAUW or to another Affiliate designated by AAUW. AAUW may solicit and consider recommendations from local leaders before making a designation.

ARTICLE VI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the most current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Affiliate in all instances in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the AAUW Bylaws or with the requirements of AAUW or applicable laws.

ARTICLE VII. AAUW-MANDATED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

AAUW-mandated amendments shall be implemented by the Affiliate's board of directors without a vote of the Affiliate's membership and as prescribed by the AAUW Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS

Section 1. There shall be officers or co-officers to fulfill the functions of administration, program, membership, public policy finance, Educational Foundation AAUW Fund Chairs, and communications.

Section 2. The elected officers shall be a president, or co-presidents, vice presidents for membership & program, secretary and treasurer, or secretary/treasurer.

Section 3. The appointed officers shall be, AAUW Fund Chairs, hospitality, and any other officers deemed necessary to carry on the work of the board. They shall be appointed by the president(s) with the approval of the executive committee.

Section 4. Officers shall serve for a term of 2 year(s) or until their successors have been elected or appointed and assume office. The term of each officer shall begin on July 1.

Section 5. No member shall be eligible to serve more than 2 consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 6. The incoming president may call a meeting of the incoming officers prior to July 1.

Section 7. A vacancy in office, excluding the president, or official representative, or Co-presidents, shall be filled for the unexpired term by the board of directors. A vacancy in the office of president, or official representative, or co-presidents shall be filled by the vice presidents in the order listed.

ARTICLE IX. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws, branch policies, and by the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*, Newly Revised.

Section 2. All officers shall submit an annual written report to the president.

Section 3. The president shall be the official spokesperson and representative for the branch and shall be responsible for submitting such reports and forms as required by AAUW and state.

Section 4. The vice presidents shall perform such duties as the president and board shall direct.

Section 5. The secretary shall record and keep minutes of all membership and board meetings, and shall perform such other duties as the president and board shall direct.

Section 6. The treasurer shall be responsible for collecting, distributing, and accounting for the funds of the branch. The treasurer shall collect dues and properly remit them to AAUW and state by the specified deadline. The treasurer shall send moneys for the AAUW by the specified deadlines and shall keep separate ledgers for each type of account.

ARTICLE X. NOMINATIONS

Section 1. There shall be a nominating committee of 3 members, 2 of whom shall be elected at the annual meeting. 1 shall be elected by the board of directors at the first board meeting of the fiscal year, one of whom shall be appointed chair of the committee.

Section 2. Members shall serve for 2 years for a maximum of 10 years consecutively. Members shall serve no more than two consecutive terms.

ARTICLE XI. ELECTIONS

Section 1. The names of the nominees shall be published and sent to every member at least 14 days before the annual meeting.

Section 2. Nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

Section 3. All elections shall be held at the annual meeting.

Section 4. Elections shall be by secret ballot unless there is only one nominee for a given office, when a voice vote may be taken. Election shall be by a majority vote of those present and voting.

ARTICLE XII. ROTATION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The president, vice president(s) for membership and program, shall be elected in odd numbered years.

Section 2. The offices of secretary and treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years.

ARTICLE XIII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The board of directors shall include the elected and the following appointed officers of the branch: Public Policy, AAUW Fund Chairs, Public Information and Diversity.

Section 2. The board shall have the general power to administer the affairs of the branch, including but not limited to establishing policies and procedures to control financial records. It shall accept responsibility delegated by AAUW and state.

Section 3. Meetings of the board shall be held at least 3 times per year. Special meetings may be called by the president and shall be called upon request of 4 members of the board.

Section 4. The quorum of the board shall be a majority of its members.

ARTICLE XIV. MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be at least 7 general membership meetings each year.

Section 2. The general membership meeting held between May and June shall be designated the Annual Meeting, the exact date, time and place to be determined by the board.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the president(s) or shall be called by the president(s) on the written request of 25% of the voting members of the board of directors or 10% of the branch membership.

Section 4. The annual meeting shall be to conduct business including but not limited to hearing officers' reports, reviewing the budget, electing officers and nominating committee, establishing dues, amending bylaws, and giving directions to the board.

Section 5. The quorum shall be 15 percent of the branch members.

ARTICLE XV. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing committees shall be Program, Membership, Public Policy, Finance, AAUW Fund Chairs, Bylaws, and Communications. Co-president goes or has another member go to Community College to give our Scholarship at the Awards Ceremony Breakfast

Section 2. Standing committees shall be appointed by the president with the consent of the board.

Section 3. Special committees may be appointed by the president with the consent of the board.

ARTICLE XVI. PROPERTY AND ASSETS

These conditions are located in Article XI of the AAUW Bylaws.

Section 1. The title for all property, funds and assets of the branch, whether incorporated or not, shall at all times be vested in the branch for the joint use of members and no member or group of members shall have any severable right to all or part of such property. The branch shall have complete control over the acquisition, administration, and disposition of the property without consent of AAUW, except that such property shall not be used for any purposes contrary to those of AAUW.

Section 2. In the event of the dissolution of the branch, all assets of the branch shall be transferred and delivered to an AAUW entity.

ARTICLE XVII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY,

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern this branch in all instances in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws or those of the state or AAUW.

ARTICLE XVIII. INDEMNIFICATION

Every member of the board may be indemnified by the branch against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred or imposed upon such members of the board in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding to which the board member may become involved by reason of being or having been a member of the branch board, or any settlement thereof, unless adjudged therein to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duties. In the event of a settlement the indemnification herein shall apply only when the branch board approves such settlement and reimbursement as being in the best interest of the branch.

The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which the member of the board is entitled.

ARTICLE XIX. ADDITIONAL AAUW ENTITIES

The AAUW Board of Directors may establish informal geographic, issue, or special interest groups and networks to further the mission of AAUW and foster the specific interests and needs of members. In addition, groups of members, branches, state organizations, and/or comparable AAUW-affiliated entities may collaborate with one another for common AAUW purposes following procedures and policies established by the AAUW Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XX. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Section 1. Provisions of these bylaws not governed by AAUW Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at a general membership meeting provided written notice shall have been given to every member at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

Section 2. Prior to being voted on, proposed changes to the branch bylaws shall be sent to the state bylaws chair for approval.

Section 3. Amendments required by the AAUW to bring branch bylaws into conformity shall not require a vote of the branch members, except that an incorporated branch shall take the necessary steps required by their articles of incorporation.

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