AAUW Chicago Inc. Branch 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 2018 Annual meeting of the AAUW Chicago Inc. (IL) Branch was held on Saturday, May 19, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. as a potluck event at 435 W. Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Members helped themselves to a wonderful selection of appetizers and desserts as they were welcomed into Lynda Korn-Cotton’s party room. President Ruth Holst called the business meeting to order at approximately 3:45 p.m. following this agenda:

* Chicago Inc. Branch 2016-2017 Year Recap (handout)
* Highlights from the State Convention in Lisle, IL on April 27-28, 2018
* Membership and other awards
* Thank you to outgoing officer and installation of new and continuing officers

Membership Awards were announced, with those present accepting in person:

 5 years: Barbara Yong

 10 years: Patrice Burton, Anita Moore, and Helen Ramirez-Odell

 20 years: Henriette Simon

 25 years: Judith Gardiner

 30 years: Barbara Spiegel

 35 years: Jan Lisa Huttner and Suzanne Meyering

 The **Special appreciation award** went to Bernadette Pawlik Dorman for her leadership as a founder of the “Books First” program and for organizing the February 10 meeting about the Primo Center for Women and Children. The **Exceptional Service award** went to Lynda Korn-Cotton for her sustained leadership over multiple years as the Program Vice-President.

The following outgoing Officers were thanked:

 Ruth Holst – President

 Kay Rosen – Treasurer

 Megan Moser – Membership Vice-President

 Anita Moore and Barbara Yong - Directors at Large

New Officers were introduced:

 Megan Moser – Treasurer

 Anita Moore – Membership Vice-President

 Leslee Carver and Lynda Korn-Cotton – Directors at Large

Continuing and/or re-elected Officers were acknowledged:

 Ruth Holst – President

 Paula Perkins – Program Vice President

 Pamela Sanner – Secretary

AJ Conroy and Jackie Kirley – Directors at Large

The planning for the 2018-2019 program year will be held on June 13 and July 18. All branch members are invited to attend.

Before adjourning the meeting, the members present engaged in a discussion about the 3 proposed national bylaws amendments and ideas for attracting new members and engaging current members. There was particular enthusiasm for partnering with local universities.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Sanner, Secretary