

NC Women United  
Minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting  
Monday, May 22, 2006  
Interact, Raleigh

**Present:** *AAUW NC:* Nancy Shoemaker; *Business and Professional Women of NC:* Arlene McKay, Ellison Howard; *Democracy NC:* Elizabeth Wraugh- Stewart; *Ipas:* Kezie Scales; *League of Women Voters:* Diana Haskell, June Kimmel; *National Council of Negro Women:* Quenn Degraphenreid (phone); *North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence:* Beth Froehling; *North Carolina Justice Center:* Polly Williams; *Planned Parenthood of Central North Carolina:* Natalie Fixmer; *Planned Parenthood Health Systems:* Lindsay Siler; *Individuals:* Jennifer Bumgarner, Veronica Butcher, Beth Messersmith

Jennifer Bumgarner called the meeting to order at 12:10. Minutes from last year's annual meeting approved.

I. Welcome and Introductions led by Jennifer Bumgarner

II. Veronica Butcher led a PowerPoint presentation, giving an overview of NC Women United. Presentation included: 1. Who we are and what we do 2. General ways to be involved 3. Leadership opportunities

III. Committee updates

1. Finance Update – Nancy Shoemaker, acting treasurer, gave the financial report.
  - Net total for 2005 was \$8,613.70.
  - A total of \$3,880 made from our 39 members and \$1,837 made from our 38 donors.
2. Membership Update – Jennifer Bumgarner gave the Membership Committee Report.
  - 29 organizations have renewed their dues.
  - Membership following up with organizations that have not yet renewed.
  - Membership Committee identifying new organizations to recruit.
  - Membership Committee is willing to comp financial dues with a participation agreement/commitment.
  - Membership Committee has begun creating a handbook for members.
3. Communications Update – Ellison Howard gave the Communications Committee report.
  - Overview of NCWU mailing lists
  - Overview of successful December press conference
  - Newsletter published and mailed in January 2006
  - New advocacy day materials have been created and are available electronically

- Membership Brochure has been updated
  - Advocacy Day press conference scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Launched Café Press
  - Currently creating business and reference cards for members
4. Program Committee Update – Natalie Fixmer and Elizabeth Waugh Stewart, gave the Program Committee Report
    - Legislative Report Card Overview
    - Women’s Advocacy Day – June 20, 2006
    - Women’s Agenda Assemblies – Fall 2006
  5. Endorsement Process – Beth Messersmith shared new endorsement policy with membership. Endorsement Policy can be found on Web site at:  
<http://ncwu.org/governance/NCWUPolicies.pdf>
  6. Elections – Veronica Butcher announced the slate of candidates as prepared by the Governance Committee:

Officers

Second Vice President: Natalie Fixmer

Secretary: Lindsay Siler

Treasurer: Elizabeth Waugh-Stewart

Members of the Board of Directors

Directors of Policy: Beth Messersmith

Beth Froheling

Patricia Yancey

Louisa Warren

At-Large Directors: Julie Lapham

Rebecca Mann

Jina Dhillon

Members of the Governance Committee

Board Representative: Julie Lapham

Quenn Degraphenreid

Veronica Butcher

Membership Representative: Edith Alcorn

Michelle Siler

There were no nominations from the floor. Veronica Butcher moved that the slate be accepted. The motion was seconded and approved without dissent.

Thanks and appreciation given to Nancy Shoemaker and Ann Mackie for their service to NCWU.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40.

