

Poughkeepsie Branch of the AAUW, Inc.
Annual Meeting, May 10, 2011
Minutes

The meeting was held at Christo's, Poughkeepsie, NY.
Prior to our business meeting, a program was presented titled, "Coming to America".
Four of our members, Geeta Desai, Cecilia Dinio-Durkin, Erika Kastel, and Wendy Maragh-Taylor, told anecdotal stories of their experiences growing up in other countries and how they came to the U.S. Their stories were fascinating, heartfelt, and very compelling. The audience was clearly very appreciative to hear each of them.

The business meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. by President Geeta Desai. There were 130 members in attendance; therefore there was a quorum to conduct business. President Desai welcomed everyone and expressed congratulations for our successes. She presented an overview of community programs new this year:

Court Watch

My Sister's Keeper

Thinking Globally, Acting Locally

She then mentioned the many awards given to the Branch at the recent state convention.

Bergie Lebovitch, VP Membership, then informed the members that our numbers now stand at 403...we are number one in the country in branch membership!

Trish Prunty, co VP Educational Foundation, presented the list of named scholarships for the Educational Opportunities Foundation:

Linda Beyer, Past President

Pat Luczai

Sue Osterhoudt

Carol Loizides

Eleanor Skov, In Memoriam

President Desai then announced the NYS Emerging Leaders Award was given to Kim Butwell and Jackie Goff McNish as co chairs of the Professional Networking Group.

Cyd Averill announced that we now have a new website, greatly due to the efforts of Mary and Dave King. They were thanked for the many hours of work done, including a built-in editing program.

President Desai proposed that we recognize Mary and Dave King by naming two EOF Scholarships in their names in 2011-12. This was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Barbara Van Itallie presented the 2011-2012 budget as previously presented, and approved, by the Board. We currently have \$32,000 in assets with \$9,000 of that in dedicated funds.

President Desai thanked the outgoing officers for their service to the branch: Bergie Lebovitch, VP Membership; Diana Gleeson, Sue Osterhoudt, Co VP Program; Pat Luczai, Co VP Educational Foundation; and Cathy Lane, Interest Group Coordinator.

Marcine Humphrey, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers for 2011-2012:

VP Membership, Amy Schwed; Co VP Program, Barbara Hugo and Shelby Outwater; Co VP Educational Opportunities Fund, Trish Prunty and Linda Olsen Roberts; and VP Communication, Joanne Scolaro.

Nominations were requested from the floor; there being none, one ballot was cast to elect the nominees as presented. Passed unanimously. The new officers were then inducted into office. Marcine thanked the members of the nominating committee: Irene Keyes, Barbara Hesperheide, Gloria Gibbs and Amy Schwed and Geeta Desai.

President Desai thanked the organizers of the meeting and dinner, Sue Osterhoudt and Diana Gleeson.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Marcus, Secretary