

## Results of the Vote to Restructure AAUW of Vermont

This was the first state-wide vote that was managed by our four Vermont branches. Branch leaders were very effective in informing branch members and encouraging them to vote. State-wide, 70% of our members participated. The vote was unanimously YES – for restructuring and streamlining AAUW of Vermont.

The following table lists how many members voted in each branch:

| Branch Name | Number of members | Number of members voting | % Participation in vote |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Bennington  | 52                | 38                       | 73%                     |
| Brattleboro | 40                | 32*                      | 80%                     |
| Burlington  | 29                | 15                       | 52%                     |
| Middlebury  | 25                | 17                       | 68%                     |
| State-wide  | 146               | 102                      | 70%                     |

\*We included two Brattleboro votes that arrived by email a day after the deadline.

What are the next steps?

1. We had originally scheduled a binding vote by the members of the current state board, which includes branch presidents. Our proposal stipulated that this vote needed to pass by a super majority of 80% for restructuring to take place. However, board members have already voted as members of their branches. Since there was not a single NO vote, state board members will not need to vote a second time. This step of our proposal will be omitted.
2. State dues will no longer be collected. State dues already collected this summer and fall for fiscal year 2013-2014 will be refunded to the branches. Each branch will receive a check from the state treasurer and each branch can decide how to use this money.
3. The three state officers required by the new structure will be officially elected in the spring of 2014; they will take office on July 1, 2014. The officers are: an administrator, a treasurer, and a secretary, the minimum number of officers required by Vermont state law and by national AAUW. Fortunately, we have a strong volunteer candidate for each position. This election will be state-wide, but will also be managed by the branches.

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