

Voters Guide 2018

Updated after Annual Meeting

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Every AAUW Florida member as of March 15, 2018, has a vote on issues proposed on the ballot. We refer to this process as “One Member One Vote” (OMOV).

To implement OMOV, as specified in the Bylaws, a Voting and Elections Committee was appointed. The duties of the Committee are spelled out in a board adopted policy. Some of its responsibilities are: to identify all of the steps needed for implementation of OMOV, to establish a timeline for carrying out those steps, and to work with National who will set up the ballot and tally the results.

The first task was to verify that valid email addresses were entered into National’s Membership Services Database (MSD) as these email addresses are being used by National to send out the balloting information. All branch presidents were requested to assure that their members email addresses were entered correctly into the National Member Services Database (MSD) as well as home addresses for those members without an email address.

Another major requirement of OMOV is to open the annual meeting at convention and leave it open for at least 30 days until the votes are tallied and results announced.

FloriVision had the list of candidates put forward by the Nominating Committee. There were no nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting so the candidates were elected by acclamation. Elected for two year terms were: Karen Zalkin, Director for Membership; Antoinette Kruse, Director for Communications; Judith Bond, Director for Development; and Susan Baird, Secretary.

AAUW Florida’s Public Policy Priorities are due for approval this year and again members are being asked to adopt National’s Public Policy Priorities as Florida’s. These can be found on National’s website at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/principles-and-priorities/>

The second item on the ballot is a Resolution to Recognize Sponsors of the Helen Gordon Davis Fair Pay Protection Act which was approved at the Annual Meeting to go on the ballot which is posted on the website for your information only. Voting must be done via the official emailed ballot.

The vote, conducted by National, is open to all who were state members as of March 15. **Online voting begins May 15 and ends June 15, 2018, at 9:00 pm EDT. Paper ballots must be postmarked by 11:59 p.m., June 13, 2018. EDT.**

State needs a 5% quorum of all state members to vote in order to be a valid vote. National online voting on the three bylaws amendments is also taking place and also requires a 5% quorum. For both State and National, you will receive separate emails containing the voter pin which is different for each ballot. One email and pin for state and a separate email and pin for National.

Please encourage your branch members to vote and assist them if they need help with the online voting. Contact Virginia if you have any questions. AAUWFLfarace@gmail.com