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Proposal 1: Require Proper Use of Name

Rationale: The AAUW Governance Committee recommends that a new section be added to Article III to help AAUW protect its name, reputation, and tax status from improper use of the AAUW name and logo.

Proposal 2: Remove Reference to IFUW

Rationale: The AAUW Governance Committee recommends this change. Since AAUW is no longer a member of IFUW, IFUW should not be referenced in determining eligibility for membership.

Proposal 3: Remove the Term "Member-at-Large."

Rationale: The AAUW Governance Committee proposes this change, following a recommendation from the AAUW Board of Directors, to emphasize that all AAUW members are national members and that many members are also branch and/or state members.

Proposal 4: Clarify the Status of Partner Member Representatives and Allow Two Representatives

Rationale: The AAUW Governance Committee recommends this change to clarify that college/university partner members may select one or two individuals to represent them within AAUW and that those individuals will have the membership benefits of a national member. Having two representatives facilitates communication

Proposal 5: Require States to Designate a Member to Record Meeting Minutes

Rationale: The AAUW Governance Committee recommends this change based on organizational best practices. The history of an organization is contained in its records, which may need to be accessed in the event of a dispute or for guidance in making a current decision. The IRS also requires all nonprofit organizations to keep recorded minutes of their meetings.

Proposal 6: Confirm AAUW's Ability to Receive or to Select the Recipient of Assets from Dissolved State or Multi-State Organizations

Rationale: The AAUW Governance Committee recommends this change, based on the guidance of the AAUW Board of Directors and AAUW's legal counsel, for the following reasons: (1) Federal tax laws require proper disposal of the assets of a dissolved AAUW-affiliated entity. (2) The change makes AAUW's bylaws consistent with the terms of the AAUW Affiliate Agreement. (3) There is a need to comply, to the extent possible, with the intent of the individual members of the AAUW-affiliated entity whose past donations to the dissolving affiliated entity produced the current assets of that AAUW entity. Therefore, the entity receiving the assets must be either AAUW or an AAUW-affiliated entity designated by AAUW. AAUW may solicit and consider recommendations from local leaders prior to making a final decision. Note: If Proposal 5 passes, Section 4 of Article X will be renumbered as Section 5.

See Memorandum from Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP:
"Disaffiliation or Dissolution,"

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Proposal 7: Require Branches to Designate a Member to Record Meeting Minutes

Rationale: The AAUW Governance Committee recommends this change based on organizational best practices. The history of an organization is contained in its records, which may need to be accessed in the event of a dispute or for guidance in making a current decision. The IRS also requires all nonprofit organizations to keep recorded minutes of their meetings.

Proposal 8: Confirm AAUW's Ability to Receive or to Select the Recipient of Assets from Dissolved Branches

Rationale: The AAUW Governance Committee recommends this change, based on the guidance of the AAUW Board of Directors and AAUW's legal counsel, for the following reasons: (1) Federal tax laws require proper disposal of the assets of a dissolved AAUW-affiliated entity. (2) The change makes AAUW's bylaws consistent with the terms of the AAUW Affiliate Agreement. (3) There is a need to comply, to the extent possible, with the intent of the individual members of the AAUW-affiliated entity whose past donations to the dissolving affiliated entity produced the current assets of that AAUW entity. Therefore, the entity receiving the assets must be either AAUW or an AAUW-affiliated entity designated by AAUW. AAUW may solicit and consider recommendations from local leaders prior to making a final decision.

Proposal 9: Designate Paper and Electronic Ballots as the Only Means of Voting by the Membership

Rationale: The AAUW Governance Committee recommends this change. When AAUW restructured two years ago, it was not clear how best to implement the One Member, One Vote concept. Now that work has been done to set up the new system of voting, the Bylaws should reflect the two voting methods that are workable for an organization of AAUW's size.

Proposal 10: Clarify the Quorum Requirement by Deleting Unnecessary Words

Rationale: The AAUW Governance Committee recommends this change. The extra words in the current quorum requirement for membership meetings have created confusion that is easily resolved by this simple change. This change does not alter the quorum requirement.

Public Policy Amendments

Proposal 1: Expand the phrase "harassment free" to include "bullying."

Rationale: This change would expand the phrase to include bullying, a term commonly used in both education and policy and popular discussions on the topic.

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Proposal 2: Add the phrase "in appointed and elected office."

Rationale: Adding the phrase "in appointed and elected office," a suggestion from AAUW state public policy chairs, would clarify that AAUW actively supports women achieving public office.

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Proposal 3: Add the phrase "against human trafficking and that."

Rationale: Adding the phrase "against human trafficking and that" would explicitly add a position against human trafficking; this proposal originated from state public policy chairs and strong member interest and advocacy

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Proposal 4: Add the phrase "and to charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and accountability standards as required of other public schools"

Rationale: Adding this phrase would provide a clear position statement on charter schools. The addition was suggested by AAUW state public policy chairs, who have seen the rise of such schools in their communities. This language does not change AAUW's longstanding position on charter schools but, rather, makes that position explicit in the priorities.

Proposal 5: Add the phrase "a high standard of."

Rationale: Adding the phrase "a high standard of" would strengthen this position by clarifying that AAUW not only advocates for work-life balance policies but, in fact, strives to enact the best and most effective of such policies.

Proposal 6: Replace "vocational" with "career and technical."

Rationale: Replacing "vocational" with "career and technical" updates this language to match the term of art currently used in schools and education policy.