

# American Agri-Women

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- March 23–26**      **AAW Mid-Year Meeting** Dallas, TX
- April 15**            **Gail McPherson Fly-In Scholarship** and  
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Applications Due  
Submit to AAW Foundation Scholarship Chair
- June 1**              **Daughters of American Agriculture Scholarship**  
Applications Due  
Submit to AAW Foundation Scholarship Chair
- June 4–7**            **AAW Fly-In** Washington, DC
- June 30**            **AAW VERITAS Award Nominations Due**  
Submit to VERITAS Committee Chair
- August 1**            **AAW Officer Nominations Due**  
**AAW LEAVEN Award Nominations Due**  
Submit to LEAVEN Committee Chair
- August 15**          **AAW Helen Whitmore Scholarship Applications Due**  
Submit to AAW Foundation Scholarship Chair
- September 7**      **Resolutions for Consideration at Annual Meeting Due**  
Submit to AAW Vice President of Vital Issues and  
Resolutions at least 60 days prior to Annual Meeting
- October 1**            **AAW Affiliate and Committee Annual Reports Due**  
Submit to AAW Executive Assistant
- October 1**            **AAW Convention** Early Bird Registration Cutoff  
Submit to Convention Registration Chair
- Nov. 16–19**        **AAW Convention** Bloomington, MN

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## MISSOURI FEDERATION OF ANIMAL OWNERS

**Affiliated:** 2011

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# AAW Award Winners

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Since 1976, American Agri-Women has honored women who have made outstanding achievements. Awards that have been presented are:

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| <p><b>1976</b>    <b>Agri-Woman of the Year</b><br/>           Doris Royal, NE<br/>           Laura Lane, Farm Journal Magazine, PA<br/>           Sister Thomas More Bertels, WI<br/>           Lou Czufin, Chevrolet Chemical Co., CA</p> <p><b>Coordinator Award</b><br/>           Pat Cohill, MI</p>  | <p><b>1985</b>    <b>President's Award</b><br/>           Ruth McKenry, CA<br/>           Gail McPherson, PA<br/>           Liz Lathan, ID<br/>           Jean Ibendahl, IL<br/>           Mildred Kelly, KS<br/>           Jeanne Mertz, KS<br/>           Fern Krehbiel, OK<br/>           Christina Wilson, KA</p>   |
| <p><b>1977</b>    <b>Communications Award</b><br/>           Laura Heuser, MI</p>  | <p><b>1987</b>    <b>President's Award</b><br/>           Irene Bailey, KA<br/>           Alice Weimers, TX<br/>           Trenna Grabowski, IL<br/>           Linda Swiercinsky, KS<br/>           Jean Ibendahl, IL<br/>           Jean Pettibone, KS<br/>           Shirley Butvidas, CA<br/>           Helen Bausch, KS<br/>           Liz Lathan, ID</p> |
| <p><b>1978</b>    <b>Woman of the Year</b><br/>           Sharon Knight, WA</p> <p><b>President's Award</b><br/>           Betty Roberts, OK<br/>           Sharon Knight, WA</p>  | <p><b>1988</b>    <b>President's Award</b><br/>           Marilea Chase, IA<br/>           Rosenbluth Travel Agent, PA<br/>           Yuki Harada, CA<br/>           Kristin Juliar, MI<br/>           Jean Ibendahl, IL</p>  |
| <p><b>1979</b>    <b>Woman of the Year</b><br/>           Corky Larson, CA</p> <p><b>AAW Founders Award</b><br/>           Connee Canfield, MI</p> <p><b>President's Award</b><br/>           Nedra Carpel, Farm Com-Inc., Washington, DC<br/>           Claire Davis-Jones, National Rural Electric Coop. Assn, Washington, DC<br/>           Dottie Moorehouse, CA</p> | <p><b>1989</b>    <b>President's Award</b><br/>           Jeanne Mertz, KS</p> <p><b>1990</b>    <b>President's Award</b><br/>           Marilea Chase, IA<br/>           Deanna Dysksterhuis, OR<br/>           Christina Wilson, KS</p>   |
| <p><b>1981</b>    <b>President's Award</b><br/>           Bill Jones, USDA, Washington, DC<br/>           Dale Smith, Farm Journal Magazine, Philadelphia, PA</p>  | <p><b>1991</b>    <b>President's Award</b><br/>           Marilea Chase, IA<br/>           Christina Wilson, KS</p>   |
| <p><b>1983</b>    <b>President's Award</b><br/>           Christina Mosher Wilson, USDA, Washington, DC<br/>           Russell Weisensel, WI</p>   | <p><b>1992</b>    <b>President's Award</b><br/>           Jeanne Mertz, KS<br/>           Mary Mann Coulson, IN<br/>           Jean Ibendahl, IL<br/>           Helen Henert, IL</p>  |
| <p><b>1984</b>    <b>Special Recognition</b><br/>           Esther Harford, IL<br/>           Ruth McKenry, CA<br/>           Sherry Boyd, OH<br/>           Barbara Radewald, MI</p>  |   |

- Special Recognition**  
Jean Pettibone, KS  
Judy Loudenslager, OH
- 1993 President's Award**  
Christina Wilson, KS  
Martha Rittinger, OH  
Carol Ann Gregg, PA  
Kathy Reavis, TX  
Cindy Adkins, OK  
Eunice Guell, WI  
Gail McPherson, PA
- 1994 Special Recognition**  
Vicki Coughlin, WI  
Trenna Grabowski, IL  
Sharan Lanini, CA  
Chris Wilson, KS
- 1995 President's Award**  
Doris Baldwin, IL  
Vicki Coughlin, WI  
Mary Man Coulson, IN  
Trenna Grabowski, IL  
Carol Ann Gregg, PA  
Sharan Lanini, CA  
Joyce Obst, TX  
Jean Pettibone, KS  
Kathy Reavis, TX  
Loydee Stonebrink, OR  
Linda Swiercinsky, IL  
Majorie White, KS  
Chris Wilson, KS
- Special Recognition**  
Jeanne Mertz, KS
- 1996 President's Award**  
Ardath DeWall, IL  
Sharan Lanini, CA  
Kathy Reavis, TX
- 1997 President's Award**  
Trenna Grabowski, IL  
Ardath DeWall, IL  
Kathy Reavis, TX  
Sharan Lanini, CA  
Karen Peterson, TX  
Helen Bausch, KS  
Ruth Jensen, WI  
Arlene Kovash, OR  
Kanorado, KS, Post Office  
Staff
- 1998 President's Award**  
Alice Dettwyler, OR  
Ruth Jensen, WI
- 2000 President's Award**  
Helen Bausch, KS  
Sharan Lanini, CA  
Shelley Orth, CA
- 2001 President's Awards**  
Jacquie Compston, NV  
Oregon Women for Agriculture
- 2002 President's Award**  
Sally Coady, WA  
Yvonne Erickson, MN  
Chris Wilson, KS
- Special Recognition**  
Maine Agri-Women
- 2003 President's Award**  
Karen Peterson, TX  
Carolyn Kleiber, KS
- 2004 President's Award**  
Eleanor Kiner, WA  
Dana Hoffman, KS  
Heather Hampton+Knodle, IL
- 2005 President's Awards**  
Arlene Kovash, OR
- 2006 President's Awards**  
Audrey Sickinger, WI  
Eunice and Henry Guell,  
WI  
Katie Edwards, FL
- 2007 President's Awards**  
Chris Wilson, KS  
Karen Yost, MT
- 2008 President's Awards**  
Alice Dettwyler, OR  
Carolyn Kleiber, KS
- 2009 President's Awards**  
Dolly Lillis, MT  
Joanna Wilson, KS  
Special Recognition  
Gerry Ottosen, OR
- 2010 Vision Award**  
Danell Kalcevik, CO  
Brenda Lammens, Canada

Cari Rincker, NY  
Denise Zaborowski  
Elaine Gaesser  
Susan Fitzgerald, Canada

### **Affiliate Presidents**

#### **Awards**

JoAnn Wall, CA  
Brenda Sellers  
Sue Kruger, MN  
Heidi Kathrens, CO

#### **President's Awards**

Arwen McGilvra, OR  
Doris Mold, MN  
Mary Mertz, KS  
Abby Amick, KS  
Kathy Reavis, TX  
Ruth Jensen, CA  
Arlene Kovash, OR  
Linda Swiercinsky, IL  
Sue Kruger, MN

#### **2011 President's Awards**

Kansas Agri-Women  
Marie Bowers, OR  
Lisa Champion, MN, Sigma  
Alpha Sorority  
Lisa Condon, WI  
Kendall L. Eisele, Sigma Alpha  
Sorority  
Arlene Frelk, WI  
Leslie Kaufman, KS  
Margene Newton, MN  
Sarah Tesmer, MN  
Lynn Woolf, KS

#### **2012 President's Awards**

Carolyn Kleiber, KS  
Anna Morrison, OR

#### **2013 President's Awards**

Carol Chandler, CA  
Ardath DeWall, IL  
Melody Dobson, MT  
Ruth Jensen, CA  
Arlene Kovash, OR  
Jody Lamp, MT  
Barbara LeVake, CA  
Kathy Reavis, TX  
Karolyn Zurn, MN

#### **2014 President's Award**

Rex Martin, IL

#### **2015 President's Awards**

Doris Mold, MN  
Karen Yost, MT  
Pam Townsend, MA  
Diane Hemphill, MA

#### **2016 President's Awards**

Arwen McGilvra, OR  
Lynn Woolf, KS

### **LEAVEN Award Winners**

*The Previous Award Winners Task Force developed the LEAVEN Award at the Mid-Year Meeting in 1977. The committee used the letters L-E-A-V-E-N as a means of evaluating the candidates. "Leaven," another word for yeast, is a small element that can interact and influence everything around it. It permeates and raises the elements with which it is mixed. Leaven multiplies its effectiveness for good. American Agri-Women presents the LEAVEN Award to those members who, to an outstanding degree, have acted as "leaven," a truly feminine concept since "lady" means "giver of bread."*

**L = Loyalty:** to the mission of Agri-Women

**E = Enthusiasm**

**A = Anticipatory:** thinking and planning ahead; does not react to crisis only

**V = Valiant:** has courage; overcomes any natural timidity

**E = Effectiveness:** ability to produce intended effects

**N = Nurturing:** encourages and helps develop talents and skills of others

#### **Past recipients of the LEAVEN**

##### **Award include:**

**1977** Sharon Steffens, MI  
Nancy Smidle, WI  
Patricia "Corky" Larson, CA  
Joan Adams, OK

- 1978** Evelyn Cooper, MI  
JoAnn Vogel, WI  
Mary Myers, OK  
Elizabeth Hamlin, OR  
Ande Hofman, OR
- 1979** Trenna Grabowski, IL  
Audrey Sickinger, WI  
Mary Mann, IN  
Betty Roberts, OK
- 1980** Sally Shannon, CA  
Gail McPherson, PA  
Helen Henert, IL  
Eileen Nutting, MI  
Marta Rusch, WI
- 1981** Mildred Kelly, KS
- 1982** Jean Ibendahl, IL  
Jeanne Mertz, KS  
Mildred Schultz, MI  
Alice Wiemers, TX
- 1983** Deanna Dyksterhuis, OR  
Norma Hanson, MN  
Stella Rothe, TX
- 1984** Ruby Ringsdorf, OR
- 1985** Ardath DeWall, IL  
Dorothy Horn, ID  
Carolyn Leavens, CA  
Treasure Omdahl, MN
- 1986** Eunice Guell, WI  
Esther Harford, IL  
Evelyn Landis, ND  
Ruth McKenry, CA  
Jean Pettibone, KS
- 1987** Carol Ann Gregg, PA  
Julia Hinthner, OK  
Linda Wright, MN  
Connee Canfield, MI
- 1988** Shirley Butvidas, CA  
Marion DeBoer, MN  
Imogene Woodstock, WA
- 1989** Helen Bausch, KS  
Barbara Brookshire, IN  
Mitzi Perdue, MD
- 1990** Sr. Thomas More Bertels, WI  
Viola Dodge, KS
- Ethel Gross, PA  
Sandy Greiner, IA
- 1991** Betsy Campbell, CA  
Christina Wilson, KS  
Linda Swiercinsky, KS
- 1992** Donna Ulseth, MN  
Kathy Alder, ID  
Florence Rachwal, WI
- 1993** Loydee Grainger, OR  
Lois Schlickau, KS  
Marjorie Wendzel, MI
- 1994** Rae Desautel, ND  
Alice Dettwyler, OR  
Laura Tower, CA  
Marjorie White, KS  
Pat Zee, NJ
- 1995** Marjorie Ehry, OR  
Yvonne Erickson, MN  
Hazel Graff, TX  
Jean Ann Messinger, ID  
Barbara Radewald, MI  
Kathy Reavis, TX  
Evelyn Simon, WI
- 1996** Joyce Chase, ID  
Delora Kohl, KS  
Jeraldine Mulkey, OR  
Eleanor Zimmerlein, IL  
Aggie Helle, MT
- 1997** Louise Mihelich, MI  
Edie Danielson, MN  
Carol Marx, OR
- 1998** Carolyn Simmons, OR  
Helen Finney, AK  
Vickie Bishop, MT  
Marlys Bentley, MN
- 1999** Buena Burger, KS  
Jacquie Compston, NV  
Myrna Evanson, MN  
Orabelle Fischer, WI  
Pat Lawfer, IL
- 2000** Carol King, CA  
Victoria Coughlin, WI
- 2001** Sharan Lanini, CA  
Merlynn Verstuyft, TX

- 2002** Sharon Schmuhl, MI
- 2003** Pat Yeagle, IL  
Arlene Kovash, OR
- 2004** Marilyn Matasovic, IL  
Betty Jo Smith, OR  
Carolyn Kleiber, KS  
Doris Mold, MN
- 2005** Liz VanLeeuwen, OR
- 2006** Shirley Bartelt, IL  
Katie Edwards, FL  
Gwen Mulkey, OR  
Pat Leimbach, OH
- 2007** Shirley Wilde, TX  
Virginia Kutsch, OR
- 2008** Heather Hampton+Knodle, IL  
Jean Meyer, ND  
Barb Overlie, MN  
Pat Roberts, OR
- 2009** Wanda Kinney, KS  
Vicky Maaske, WI
- 2010** Gerry Ottosen, OR  
Marcie Williams, OH
- 2011** Carol Chandler, CA  
Julie Tesch, MN
- 2012** Ruth Jensen, CA  
Eunice Goodrich, OR
- 2013** Fran Hendricks, OR  
Penny Lauritzen, IL  
Kris Zilliox, MN
- 2014** Rosemary Eckhardt, WI  
Ruth Hambleton, IL  
Jane Marshall, OH  
Kimberly Schmuhl, MI  
Melody Speer, TX
- 2015** Sue McCrum, MA  
Karen Yost, MT  
Karolyn Zurn, MN  
Lynn Wolf, KS
- 2016** Deb Whelan, MN  
Kimmi Clark Lewis, CO

## VERITAS Award Winners

*The VERITAS Award is presented by American Agri-Women to the person or persons who have given public witness to "the pursuit of truth" in accordance with the principles enunciated in the AAW Statement of Philosophy, THE CALL TO POWER. Of specific interest is responsible media coverage of issues, events or personalities of critical importance to the agricultural industry.*

*Preference is given to persons or institutions which are not directly connected with the agricultural industry; that is, they are not required to rely on agricultural interests as a means of livelihood.*

- 1981** Paul Harvey, Commentator, Chicago, IL
- 1984** The Reverends Craig and Barbara Gilbert, Producers of Harvest of Hope TV documentary, Wapato, WA
- 1985** John Stearns, Broadcaster, Ag USA, Pacific Palisades, CA
- 1987** Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, Chancellor of Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 1988** Dr. Bruce Ames, Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of California, Berkeley, CA
- 1990** Julia Child, Food Specialist, Cambridge, MA
- 1991** Dr. Dixy Lee Ray, Former Governor of Washington and Marine Biologist, Author of Trashing the Planet, Fox Island, WA
- 1992** Dr. C. Everett Koop, Former U.S. Surgeon General, Hanover, NH
- 1993** Alston Chase, Columnist and Author of Playing God in Yellowstone: The Destruction of

- America's First National Park, Pleasant Valley, MT
- 1994** Michael Fumento, Economist, Attorney, Investigative Reporter and author of *Science Under Siege*, St. Petersburg, FL
- 1995** Robert E. Gordon & Benjamin Patton, Founders of National Wilderness Institute in 1989, Publishers of *N.W.I. Resource* magazine and *Fresh Tracks* Newsletter. Washington, D.C.
- 1996** Dr. John Allred, Biochemist, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 1997** John Kinney, Environmental Engineer Consultant, Co-author of *Conservative Environmentalism*, Ann Arbor, MI
- 1998** Malcolm Wallup, Former U.S. Senator, Wyoming, founder of *Frontiers of Freedom*
- 1999** Sister Thomas More Bertels, Retired History Professor at Silver Lake College, Manitowoc, WI
- 2000** John Stossel, ABC News Reporter, New York, NY
- 2001** Helen Chenoweth-Hage, Former U.S. Representative from Idaho, working with her husband, Wayne Hage, for property rights, Monitor Valley, NV
- 2002** C. J. Hadley, Publisher and Editor of *Range* magazine, Carson City, NV
- 2003** Mike Hergert, Co-owner and Farm Director, Red River Valley Network, Grand Forks, ND
- 2004** Floy Lilley, Partner in the Law Office of Shroods & Lilley, P.L., Austin, TX
- 2005** Jim Beers, Wildlife Biologist, Eagan, MN
- 2006** Richard Pombo, Former Chairman, House Natural Resources Committee, Tracy, CA
- 2007** Bruce Vincent, third generation Logger and Founder of *Provider Pals*, Libby, MT
- 2008** Dan & Margaret Byfield, President of American Land Foundation and Executive Director, *Stewards of the Range*, respectively, Austin, TX
- 2009** George Taylor, Meteorologist, Corvallis, OR
- 2010** Henry Lamb, founding Chairman of *Sovereignty International*, founding CEO of the *Environmental Conservation Organization*, Hollow Rock, TN
- Blake Hurst, President, *Missouri Farm Bureau*, Westboro, MO
- 2011** Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh, Professor, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
- 2012** Lee Pitts, Journalist, Los Osos, CA
- 2013** Richard Ulrich, Senior Advisor on Industry Engagement at the Canadian Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Ottawa, Canada
- 2014** Orion Samuelson, Agriculture Broadcaster, Chicago, IL
- 2015** Dr. Michael Coffman, President of *Environmental Perspectives, Inc.* and Executive Director of *Sovereignty International*, Bangor, ME
- 2016** Warren E. Clark, Owner/President, *CCI Marketing* Imperial Beach, CA

## **CHAMPIONS OF AGRICULTURE**

- 2010** Sen. James Inhofe, OK  
Rep. Collin Peterson, MN
- 2011** Sen. Pat Roberts, KS  
Rep. Dennis Cardoza, CA
- 2012** Sen. Debbie Stabenow, MI  
Rep. Cynthia Lummis, WY
- 2013** Sen. Susan Collins, ME  
Sen. John Thune, SD
- 2014** Sen. Amy Klobuchar, MN  
Rep. Frank Lucas, OK
- 2015** Sen. John Hoeven, ND  
Rep. Mike Conway, TX
- 2016** Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, ND  
Rep. Greg Walden, OR

# Bylaws

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## **AMERICAN AGRI-WOMEN, INC.**

**As revised and adopted on November 8, 2015**

### **ARTICLE I — NAME**

The name of this organization shall be American Agri-Women, Inc., a national coalition of farm and ranch organizations and individuals, and hereafter referred to as AAW. AAW is a not-for-profit corporation, organized under Section 501c(5) of the Internal Revenue Code and the laws of Michigan.

### **ARTICLE II — PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

#### **Section 1 Purpose**

The purpose of AAW is to unite women's agricultural organizations and individuals to communicate with one another and with other consumers to promote agriculture for the benefit of the American people and the world.

#### **Section 2 Objectives**

- A. To educate our members to the important issues involving the agricultural industry.
- B. To use this knowledge to provide the industry with a strong public relations outlet.
- C. To influence policy and legislation that is of concern to the agricultural industry.
- D. To serve as a communications link-up for farm and ranch women and organizations interested in the well being of the agricultural industry.
- E. To promote educational programs to advance the interests and welfare of agriculture.

#### **Section 3**

Affiliated groups or individual members shall not represent AAW in an official capacity without the approval and direction of the board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

#### **Section 1 Membership**

Membership shall be open to the following who accept the purpose and objectives of AAW. The membership dues

schedule shall be determined from time to time, upon recommendation by the Board of Directors and approval by the membership at an annual meeting.

A. Individual Membership: all persons involved with agriculture that have paid the annual dues. There shall be four classes of individual membership:

- 1) Individual Membership: in a state or commodity affiliate that pays an affiliate fee based on the number of its members, all members who wish to join AAW as individual members would pay the annual dues. Individuals who wish to join AAW but not any state or commodity affiliate would also pay annual dues.
- 2) Individual Affiliate Membership: when the affiliate collects the AAW dues with its affiliate dues and forwards AAW dues with membership data to the AAW Membership Chairman, the dues shall be the same as individual membership. If AAW dues are optional, then the affiliate dues must be paid. Once an affiliate has dual membership, it will continue as dual membership. All future state affiliates will pay the dual membership.
- 3) Collegiate Membership: college students wishing to join under individual memberships, may join at half the annual dues rate.
- 4) Lifetime Membership: when an individual chooses to pay a lifetime amount specified in the dues schedule in one lump sum; or when an individual or group wishes to gift a special member with a one time lifetime membership: that member enjoys all the rights and privileges of full yearly voting membership for her lifetime and joins and elite group of AAW leadership for special recognition.

B. There shall be two subclasses of the individual membership:

- 1) Silver Donor: when an individual chooses to pay an additional amount per year in addition to the individual member fee, according to the dues schedule; that member shall appear on the silver honor roll to be published in the VOICE.
- 2) Gold Donor: when an individual chooses to pay an additional amount per year in addition to the indi

vidual member fee, according to the dues schedule; that member shall appear on the gold honor roll to be published in the VOICE, and will be recognized at the Annual Meeting.

- C. Affiliate Memberships: agricultural organizations that are approved by the Membership committee and make annual contributions as determined by the dues schedule.
- D. Lifetime Memberships: given to all past presidents of AAW.
- E. Associate Non-Voting Membership: commodity and farm-related organizations who contribute an annual amount as determined by the dues schedule.
- F. Donor Non-Voting Membership: Non-farm businesses and organizations who contribute annually an amount specified in the dues schedule or more.

## **Section 2      Payment of Dues**

- A. Membership dues shall be payable to the treasurer to be considered a member in good standing.
- B. Organizations and individual members shall be dropped from membership when dues are not paid or they no longer support the purpose and objectives of AAW.
- C. Only members in good standing on September 30 of the current year shall be eligible to vote at the annual meeting.

## **Section 3      Newsletter**

- A. The AAW newsletter, the VOICE, is the official publication of the organization. A subscription of the newsletters shall be included in all memberships.
- B. A non-member subscription price will be determined annually by the Board of Directors.

# **ARTICLE IV — OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION**

## **Section 1      Officers**

The officers shall be: President, three Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by the bylaws, the AAW Policy and Procedure Manual, and the parliamentary authority.

## **Section 2**

### **Qualifications**

All officers shall be members in good standing, active in promoting a better agricultural industry, and insofar as practical, they shall reside in different geographic regions. No officers, except the treasurer, may be elected to the same office for two consecutive terms. The treasurer may be elected to no more than two consecutive terms without a break in service of at least one term. The nominees for First Vice President must have served on the Board of Directors for at least one year prior to nomination and have attended a national convention within three years prior to her nomination.

## **Section 3**

### **Elections**

Officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting for two-year terms or until successors are elected and qualified. The first vice president, vice president of communications and treasurer shall be elected in odd numbered years. The secretary and vice president of education shall be elected in even numbered years. In the event there is only one nominee for an office, upon a motion from the floor, election may be by voice vote. Officers shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting.

## **Section 4**

### **Nominations**

There shall be a nominating committee of five, four of whom shall be elected at the annual meeting, and the chairman shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee. The committee shall nominate at least one qualified person for each AAW office to be filled, at least one qualified person for each of the three Director positions to the AAW Foundation Board, and four nominating committee members, and secure their written consent to serve, if elected. The slate of nominees from the nominating committee shall be presented at the annual meeting, following which nominations from the floor will be in order, provided written consent of the nominee has been obtained and qualifications met.

## **Section 5**

### **Vacancies**

Vacancies in office or in the nominating committee may be filled until the next annual meeting by the Executive Committee. The office of President shall only be filled by

an officer elected for that purpose. Any officer serving more than one-half of a term shall be considered as serving a full term.

## **Section 6      Removals**

Any officer may be removed from office, with sufficient cause, prior to the expiration of her term by the Board of Directors, upon a vote of three-quarters (3/4) of all members of the Board, provided that the members of the Board, including the individual officer involved, must receive notice at least two days prior to the Board meeting. In the event that any such action is contemplated, the individual officer involved shall be afforded the opportunity to be heard at any such meeting.

# **ARTICLE V — DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

## **Section 1      President**

The President shall preside at all meetings except committee meetings; serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating and election committees; furnish a meeting agenda for each member; present an annual report for membership; confirm bills to be paid by the treasurer; appoint a parliamentarian; appoint committee chairmen and the convention coordinator and other appointees as needed; and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors of Executive Committee. The President (or appointee) will be official spokesman for AAW only after policy has been approved by the Board of Directors and/or Executive Committee.

## **Section 2      First Vice President**

The First Vice President shall serve as an aide to the President, fill the office of president in the event of a vacancy, and coordinate the work of the membership committee and committees not otherwise assigned. This officer shall assume the office of President upon completion of the term. Committees shall be appointed and ready to begin working at the close of the annual meeting.

## **Section 3      Vice President of Communications**

The Vice President of Communications shall coordinate the work of communications, including supervision of the VOICE, the website and media relations.

#### **Section 4 Vice President of Education**

The Vice President of Education shall be chairman of the Education Committee and serve as liaison with the Resource Center Foundation Board.

#### **Section 5 Secretary**

The Secretary shall keep in permanent form accurate minutes, including a record of attendance, of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and the annual meeting; conduct related correspondence; and such other duties as assigned.

#### **Section 6 Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall:

1. Keep in permanent form a complete and accurate record of finances;
2. Receive all dues and contributions;
3. Pay bills within the limits of the adopted budget after approval of the President, or by order of the Executive Committee;
4. Submit financial reports to the Executive Committee as requested, to the Board of Directors at the midyear meeting, and to the membership at the annual meeting;
5. Have the books compiled and reviewed by a Certified Public Accountant following the close of the fiscal year in order to have the reviewed financial report for the annual meeting;
6. Deposit all monies in the name of American Agri-Women, Inc. in a bank approved by the Executive Committee.
7. Prepare an annual budget in conjunction with the Executive Committee.
8. Be bonded for AAW.
9. Be responsible for the coordination of mailing lists, finance and membership. She shall prepare an annual treasurer's report for the President and the Board of Directors; and she shall oversee the finance committee.

#### **Section 7 Budget**

The Treasurer and Executive Committee shall be responsible for preparing the annual budget.

## **ARTICLE VI — ANNUAL MEETING**

### **Section 1      Timing**

An Annual Meeting shall be scheduled by the Board of Directors to be held during the last quarter of the calendar year.

### **Section 2      Quorum**

A quorum shall consist of one-third of those voting delegates registered at the convention, and must include at least three officers, five affiliate delegates, and five commodity or issue chairmen.

### **Section 3      Site**

The meeting site shall be determined two years in advance by the convention site committee comprised of the AAW Executive officer and the president or official representative of affiliate organizations. The first vice president shall preside over this meeting. Following selection of the site the president shall appoint the convention coordinator for the convention.

### **Section 4      Adoption of the budget**

The treasurer and the Executive Committee shall prepare in writing a budget for adoption by the membership at the annual meeting.

### **Section 5      Voting**

A voting member shall have but one vote, though entitled to vote in more than one capacity, and there shall be no proxy voting.

### **Section 6      Resolutions**

All resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting, except those coming from the Board of Directors, shall be sent to the Resolutions Committee at least 60 days before the Annual Meeting. The committee shall prepare all resolutions for consideration and provide copies for publication in the VOICE. Resolutions originating with individual members or affiliated organizations shall be signed by at least 10 members and be accompanied by supporting data and rationale. Emergency resolutions may be presented by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates. The presenter must provide copies for each delegate.

## **ARTICLE VII — THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Section 1 Membership**

The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate past president and presidents of affiliated organizations, or their appointed representatives.

### **Section 2 Meetings**

They shall hold a mid-year meeting and a meeting preceding the Annual Meeting.

### **Section 3 Duties**

- A. Uphold the bylaws and work toward fulfillment of the purpose and objectives of AAW.
- B. Develop policy and promote implementation of strategy of AAW programs.
- C. Transact necessary business between annual meetings and report to the membership via meetings, mail, conference call or electronic mail.
- D. Recommend the amount of annual dues to be adopted by the membership.
- E. Amend the adopted budget, if necessary.

### **Section 4 Quorum**

Four Executive Committee members plus five presidents or their appointed representative of affiliated organizations shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE VIII — EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **Section 1 Membership**

The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers and immediate past president.

### **Section 2 Meetings**

Meetings shall be held two times a year and upon the call of the president, or upon the request of any two officers; business may be conducted by conference call when deemed advisable.

### **Section 3 Duties**

- A. Fill vacancies in the elected offices and the nominating committee until the next annual meeting.
- B. Approve a depository for AAW funds.
- C. Publish a minimum of four newsletters a year.

- D. Assist the president in recruiting appointees.
- E. Establish guidelines for reimbursement of travel expenses for official AAW business.
- F. Approve program plans for the annual meeting.

**Section 4      Quorum**

Four Executive Committee members shall constitute a quorum.

**ARTICLE IX — COMMITTEES**

**Section 1      Standing Committees**

Standing committees shall be: Education, Membership, and Finance. The duties of the Standing Committee may be further delineated in the AAW Policy and Procedures Manual.

**Section 2      Other Committees**

Other committees shall be appointed as deemed advisable.

**Section 3      Appointments**

The president shall appoint committee chairmen and members in consultation with the Executive Committee. At least three members may be appointed to each committee. Such appointments shall be for one year and may be reappointed for additional terms.

**Section 4      Duties**

All committees shall meet at times as deemed necessary with the approval of the president; present periodic reports in the newsletter; and seek increased membership to further goals and objectives of AAW; and perform other duties as outlined in the Policy and Procedure Manual.

**ARTICLE X — FINANCE**

**Section 1      Purpose of finances**

Contributions, dues and finances of this organization are used for purposes of research, education, public information services and administration of programs as specified under the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the American Agri-Women, Inc.

**Section 2      Fiscal year**

The fiscal year of the AAW is from October 1 to September 30.

**ARTICLE XI — EMERGENCY ACTION**

**Section 1      Cancellation of a convention**

In the event of a natural disaster, act of God or other unforeseen emergency that would make the holding of a convention inadvisable, the Executive Committee shall have the authority to determine whether the convention should or should not be held; a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee shall decide and the vote may be taken by mail, conference call or electronically.

**Section 2      Conducting business**

In the event a convention is not held, the Executive Committee will have the authority to plan procedure for conduction of the routine convention business. The Board of Directors shall approve such procedure.

**ARTICLE XII — INDEMNIFICATION**

AAW indemnifies officers and directors and agents for liability for actions properly taken on behalf of the organization with the authority of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XIII — DISSOLUTION**

In the event of liquidation or dissolution of the organization, whether voluntary or involuntary:

- A. No member shall be entitled to any distribution or division of its remaining property or its proceeds.
- B. The balance of all money and other property received from any source, after the payment of all debts and obligations, shall be distributed to an organization that is recognized as exempt from Federal Income Tax under either Section 501c(3), 501c(5) or 501c(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the regulations thereunder, as the same now exist or as they may be hereafter amended.

## **ARTICLE XIV — PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised most recent edition shall be the parliamentary authority for all meetings of AAW and shall prevail when not in conflict with these AAW bylaws, the AAW Articles of Incorporation and any special rules, including the Policy and Procedures Manual and the convention rules, which may be adopted by the Parliamentary Authority, Board of Directors, or the membership.

## **ARTICLE XV — AMENDMENTS**

### **Section 1 Amendment**

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any annual meeting, provided the following requirements have been met. All members shall be sent a copy of the proposed changes at least thirty days in advance of the meeting. Publication in the newsletter, either electronically or in print, shall be considered sufficient notice.

- A. Proposed amendments may be submitted to the President at least sixty days prior to the meeting provided such proposal is signed by at least ten members in good standing.
- B. Amendments may be proposed by a majority of the Board of Directors in any meeting in which a quorum is present.

### **Section 2 Amendment without notice**

These bylaws may be amended by unanimous vote at any annual meeting without previous notice.

# Call To Power

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## THE PRIME TRUTH

The Prime Truth is that the family farm system must be preserved as the bulwark of the private enterprise system.

## CALL TO POWER

History will be kinder to us if our capacity to effect change is implemented in the right way and for the right reasons. Our dedication to truth and our identification with the institutions that foster justice and goodwill provide our rod and staff in the struggle to put away untruth and injustice. When the responsibility for change falls to only a few, the resulting sense of powerlessness is dehumanizing. The feeling of helplessness institutes a plague of apathy and fosters the growth of philosophies that troubles us.

But who has not tasted the sweetness of success in effecting change and been inspired to try again and seek greater challenges? By its very nature, the capacity of one alone to effect change is limited; but the scope expands when the common cares of more than one give birth to unity of purpose. From the beginning of time, the power gained in these efforts is the force which has mobilized mankind.

The use of the power is not shameful, nor is it to be feared. When power is used to overcome injustice and untruth, we must assume that the Hand of God is still at work perfecting His creation.

As we move to build power, we affirm the following principles:

- The constant pursuit of truth must lie at the heart of our purpose and actions.
- The manner in which we seek truth must be thorough and without prejudice.
- As we search for truth, we recognize others' equally valid searches and seek to remain open to their wisdom.
- We are never better than the means we use.
- We reject the use of violence in either action or words; however, one should not confuse vigorous expression of truth with violence.
- Rejecting the idea that it is necessary to foster hate, we are called to this responsibility in the spirit of goodwill.
- We affirm our responsibility for the generations yet unborn.

POWER IS A NEUTRAL CONCEPT, one that is neither good nor bad. Philosopher Bertrand Russell defined it as "the production of intended effects." What effects do we intend? Can we produce these effects? If we can, we have power.

Unfortunately, too many people fear power, identifying it with Hitler, Stalin, the Red Brigade—those who have abused power; more unfortunately, too few people find fault with those who neglect or refuse to use power, which can also be an abuse. “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing” said Edmund Burke, British statesman of the American revolutionary period. Put another way: “Whatever happens, somebody plans it and the rest of us permit it. We are all responsible.”

We must want and use power; that is, we must produce the effects we intend. What do we intend? For the membership of American Agri-Women, that is no secret. Our intentions are voiced in our seven goals. We intend...

- ... to forge the true image of the farm entrepreneur;
- ... to foster collaboration with the system;
- ... to formulate fair market practices;
- ... to foster cooperation among producers;
- ... to fight oppressive forces;
- ... to form leaders.

How many AAW affiliates and their chapters keep these goals in mind when planning policies and actions? What activities are conducted in each affiliate that can be categorized as an implementation of each goal? How many evaluate chapter performance regularly? How successful have we been in achieving each goal? **HOW MUCH POWER DO WE ACTUALLY HAVE?**

What difference does it make? A great deal of difference! The most important task facing farm entrepreneurs today is capturing a significant degree of influence over the policy-making function as it relates to food, feed, fiber, forest products and flora. If producers were perceived as having power, they would not be ignored when policy is being formulated.

Today, however, farm entrepreneurs are conspicuous by their absence in the arenas of power. That scenario must change. To date, producers have waited patiently for the scenario to change. It won't, unless they themselves change it. “Patience without pressure is perceived as paralysis,” said Herb Cohen, the famous negotiator who addressed AAW in San Diego several years ago. The powerless cannot pressure. We have been **CALLED TO POWER**. What is your response?

*Sister Thomas More Bertels, OSF, Wisconsin Women for Agriculture*

# AAW Foundation

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Helping people understand the human/nature partnership since 1977.

## OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# AAW Foundation Constitution & Bylaws

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(As Amended April 3, 2014, Minneapolis, MN)

## Article I — NAME

The name of this corporation shall be American Agri-Women Foundation, hereinafter referred to as AAW Foundation. (The original name, American Agri-Women Resource Center, was changed in 2014)

## Article II — PURPOSE

The purpose of the AAW Foundation is to receive and administer funds for promoting and developing educational programs and opportunities relevant to agriculture.

## Article III — OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of this organization shall be educational. Other objectives include:

- A) Initiating and promoting an educational foundation for AAW.
- B) To raise funds to support education about agriculture, agricultural education and leadership development.
- C) Promoting leadership of agri-women through scholarships, projects and training.
- D) To serve as a partner with American Agri-Women in the development of educational programs and materials.

## Article IV — BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1** The Board shall consist of nine Directors with balanced geographical representation each elected for a three-year term. No Director shall serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. A class of three Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of AAW for three-year terms or until successors are elected and qualified.
- Section 2** The annual Board meeting may be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of AAW or such time as determined by the Board of Directors of the AAW Foundation.
- Section 3** At least one AAW Foundation Director shall serve on the AAW Nominating Committee. The Committee shall nominate at least one qualified person for each Director position on the AAW Foundation Board, and secure a written consent to serve, if elected. The slate of nominees from the nominating committee shall be presented at the

AAW Annual Meeting, following which nominations from the floor will be in order, provided written consent of the nominee has been obtained and qualifications met.

- Section 4** The Directors shall meet immediately following their election to elect officers for the Board.
- Section 5** The officers shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and other agents of the Board of Directors as may be considered necessary. These four officers and the immediate past president will make up the Executive Committee of the AAW Foundation.
- Section 6** The Directors and officers shall assume their duties at the close of the Annual Meeting.
- Section 7** The Vice President of Education of AAW shall serve as liaison with the AAW Foundation Board of Directors.
- Section 8** Vacancies within the Board of Directors may be filled by the president in consultation with the Board of Directors, within two months of said vacancy. The person appointed to fill the vacancy will serve out the remaining term of the replaced director.
- In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice President, will assume the office of President. Other officer vacancies will be filled by the President, in consultation with the Board of Directors, immediately following said vacancy. These appointed officers shall serve until the next regular election of Board officers.
- Section 9** The AAW Foundation Board shall meet during the AAW Mid-Year Meeting and the AAW Annual Meeting. The President may call other additional meetings.
- The AAW Executive Committee and the AAW Foundation Board will meet jointly at the AAW Mid-Year Meeting.
- Section 10** An annual report in summary shall be given to the AAW membership at the Mid Year meeting and at the annual convention. An annual report of projects shall be printed *The Voice*.
- Section 11** Board members shall be active members and follow the Board member duties as set out in the job description for board members.

## **ARTICLE V — FINANCES**

- Section 1** Financial support will be solicited through grants, gifts and donations.
- Section 2** All monies shall be disbursed in accordance with the objectives of this organization and as authorized by the AAW Foundation's 501(c) 3 tax-exempt status.

- Section 3** All funds shall be deposited in the name of the AAW Foundation in a financial institution designated by the Board of Directors. The treasurer shall maintain a complete and accurate record of annual finances in accordance with the AICPA Standards of Accounting and Financial Reporting for non-profit organizations, and at the end of each fiscal year, forward the completed records to the AAW Foundation “Keeper” who shall be the tax preparer; receive all monies, grants, gifts and donations and pay all bills after approval of the President or by order of the Board of Directors. All grants, donations, etc., received by the AAW Foundation that have a designated purpose shall be disbursed by the treasurer only in conjunction with the stated purpose of the donor’s cover letter of intent for such monies.
- Section 4** The Board of Directors shall adopt an annual budget at the annual meeting and make revisions when necessary.
- Section 5** The fiscal year shall be October 1, through September 30.
- Section 6** The Board of Directors shall appoint a reviewer of reviewing committee to examine Foundation finances at least six weeks prior to the close of the fiscal year. Their report shall be made to the membership at the annual meeting of the AAW Foundation.
- Section 7** In the event of dissolution all assets shall be distributed to such organizations as are qualified under Section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1954 as from time to time amended.

## **ARTICLE VI — PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED in the most recent edition shall be the parliamentary authority for all meetings and shall prevail when not in conflict with these bylaws and any other special rules which may be adopted.

## **ARTICLE VII — AMENDMENTS**

These bylaws shall be amended by a two-thirds vote upon giving written notice of the amendments to each member of the AAW Foundation Board at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.

# AAW Foundation Scholarship Recipients

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*The Memorial Scholarships were first funded by Mitzi Perdue in 1993 to honor Helen Whitmore, a rancher, teacher and encourager of all women, especially the younger women ages 18 to 40. The purpose is to encourage awareness of AAW in young women to take an active involvement and influence their peer age group. Scholarships are awarded to participate in AAW Convention and/or Mid-Year meeting. Affiliate presidents contact the AAW Foundation President for scholarship applications and guidelines.*

## **HELEN WHITMORE (for Convention) Recipients:**

- 1993** Dona Marie Coon, OR  
Patricia P. Potts, TX  
Teresa L. Robertson, IN  
Neda Sanders, IL
- 1994** Cindy Jarvis, AMPI-LEAP  
Vicki Lee Obst-Hargett, TX  
Donna Poxleitner, ID  
Ellen Sanders, CA
- 1995** Tana Canen, MT  
Dana Harding, KS  
Marueen Vos, TX  
Heather Wicka, CA
- 1996** Heather Hampton, IL  
Jeri Cabral, CA
- 1998** Lisa Hendrickson, MT  
Debra Monselbrotten, ND  
Michelle Swenson, MN  
Stacy Olson, NE
- 1999** Kara Snyder, OR (Mid-Year)
- 1999** Brenda Dulon, WI  
Eileen Kuhlmann, MN  
Jana Shaw, ME  
Lane Therrell, CA
- 2000** Sara Savary, CA  
Virginia Mold, MN  
Linda Liertz, KS  
Amy Krahn, OR
- 2001** Rita Verstuyft, TX  
Beth Kelvington, Ca  
Tanya Franke, Sigma Alpha  
Sorority of AAW  
Julie Tesch, MN
- 2002** Andrea Boyer, OR  
Andrea Sue Brader, NE  
Shelly Dawson, Sigma Alpha  
Sorority National Alumni  
Association, DE  
Marci Grover, KA  
Kris Poirier, MN
- 2003** Katie Edwards, FL  
Janet Butler, WI  
Leslie Dunn, CA  
Deb Whalen, MN
- 2004** JoAnn Wall, CA  
Michelle Davis, OR  
Rebecca Ann Stare, IL  
Tenneil Hirsch, Sigma Alpha  
Sorority  
Valerie Ann Velde, MN

**2005** Katie Calgren, KS  
 Kari Campbell-Bohard, CA  
 Melissa Joiner, FL  
 Jennifer Novak, MN

**2006** Tricia Chastain, OR

**2007** Jody Elrod, TX

**2008** Cynthia Collette, ND

**2009** Kelly Benarth, CA

**2010** Maggie Howley, MT

**2011** Jill Leavitt, MA

**2012** Pam Townsend, MA

**2013** Kristi Bishop, OK  
 Lisa Bodrogo, CA  
 Jessica Scott, NC

**2014** Lia Biondo, MI  
 Jenna Kylo, ND  
 Diana Ropp, IL

**2015** Priscilla Koser, IL  
 Meghan Stanley, MT  
 Kristine Ranger, MI

**2016** Christina O'Brien, NJ  
 Hannah Holz, TX  
 Eleanor Peterson, MN

**1996** Sarah McPherson, PA

**1997** Erin Ferdinand, KS  
 Kelly Zeiser, IA  
 Melissa Magnuson-Crawford, MN

**1998** Erin Mills, MN

**1999** Jennifer Landheer, IL

**2001** Courtney Reiling, IL

**2002** Elisha Lewis, MT  
 Eva Blosinski, OR  
 Jenna Thorpe, CT

**2003** Elisha Lewis, MT

**2004** Darla Stacy, OH

**2006** Jennifer Andrella, OH

**2007** Sara Scheeren, NY

**2008** Christina Agner Shelby, OH

**2009** Kelsey Hancock Sheldon, MO

**2010** Britany Ann Cowan, IL

**2011** Cassandra Krull, WI

**2012** Kathryn Herr, PA

**2013** Isabella Curtoni, CA

**2014** Alicia Smith, TX

**2015** Morgan Schreurs, MN

**2016** Nora Faris, MO

**JEAN IBENDAHL Daughters of American Agriculture (DAA) Recipients**

**1992** Shannon Hould, MT  
 Kay Anderson, MN

**1993** Jennafer Neufeld, KS  
 Rhonda Ottinger, MT  
 Tonya Bruce, MT

**1994** Nelda Behnke, WS  
 Jennifer Casey, WA  
 Renee Firmahls, IL

**1995** Elizabeth Neufeld, KS  
 Amy Robison, KS

**SISTER BERTELS (Daughters of American Agriculture) DAA Recipients**

**1994** Delores Gockowski, MN  
 Kristine McDermott, IA  
 Debber Weyer, MT  
 Kerrith Kern, WI

**1995** Karen Bloomquis, SD

**1996** Kay Speerstra, WS

**1998** Tammy Shaw, NV

**1999** Clarissa Ramsel, MN

**2001** Cynthia Scott, NE

- 2006** Rebecca Mills, OR
- 2009** Laurie Page Garneill, MT
- 2010** Tiffany Anne Cruickshank, OR
- 2011** Katie Nelson, UT
- 2012** Katie Mack, MN
- 2013** Viridiana Vivanco, CA
- 2014** Kayla DeVries, MI
- 2015** Kaitlyn Orde, CA
- 2016** Sara Parks, NE

**GAIL MCPHERSON (Fly-In)  
Recipients**

- 2007** Arlene Novak, MN
- 2008** Abby Dechant, KS
- 2009** Sarah Tesmer, MN
- 2010** Jocelyn Busick, KS  
Kimberly Schmuhl, MI
- 2011** Rose Tryon, CA  
Julie Clausen, CA
- 2012** Carrie Hirmer, AR  
Susan Kruger, MN
- 2013** Shirley Leohardt, WV  
Amy Robinette, NC  
Lesley Schmidt, KS
- 2014** Karen Miller Barnes, TX  
Kristi Bishop, OK  
Alisha Colleen Nord, ND
- 2015** Jane Marshall, OH  
Janell Reid, CO  
Lauren Schwab, OH
- 2016** Lora Caton, MT  
Sara Herman, CA

**LEGACY KIDS Recipients**

- 2013** Samantha McCrum, ME  
Heidi Wolfe, OH
- 2014** Sarah Whyte, MN/WI  
Alden Knodle, IL
- 2015** Billy Baker, MT
- 2016** Brianna Townsend, ME  
Ava Neff, OH  
Ashlee Williams, OH  
Faith Baker, MT  
Maggie Reid, CO

# AAW Past Annual Meeting Sites

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<b>1974</b>	Milwaukee, WI	Coalition Meeting
<b>1975</b>	Milwaukee, WI	Chartering Meeting
<b>1976</b>	Kansas City, MO	1st Annual Meeting
<b>1977</b>	Green Bay, WI	2nd Annual Meeting
<b>1978</b>	Oklahoma City, OK	3rd Annual Meeting
<b>1979</b>	San Diego, CA	4th Annual Meeting
<b>1980</b>	Hershey, PA	5th Annual Meeting
<b>1981</b>	Grand Rapids, MI	6th Annual Meeting
<b>1982</b>	Overland Park, KA	7th Annual Meeting
<b>1983</b>	Eugene, OR	8th Annual Meeting
<b>1984</b>	Peoria, IL	9th Annual Meeting
<b>1985</b>	Phoenix, AZ	10th Annual Meeting
<b>1986</b>	St. Paul, MN	11th Annual Meeting
<b>1987</b>	McAllen, TX	12th Annual Meeting
<b>1988</b>	Philadelphia, PA	13th Annual Meeting
<b>1989</b>	Grand Forks, ND	14th Annual Meeting
<b>1990</b>	Sacramento, CA	15th Annual Meeting
<b>1991</b>	Boise, ID	16th Annual Meeting
<b>1992</b>	Columbus, OH	17th Annual Meeting
<b>1993</b>	Chicago, IL	18th Annual Meeting
<b>1994</b>	Tigard, OR	19th Annual Meeting
<b>1995</b>	McAllen, TX	20th Annual Meeting
<b>1996</b>	Wichita, KS	21st Annual Meeting
<b>1997</b>	Kalamazoo, MI	22nd Annual Meeting
<b>1998</b>	Fargo, ND	23rd Annual Meeting
<b>1999</b>	Green Bay, WI	24th Annual Meeting
<b>2000</b>	Orlando, FL	25th Annual Meeting
<b>2001</b>	Sparks, NV	26th Annual Meeting
<b>2002</b>	Bar Harbor, ME	27th Annual Meeting

<b>2003</b>	Billings, MT	28th Annual Meeting
<b>2004</b>	Davenport, IA	29th Annual Meeting
<b>2005</b>	Monterey, CA	30th Annual Meeting
<b>2006</b>	Miami, FL	31st Annual Meeting
<b>2007</b>	St Paul, MN	32nd Annual Meeting
<b>2008</b>	San Antonio, TX	33rd Annual Meeting
<b>2009</b>	Salem, OR	34th Annual Meeting
<b>2010</b>	St. Louis, MO	35th Annual Meeting
<b>2011</b>	Wichita, KS	36th Annual Meeting
<b>2012</b>	Denver, CO	37th Annual Meeting
<b>2013</b>	Niagara Falls, NY	38th Annual Meeting
<b>2014</b>	College Corner, OH	39th Annual Meeting
<b>2015</b>	Portland, ME	40th Annual Meeting
<b>2016</b>	Raleigh, NC	41st Annual Meeting







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