

AAUW GLOSSARY

AAUW Abbreviation for the American Association of University Women. There are no periods between the letters. The national organization is referred to as The Association "National").

AAUW/Wisconsin Our state organization, which is a link between the Association and branch members. "State" is also correct (not. "Division").

ACTION ALERT Association public policy newsletter. Available through subscription.

ADELANTE! One of AAUW's issues: building bridges with people of diverse heritage, interests, occupations, ages, etc. Spanish word for "moving forward."

AREAS OF INTEREST (RAI's) AAUW's past priorities: Community, Cultural Interests, Education, and International Relations. Representatives of these areas may be present at the branch level, but have been phased out at the State and Association levels.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER Joined branch prior to 1957 under a provision that allowed women with at least two years of college credit to participate in branch activities. No longer a membership category.

ASSOCIATION CONVENTION A biennial meeting of members, consisting of plenary sessions, workshops, and the biennial business meeting of the Association at which time Association officers and regional directors are elected and other business of the Association is conducted.

BADGER BRIEFS Quarterly publication of AAUW/Wisconsin mailed to all members of AAUW/Wisconsin.

BRANCH The local group of AAUW members. (Not "Chapter" or "Unit").

BRANCHING OUT Association publication sent to branch Presidents and EF Chairs.

BRANCH MEMBER Pays annual dues to branch, State, and Association. A member who transfers to another branch after paying dues for the current fiscal year is considered a paid up member in the new branch and State.

BY-LAWS A set of rules that has been approved by the membership that govern the Association, State and/or Branches of AAUW.

CAMPUS CONNECTION Association publication sent to College/University (C/U) Reps and State C/U Chairs.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY MEMBER AAUW-accredited institutions that join the Association. Their delegates at conventions and other meetings are called College/University Representatives.

COUNTERPARTS Members holding the same position of responsibility at branch, State, and Association levels. State board members are available to work with their counterparts in the branches.

DISTRICT COORDINATOR A District Coordinator (DC) representing each district is appointed to the State Board. DC's serve as district leaders and act as liaisons between the state and the branches.

DISTRICT MEETINGS Annual conferences held in each of the state districts held on a date selected by a consensus of the branches in the District. The agenda for the conference is determined by input from branches according to their needs. All branch members are encouraged to attend District meetings.

DISTRICTS The five geographic areas into which Wisconsin is divided and branches are assigned.

DUAL MEMBER Chooses to pay branch dues to more than one branch and/or State. Dual members are voting members in the branch and State in which they pay Association dues (or State dues if branch life member).

EDUCATIONAL CENTER, THE Headquarters of AAUW, located at 1111 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036-4873. Telephone 202-785-7700. Member Helpline 800-821-4364 (Weekdays 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. EST). Website <http://www.aauw.org>

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (EF) A tax-exempt corporation established in 1958 by the Association to expand AAUW's emphasis on education equity for all women and girls. Now AAUW's primary fund raising entity which offers grants and fellowships on an annual basis. Donations may be made by individuals, branches or states.

EVERY MEMBER SURVEY A survey conducted biennially by the Association to determine AAUW members' ideas and priorities regarding programming issues and public policy.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE The elected officers of a branch or the State.

FELLOWSHIPS Awarded by the Educational Foundation to scholars called "Fellows" for advanced research and study at dissertation and post-doctoral levels or for the final years in professions such as law, medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine. **American Fellowships** are open to U.S. citizens or permanent residents. **International Fellowships** are open to citizens of other countries or to U.S. citizens who plan to spend their professional lives abroad. **Endowed Fellowships** are financed by the interest on an endowment fund. **Unendowed Fellowships** award current contributions.

FOUNDATION, THE See Educational Foundation; Fellowships

GREAT LAKES REGION AAUW branches in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

HEADQUARTERS See Educational Center

IFUW International Federation of University Women, a world-wide federation of organizations of college graduates in over 50 countries. AAUW is the largest member of the IFUW. All AAUW memberships include IFUW dues. All AAUW members are eligible to participate in the triennial IFUW Conference.

ISSUES Focus areas determined through the Every Member Survey.

ISSUE TASK FORCE Groups of members who concern themselves with implementation of AAUW issues, such as The Initiative of Education Equity or Voter Education.

LEADER IN ACTION Association publication mailed to State and branch officers and selected board members.

LEADER ON LOAN Association leaders who are available for speaking/training engagements. Each State is allowed two Leader-on-Loan visits per year.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND (LAF) An Association Fund established in 1981 to aid women in higher education in cases involving employment discrimination. Donations may be made by individuals, branches, states.

LEGISLATIVE/PUBLIC POLICY DAY A conference held annually presented by the state to inform and update members on legislative/public policy issues. Program consists of speakers and workshops aimed at member participation.

LIFE MEMBER A person who pays 20 times the Association annual dues to become a life member of the Association. Branch members continue to pay branch and State dues annually. Honorary Life Member is a member who has paid Association dues for 50 years and becomes exempt from payment of State and Association dues.

THE LINK Association publication mailed to Membership, Program, State Initiative, and Diversity Chairs.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE A person who pays only Association dues. S/he may also join the State by paying State dues. A member-at-large of the State receives the State publication and may attend State Convention. This member may also become a branch member by paying branch dues.

NAMED GIFTS Contributions of \$500 or more to EF, which may be named in honor of a person, branch or state.

NAMED GIFT HONOREE A person, branch, or state for whom a contribution of \$500 or more has been given to the Educational Foundation.

OUTLOOK Magazine published by the Association for its members.

POLICY STATEMENT A statement of operating rules developed by the Association, State, and Branch that guide the daily functioning of the Association, State and Branch based on the bylaws of the organization.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE A conference planned under the leadership of the Regional Director and presented by each of the Regions for members of that region consisting of programming relating to AAUW issues. Regional conferences are held every two years in the year opposite the Association conference.

REGIONS The Association is composed of ten regions: Great Lakes, New England, Middle Atlantic, South Atlantic, Southeast Central, Upper Midwest, Southwest, Central, Rocky Mountain, Mountain-Pacific, and California. Each region is represented on the Association Board by its elected Regional Director.

RESEARCH AND PROJECTS GRANTS Awarded by the Association to members, branches, or states for academic and community service projects.

SATELLITE Group of members usually located near an established branch, which relies on a parent branch for its startup or its resizing phase.

STATE CONVENTION The annual meeting of members, consisting of plenary sessions, workshops, District Delis (District caucuses), and the annual business meeting of AAUW-WI at which time State officers are elected and other business of the State is conducted.

STUDENT AFFILIATE An undergraduate student enrolled in an accredited educational institution who pays Association dues. State dues are not required and branches may choose whether or not to charge dues. Student Affiliates are entitled to attend branch, State and Association meetings and receive selected publications. They may not vote nor hold any office.

STRATEGIC PLAN A model for branches to plan programming and other activities.

VITA FORM A form completed by an individual interested in serving on an Association Committee that is sent to the Association Board of Directors. Information included on the form relates to education, professional position, volunteer and community activities, and to experience, skills, interest, and expertise in professional and community life.