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DELEGATES VOTE TO EXPAND MEMBERSHIP

AAUW voted at Sunday's business session to expand membership to include graduates who hold an "associate or equivalent" degree. The emotional debate began with an unsuccessful bylaws amendment to open membership to all who support AAUW's mission.

In support of the successful motion, Kenosha (WI) Branch delegate Frieda Schurch, who was born before women had the right to vote and has been a member of AAUW for more than 50 years, implored, "Today we ... must decide if our priority is to move ahead because we believe in our mission or if our priority is making sure that everyone knows that we have a college or university degree. ... To do justice we can and we must say yes to this motion."

The bylaws change to membership eligibility requirements is effective



Frieda Schurch (speaking) supports expanding membership eligibility.

immediately, and following the business session, AAUW signed up our first newly eligible member (see story on page 3).

Delegates also voted to restore the three-month deadline for notification of dues changes, establish a process by which state presidents in a region fill a vacancy for the position of regional director, and remove references to the Legal Advocacy Fund president and board.

A motion to remove the requirement of previous

Association board service for the executive vice president/secretary failed, so only members who previously served on the Association board may run for the office of executive vice president/secretary.

The remaining proposed amendments to the bylaws will be considered at the business session this morning. **CD**

FROST HEATS UP BUSINESS SESSION

"For 31 years I was a soldier, so you can only imagine how unique and exhilarating it is for me to stand before a room full of more than 1,000 women," exclaimed new AAUW Executive Director Kathy Frost in her speech to convention attendees yesterday.

She promised that she would "work hard to grow AAUW membership so our voice will be stronger, increase our fundraising so our outreach can be broader, revitalize our programs so our impact will be greater, and advance the AAUW agenda so America can be better."



And she means what she says. Immediately following her appointment she gave her husband an AAUW membership for Father's Day. She noted with pride that her husband, a former representative to the U.S. Congress from Texas, had a 100 percent rating in the AAUW Voting Record for the 108th Congress.

Frost praised the work of AAUW, saying: "Many of you have asked why I want to work for AAUW. That's easy. At my Army retirement when they pinned my last medal on my shoul-

HIGHLIGHTS

MONDAY, JUNE 27

7-8 a.m. **Briefings**

Identity caucuses (open sessions)

8-11:30 a.m. **Business session 3 and 21st-century recognition**

12:30-5:30 p.m. **Capitol Hill Lobby Day**

6-7 p.m. **Foundation receptions**

7-10 p.m. **Foundation Night Banquet**

ELECTION RESULTS

Delegates voted for contested offices Saturday. Congratulations to the following winners:

Association President
Ruth Sweetser

Association Directors-at-Large
Betty Bayless
Diana Campo
Terri Griffiths
Ronni Nivala
Krys Wulff

Southwest Central Regional Director
Shirley Breeze

der, I realized that Teddy Roosevelt was right when he said, 'The best prize life offers is the opportunity to work hard at work worth doing.' ... As your executive director, I'll have that opportunity." **CD**