REPORT TO THE STATE BOARD: June, 2020 Wilmington Affiliate
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**1-Elections:** Carla Bloss was elected as our new Communications VP. We did not receive any president-elect nominees and will need one since Marie Maks' term will expire June 30, 2021. We do not have a membership chair and the work has fallen on other Board members. Ann DeFelice was elected as treasurer of the trustees and Ann Britton was appointed as Vice-President Scholarship for one year to replace a member who moved out of the area.

**2-June 6 Brunch for Scholars and Members** was cancelled and is rescheduled for June 2021. Our April General meeting cancelled. Board and trustees are meeting by zoom for the foreseeable future.

**3-Membership:** We have initiated renewals of memberships via electronic billing from National. We obtained 27 out of 105 members renewing their membership within 2 weeks of the email. This is the same number we obtained when we requested voting electronically. We have several who sent the invoices with checks by mail and these envelopes are in a 1 week quarantine at the Treasurer's house. We intend to have National re-send the invoice to the members who did not respond to the first email and then send paper requests for renewal. Our oldest member, Marge Meyermann, age 96, who was in AAUW for 75 years, died last month.

**4-Scholarships:** We received almost 35 scholarship renewals or new applications per our deadline of March 1. Our committee of four branch members scanned all applications, forms, and tax documents fortuitously in February so the information could be shared electronically with the committee. This was the first time this was done without knowing that the covid shutdown would have stopped the paper process that had been conducted up through 2019. The committee interviewed the candidates in mid-May by zoom. The committee renewed 15 scholarships and provided scholarships to 18 new women. The total amount distributed was \$100,000 and the amounts for the scholarships ranged from \$2,500 to \$4,000. Half the scholars are attending the University of Delaware and half the scholars are enrolled in STEM fields. We require that 25% of the scholars be new applicants.

## 5- Book Room opened June 1 (delay due to covid lockdown)

We are receiving a lot of book donations. We still need manpower to move the cataloged books to storage at our book room at Germay drive. Key AAUW positions need to be filled to make the collection and sales manageable. The future of the book room and sale is to be discussed by the Trustees later this summer, using a facilitator.

**6-Transition meeting for the Board will be held by zoom mid-July**. We will discuss how we have done with our 3 strategies: Be visible, enhance member experience, and obtaining new members in the past 12 months.