Get your members informed, energized and ready to VOTE

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Voting happens: **April 3 – May 15th 11:00am CT (Noon ET).**

Voting emails will come from: ***vote@simplyvoting.com*** Each member will get their unique voter ID and password.

The AAUW WI State board recognizes that the National AAUW Bylaws change in membership is an important issue facing AAUW. The board encourages all members to look at the issue and vote.

· Voting announcement will be from ***vote@simplyvoting.com***

· Reminders will be sent to members who have not voted. It's unclear when that will begin.

· Members without emails will receive paper ballots. That will be done only once.

Resources:

Openupaauw.org

Info from other branches, discussion points, history of the proposed by-laws change, etc.

https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/
FAQs, powerpoint, etc.

Why the National AAUW wants to change the degree requirement.

1. You don't have to have a college degree to be an advocate for gender equality.

2. We are no longer just American women, we are international and men
are included in membership.

3. We've already changed the requirement to include technical schools
and other 2-year programs. (Note: the pathway to good jobs is now varied and broad and not simply a four year or even a two-year degree.)

4. Women are no longer prohibited from any type of higher education. Some universities have more women enrolled than men.

5. The degree requirement keeps people from joining AAUW who otherwise are committed to our mission creating an elitist aspect to our organization. This is the opposite of reducing barriers to full participation in the organization. (Note: the issues AAUW is concerned with affects all women.)

6. AAUW is evolving more in the vein of the YMCA or AARP, it is no longer limited to its namesake. (Note: the name has changed over the years and no longer reflects the truth of who our members are.)

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