

LETTER FROM CAROLYN GARFEIN, AAUW PRESIDENT

RE: BYLAWS CHANGES

September 2011

To: State and Branch Bylaws Chairs

Cc: State and Branch Presidents

AAUW has recently received notification that, effective January 1, 2012, significant changes are being made to the DC code that will affect hundreds of nonprofit organizations based in Washington, DC. Since AAUW is incorporated in both Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania, our bylaws must conform to both codes. Unfortunately, while the details of the DC code changes have not yet been announced, we anticipate that we will need to make conformance changes to AAUW national bylaws.

As you know, branch and state bylaws must be congruent with those of AAUW, and, thus, when AAUW's national bylaws change, yours must be adjusted for consistency. After national conventions, we typically send out Model Bylaws to guide your conformance adjustments to any national bylaws changes. Because we believe that there will be further national bylaws changes that must be made due to the DC code changes, we recommend that you delay making any conformance changes to your bylaws until we have made any bylaws changes required to comply with the revised DC code.

I assure you that we will do everything possible to get appropriate guidance to you just as soon as we have reliable information about the changes required of us—and of you. For now, I ask your patience as we all wait for the process to unfold.

Sincerely,

Carolyn