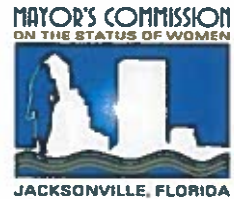


AUGUST 27, 2018 MEETING MINUTES, 4:36 PM



## Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women

### Commissioners Meeting called to order at 4:50pm

Donna Kuldau – CHAIR  
Jaynelle Pemberton – VICE CHAIR  
Sabrina Edwards – Member  
Eileen Rodden - Women's Center – Ex-officio Member  
Sheila Spivey - UNF – Ex-officio Member

### Guest Attendees

Patricia DeWitt - AAUW

### Approval of Minutes:

July 30, 2018 minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Motion to approve: Commissioner Pemberton

Motion seconded: Chair Kuldau

**Approved Unanimously**

### Public Comments:

Guest attendee: Patricia DeWitt AAUW attended the meeting representing her organization and spoke regarding the Women's Economic Security. She discussed the bill introduced by Marco Rubio regarding parents that can use some of their social security benefits as paid family leave. She states this is not a good thing as seniors are already barely getting by on what they currently receive as benefits. To allow them to use some of their benefits earlier will reduce their standard benefits in later years and cause even more hardship for them.

Ms. DeWitt stated that Dr. Mary Gatta is working with AAUW branches in Jacksonville, Daytona and St. Augustine to get the word out about this bill.

Chair Kuldau stated that she is getting certified to teach the AAUW course information.

### Liaison Report: Barbara Florio

Liaison Florio has received multiple resumes for prospective Commissioners during this past month submitted by Commissioners. She has forwarded the resumes to Belinda Peoples in the Mayor's office for review and to set up interviews. Liaison Florio indicated recruitment and appointment of Commissioners is one of the discussion points for the meeting.

### Board Expansion

Chair Kuldau stated that board expansion is imperative for the Commission to make a difference. She also stated she is reaching out to past Commission chairs and Commissioners for possible members and Liaison Florio indicated

she is also looking at previous members. Members asked the guest, Pat DeWitt, if she would join and/or if she could recommend anyone else.

The Commission is looking for women advocating for women in some way, shape or form. Possible organizations to reach out to include the Jacksonville Women's Center, Hubbard House (Gail Patton), Local Judges (Francine Palmieri was going to look into possibly tapping into the local legal field.) In October JWLA will have the only two female Supreme Court judges coming to Jacksonville.

Chair Kuldau stated that she would also like someone from the colleges. She is looking for someone to spearhead programs on campus like the Commission had this year regarding Equal Pay Day. (Possibly someone from JU, FSCJ and UNF.) Chair Kuldau will contact FSCJ personally. As an aside, JU has purchased a button making machine so it may come in handy during future events.

### **Gender Wage Gap 2018/19**

The Gender Wage Gap 2018/19 has the same organizations participating this year. An initial planning meeting needs to be set up to start working on the program and strategy. Commissioner Pemberton will be on the planning committee, as last year. There was a brief discussion on the lead and past events. The Gender Wage Gap was and is the focus of the Commission but it may not be a long term focus for the group. It was decided the Women's Commission would continue to assist in the preparation but the Women's Center would have the lead on the Gender Wage Gap. MCSW will be involved and in future years and this event will remain an interest of the Commission.

### **New Business**

Chair Kuldau stated that the Commission needs someone to help arrange speakers for the Commission meetings. She stated that the Commission needs more board members to sub-divide into Committees and split up the work.

### **Unfinished Business**

The Women's Center–Rosie Awards nominations deadline has been extended through September. They also need people to assist by being part of the selection committee. They will announce the award winners and proceed with luncheon and awards on October 20<sup>th</sup> at the San Jose Country Club. The winners will receive their luncheon free and everyone else will pay \$25.00.

### **Meeting Closure**

Chair Kuldau thanked everyone for their help and continued support.

### **Meeting adjourned at 5:29p.m.**

CERTIFICATION

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MCSW Staff Support

Submitted by:



Barbara Florio  
MCSW Board Liaison

Approved by:



Donna Kuldau, Chair

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