

AAUW NYS ECONOMIC EQUITY INITIATIVE

Legal Aspects

NYS Fair Pay Act –The legislature must pass an enforceable bill

Lobbying

- find key senators on Senate Labor Committee: Chair: George Maziarz (West Rochester) (Room 915, Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12247, 518-455-2024) Members: Marcellino, Alesi, Wright, Fuschillo Jr., Bonacic, Balboni, Flanagan, Savino, Onorato, Stachowski, Gonzalez Jr., Breslin, Brown, and Klein Addresses and e-mail at www.senate.state.ny.us
- write Senator Marcellino (L.I.) to sponsor Fair Pay Act (Room 812, LOB, Albany, NY 12247 516-455-2390)
- contact Joseph Bruno, Senate Majority Leader (Room 909, LOB, Albany, NY 12247 bruno@senate.state.ny.us) if your state senator is not on Labor Committee, lobby your legislators in their district office
- use “boiler plate” letter from NYSUT to send to senators
- take part in BPW(Business & Professional Women) Lobby Day – Alyce Daly bpwiny@aol.com or Jan Moritz morij7@aol.com
- check our website www.aauw-nys.org click Public Policy for how to’s about visiting legislators

Send the following newsletter briefs to branch presidents and newsletter editors:

Equity is still an issue! Each of us can help. Choose one or more of the following activities to support equity for women and girls.

- Sign up for Action Alert and/or AAUW Action Network (go to the www.AAUW.org and click on Issue Advocacy)
- Send your branch newsletter to your state senators so they know about your priorities
- Visit your state senators when they are home in your district
- Invite your state senator to speak at one of your meetings or to serve as a greeter at an event you’re sponsoring
- At a well-attended branch meeting, provide a time for members to write a brief note to their senator on the Pay Equity Bill on pre-stamped (available at the post office) and pre-addressed postcards. Collect the cards and mail them
- Make a donation to Women on the Job, 382 Main Street, Port Washington, NY 11050 or have a donation basket at your general meeting

Pay equity issues affect all of us. The following are a few things you and your branch can do:

- Build coalitions with like-minded organizations in your community such as the League of Women Voters, BPW, YWCA, or professional organizations
- Obtain information on pay equity from the AAUW website and distribute it to your members
- Take part in the Action Alert Take Action activities – often just a click on the computer

- Place a brief article in your branch newsletter each month about pay equity
- Write a Letter to the Editor on Fair Pay Day in April – the day each year on which women catch up to the salary earned by men during the previous year
- Sponsor a fundraiser for pay equity. Show North Country, Norma Rae, or another movie depicting the fight for equal pay. Utilize a member's Netflix or similar membership to rent the movie

Become a member of the NYS Pay Equity Coalition, 382 Main Street, Port Washington, NY 11050

The NYS AAUW Board will do the following:

- Sell Red Purse Pins at the convention as a donation for pay equity
- Sponsor a “Red Purse” bathroom with priority seating
- Contact state legislators and let them know they will also be hearing from their local AAUW constituents
- Ask state legislators not on the Labor Committee to put pressure on their colleagues for its passage
- Contact each branch with information for Fair Pay Day April 25
- Send information to branches on a regular basis to publish in their newsletters
- Place an ad about pay equity in the convention program book