

AAUW NYS Economic Equity Initiative

Notes 6/25/05

Goals:

1. AAUW NYS Board will provide information to branches on issues and legislation related to economic equity throughout the year
2. AAUW NYS Board will encourage branches to act on issues related to economic equity through:
 - a. Contacting legislators
 - b. Writing Letters to the Editor
 - c. Holding forums/discussion groups
 - d. Building and acting with local coalition partners for all of the above
3. Become an active participant in the Pay Equity Coalition, to which we already belong.

Action – Phase I:

1. Identify potential coalition partners for branches @ state and local level
2. identify resources on economic equity/pay equity
 - a. Current & proposed legislation
 - b. NYS Pay Equity Coalition
3. Lobby
 - a. Phone calls/Emails/Letters
 - b. NYS Board will provide reminders of when legislators are in their home districts
 - c. Lobby in Albany
 - i. 2 Minute Activist
 - ii. Postcards

- iii. Meet w/ legislators before/after NYS Convention
 - iv. Have a “blitz” – timed w/ movement of legislation
- 4. AAUW NYS Board will provide sample letters for branches to contact
 - a. Potential coalition partners
 - b. Legislators
- 5. Attend Business and Professional Women's “Pay Equity Day” & “Lobby Day”
- 6. Identify legislators' position
 - a. For/against
 - b. Who is “shepherd” of legislation