
Report of the Annual Meeting

From June 11 to 15, 2014, the AAUP hosted its One Hundredth Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Concurrent with the annual meeting was the AAUP Conference on the State of Higher Education, which included plenary addresses and presentations on current issues confronting the academic community. The AAUP Collective Bargaining Congress also held its annual business meeting in conjunction with the AAUP annual meeting.

Keynote speeches at the conference focused on technology and its role in education, as well as on ways to protect the rights of all faculty members. Henry Reichman, chair of the AAUP's Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure, delivered the opening plenary address on Thursday about the contemporary role of academic freedom and electronic communications. The address elucidated the principles of a recently revised and expanded version of *Academic Freedom and Electronic Communications*, an AAUP report that addresses the threats to academic freedom that can arise from the use of electronic media. (The report appears in this issue of the *Bulletin*.)

The Friday plenary luncheon speaker was Daniel Maxey of the Delphi Project, which studies contingency in academia and works with a variety of groups, ranging from unions to accreditors to boards of trustees, to ameliorate the problems of contingency. Maxey discussed the numbers and common working conditions experienced by part- and full-time non-tenure-track faculty and highlighted some positive steps being taken on campuses.

Saturday's luncheon celebrated AAUP's centennial with a special presentation by Joerg Tiede, chair of the Committee on the History of the Association, who talked about the events before, during, and after the founding that led to the AAUP's focus on academic freedom. At Saturday night's banquet, award winners and fifty-year AAUP members were recognized for their respective commitments to fellow faculty and the betterment of higher education.

AAUP Collective Bargaining Congress

Risa Lieberwitz, professor of labor and employment law at Cornell University, was the featured speaker

at the AAUP-CBC banquet, where she spoke about expanding unionization efforts in private universities and related cases pending before the National Labor Relations Board.

This year two people shared the Marilyn Sternberg Award, which is given by the AAUP-CBC in recognition of the AAUP members who "best demonstrate concern for human rights, courage, persistence, political foresight, imagination, and collective bargaining skills." The award was given to David Shiman of United Academics-University of Vermont and Mary King of the Portland State University AAUP chapter.

Shiman's accomplishments include leadership in a successful organizing drive in 2003 and subsequent service as chapter president, during which membership increased significantly. He also served repeatedly on the chapter's bargaining team. King, who also served as chapter president, has strengthened the membership of her chapter and worked to establish faculty networks, challenge misinformation, build alliances between faculty and students, and include the local community in its demands for student-centered education.

Capitol Hill Day

On June 12, AAUP members visited Capitol Hill to discuss legislation affecting higher education with their senators and representatives. This year's discussions focused on three important areas: access and affordability for college students, political interference in higher education research, and sensible regulations that protect both students and taxpayers. The day ended with a reception on Capitol Hill, where discussions continued between AAUP members and congressional staff.

Censure

The annual meeting voted to place Northeastern Illinois University on the Association's list of censored administrations. The members also delegated to Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure the authority to remove Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge from the censure list. Additionally, Committee A announced that it was pleased to close its investigation of the University of Northern Iowa because of favorable developments.

The *Report of Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure, 2013–14*, included elsewhere in this issue, contains Committee A's statements on these institutions and the committee's recommendations regarding the imposition or removal of censure.

Media Awards

The Iris Molotsky Award for Excellence in Coverage of Higher Education was given to journalists David Glovin and John Hechinger of *Bloomberg News* for their series "Broken Pledges." Glovin and Hechinger's series presented a chilling and thought provoking examination of how fraternity life and the Greek system in higher education has dramatically changed over the past twenty years.

This year the AAUP presented a new award, the Martin D. Snyder Award for Excellence in Student Coverage of Higher Education, for high-caliber reporting in student newspapers. Snyder, an advocate of student journalism, served as the AAUP's associate general secretary and as director of the AAUP's Department of External Relations. The inaugural winner of the award is Marissa Ditkowsky, who won for her story "Cuts Affect Doctoral Program." The story ran in Brandeis University's *The Justice* on October 29, 2013.

More information about the winners and links to their articles are at <http://www.aaup.org/media-release/2014-AAUP-awards-for-excellence>.

Georgina M. Smith Award

Mary King, professor of economics at Portland State University, was selected as the 2014 recipient of the AAUP's Georgina M. Smith Award. King, who has served on the PSU-AAUP chapter in a number of leadership roles, was recognized for her work on PSU-AAUP's negotiating team. After the chapter voted to strike, King and her team worked tirelessly to achieve a contract settlement that received a 97 percent ratification vote from the chapter's members.

The Georgina M. Smith Award was established in 1979 to honor the memory of Professor Smith (Rutgers University), who was a committed feminist, an AAUP leader, and a strong supporter of her faculty union. The award is presented "to a person who has provided exceptional leadership in the past year in improving the status of academic women or in advancing collective bargaining and through that work has improved the profession in general."

Rather than grant these awards annually, the Association reserves the distinction for those occasions

when the judges have identified a particular candidate as so outstanding as to merit being singled out. The last Georgina M. Smith award had been presented in 2012.

Assembly of State Conferences Awards

This year's William S. Tacey Award, which recognizes outstanding service to a state conference over a number of years, was given to Dean Saitta for his work as a co-president of the Colorado conference.

Caprice Lawless, president of AAUP's Front Range Community College chapter, won the Al Sumberg Award, which is given to an individual or group to recognize excellent work in lobbying for higher education issues.

The New York State conference received a communications award for its publication *New York Academe*.

Travel Awards

Scott McMillan, incoming president of the Tennessee AAUP conference, was the recipient of the Konheim Travel Fund Grant. The Konheim Travel Fund Grant is for travel-related expenses for chapters engaged in advancing the Beatrice G. Konheim Award criteria, which are to advance the AAUP's objectives in academic freedom, student rights and freedoms, the status of academic women, the elimination of discrimination against minorities, or the establishment of equal opportunity for members of colleges and universities.

Hopper Travel Fund Grants are for individuals attending their first AAUP annual meeting. Nominees may be nominated by either a chapter or a conference. The Hopper Travel Fund winners for 2014 were Katherine Bryant, Emory University; Gregory Comer, St. Louis University; Christala Smith, Southeastern Oklahoma State University; and James D. Strange, Western Nevada College.

Resolutions

The One Hundredth Annual Meeting approved a resolution commending the work of John W. Curtis, the AAUP's outgoing director of research and public policy, during his twelve years on the staff. ■

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