**SUCCESSION PLAN BASED**

**BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN**

**FORT ATKINSON WI BRANCH**

**ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** There shall be officers or co-officers to fulfill the functions of administration, program, membership, public policy, finance, fundraising, and communications.

**Section 2.** The elected officers shall be a president, or official representative, president elect, vice president of programs, vice president of membership, secretary, and treasurer.

**Section 3.** The appointed chairs shall be: By-laws, Diversity, Public Policy, AAUW Funds, Education, Initiative for Educational Equity, Directory Editor, Newsletter Editor, Publicity, Scholarship, and Historian. They shall be chosen by the committee or appointed by the elected officers:

**Section 4.** President shall serve a two-year term with a co-president and president elect which would result in a three-year cycle for this office. The vice-president of programs, vice-president of membership, secretary, and treasurer shall serve a term of two years. The term of each officer shall begin on July 1.

**Section 5.** No elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

**Section 7.** A vacancy in office, excluding the president, shall be filled for the unexpired term by the board of directors. A vacancy in the office of president shall be filled by president-elect, vice president of programs, vice president of m**embership, secretary, and treasurer.**

**ARTICLE IX. NOMINATIONS**

**Section 1.** There shall be a nominating committee of three (3) members, appointed by the president (one of whom will be appointed chair of the committee), approved by the board of directors at the January board meeting, and announced to the membership at the February branch meeting.

**Section 2.** Members shall serve a term of one year for a maximum of two consecutive terms.

**ARTICLE X. ELECTIONS
Section 1.** The names of the nominees shall be published and sent to every member at least 30 days (March) before the annual meeting (April).
**Section 2.** Nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

**Section 3.** All elections shall be held at the annual meeting (April).

**Section 4.** Elections shall be by secret ballot unless there is only one nominee for a given office, when a voice vote may be taken. Election shall be by a majority vote of those present and voting.

**ARTICLE XI. ROTATION OF OFFICERS
Section 1.** The following officers shall be elected in even-numbered years: president, president-elect, vice president of programs, and secretary.

**Section 2.** The following officers shall be elected in odd-numbered years: president, president-elect, vice president of membership, and treasurer.