

## REPORT FOR NEW YORK STATE AAUP CONFERENCE

Lenore Beaky, National Council and Executive Committee of National Council

Herewith, an outline of events during and just after the June National AAUP Meeting:

The Council: passed the following resolution regarding dues reform—"It is proposed that a committee of members and staff be formed to study dues simplifications with the goals of reducing dues for the new and lower-paid faculty who are the future of the Association and of ensuring a fair and progressive dues structure...." Such a proposal would be revenue neutral. A proposal will be presented to the council in November and to the June plenary.

The 2009 elections, held electronically, were judged to be successful. 8342 members (or 21%) voted, the highest in recent years. Howard Bunsis reported that the organization has "turned a corner."

Among the censures and removal of censures were Nichols State, which terminated a long-time nontenured track faculty member with one day's notice; North Idaho College which fired a 13-semester adjunct. The University of New Haven, which had been censured in 2008 over its treatment of a 14-year adjunct, had its censure removed when, in the judgment of the plenary, the college had made sufficient progress in establishing new procedures for the nonrenewal of an adjunct faculty member.

A policy statement regarding the rights of graduate student employees was to be sent to members for approval and adoption.

An article about the Garcetti case will appear in the November *Academe*, a special issue on governance and the financial crisis.

The General Secretary described the joint organizing taking place between the AFT and the AAUP. The Governance Committee is currently considering the case of Antioch College.

At the same time as the plenary and Council proceedings, a conference was held: Globalization, Shared Governance, and Academic Freedom: An International Conference.

Membership—overall membership declined slightly (1.12%) from 41,543 to 41,007, despite an increase of 2.82% in collective bargaining members. Nonrenewals increased.

For the CBC, Howard Bunsis was elected as Chair, David Witt as Vice Chair, and Paul Davis, Stanley Aronowitz and Gerry Turkel were elected as Members at large.

Following the Annual Meeting, there was an election for Executive Committee of the Council, and elected were Lenore Beaky, Elizabeth Hoffman. Larry Gerber and Judith Johnston.

Pursuant to a resolution passed by the June 2008 AAUP Plenary, nine Council seats will henceforth be elected at large. In June, the nominating committee (A. Frank Thomas, Patricia Bentley, Marc Bousquet, Larry Gerber and Vijay Nair) has nominated the following for national elections in Spring 2010:

President—Cary Nelson, Donna Potts

First Vice President—Stanley Aronowitz, Wendy Roworth

Second Vice President—Estelle Gellman, Mayra Besosa

Secretary-Treasurer—Howard Bunsis, Michele Ganon

At-Large Council Members—Steve Aby, Jacqueline Arante, Maria Bacigalupo, L. Lacy Barnes, Leslie Bryan, John Conley, Jamie Owen Daniel, Kimberly Emery, Granville Ganter, Richard Gomes, Lisa Higgins, Rana Jaleel, Benjamin Muego, Charles Parrish, Sheila Teahan, Cat Warren, Jeffrey Williams, Deanna Wood (vote for nine)