**Historic Actions of AAUW in 125 years**

1898  college training is a necessity, not a luxury for the average woman as well as for the average man

1919  equal pay for equal work in schools [and again in 1953, 1983, 1985 and more]

1921  introduced a bill to create a Federal Department of Education
introduced a bill to establish nationwide program of physical education in schools
introduced a bill providing the independent citizenship of married women
revision of the Civil Service salary scale without regard to sex

1922  urged introduction of women into the diplomatic service

1923  child labor laws

1935  legalizing the dispensing of information by physicians on contraception

1939  federal aid for free tax-supported public education, including libraries
protection of civil rights

1947  equal rights amendment must include women
provide guidance and counseling services, facilities for recreation in schools
suffrage for the District of Columbia

1949  affirmation of support of academic freedom

1959  establish programs in education for children under six

1969  elimination of discrimination in the selection of juries
urge appointment of women to Supreme Court

1971  opposed public funds to support non-public schools
establishment of vocational and technical education programs
equal voting rights
supports ERA without amendments

1972  opposition to busing –
Passage of Title IX legislation – led by AAUW member in US Congress

1973  support of Affirmative Action
inclusion of women’s studies programs in higher education curriculum

1975  introduction of environmental education programs; gifted and talented programs in schools; enrichment programs as part of day care
1977  elimination of discrimination based on sex, race, color, creed, national origin, marital status, age, financial status or disability
comprehensive family life and sex education programs in grades K-12
recognition of the rights and role of the homemaker
right to individual choice in the determination of one’s reproductive life

1983  promotion of computer literacy and competence in math, science and money management
resistance to attempts to ban or censor books or other media

1985  reinstatement and vigorous enforcement of Title IX and other measures that promote educational equity for women and girls

1993  After seven years of support from AAUW and work by its Lobby Corps, the Family and Medical Leave Act passes

1994  AAUW supports passage of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

2002  AAUW sponsors the first ever National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

2009  President Barack Obama signs first piece of legislation – Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act – restored the EEOC’s practice of counting unfair pay check as an act of discrimination

Other areas of work and activism:
Labor, Health and Human Services
Government
Housing
Consumer protection
Arts and Humanities
Global Interdependence – Environment, Peace & Arms Control, Military service, Human Rights, Commerce, Foreign Aid