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President
MARY A. GREFE

March 13, 1980

Ms. Evelyn R. Richer, President
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Dear Ms. Richer:

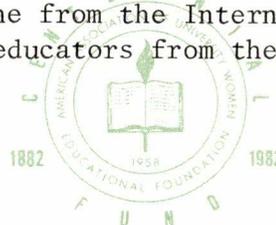
I share your concern about the confusion over the voting at the national convention and have taken steps to permit a more orderly consideration of the issues which will come before the delegates in Boston. In fact, you may wish to share your comments and suggestions with Lida Sigg of Illinois, who is serving on the Association Convention Procedures Committee.

This particular committee is charged with developing procedures and training the local committee to avoid confusion regarding ballots and voting cards.

We are studying the question of proxy votes or mail ballots, but the proposal has many difficulties to iron out. The state division presidents will be devoting a two-hour session to it during their leadership conference this June.

The dues increase will cost us some members because there are those to whom the additional amount is just too much to absorb personally. The Board of Directors took several steps this past February to permit us to operate in the black this coming year. We have reduced the number of employees on the professional staff by reassigning duties. Starting with the July/August issue, the Graduate Woman will be reduced from 64 to 48 pages. I note that you have sent a carbon of your letter to Design for the Second Century, and I'm sure Dr. Heinicke would welcome suggestions which the Barrington Area Branch might have to assist them in restructuring the Association so as to effect further economies.

I am happy to report that Association activities are progressing nicely as we have received a sizable planning grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to assist us with Topic development, and also one from the International Communication Agency to permit women educators from the United States to go to



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Africa and participate in special training programs needed for educational administration and management.

My correspondence from a number of branches indicates exciting and creative community projects being initiated by AAUW members this year. Such activities give us both visibility and credibility and attract new members who want to be involved in a "going concern." Thank you for your outstanding leadership which you are contributing to the Barrington Area Branch of AAUW.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Grefe". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Mary Grefe

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cc: Illinois State Division President & Treasurer
Association Treasurer
Regional Vice President
Design for the Second Century Committee