

Jan Van Gasse
Bylaws Director

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Jan Van Gasse has been an active member of AAUW since 2002. At the Branch level, she has held offices as President, Membership Vice-President, Program Vice-President, and Financial Officer. She is currently serving as President of the Iron Mountain/Kingsford branch. At the State level, she has been active on many committees and has been the Secretary, President-elect and President. She is currently the Bylaws Director. At the National level, she has been on the Governance Committee and the Open Up Membership Committee. She is currently on the Advancement Committee.

After graduating from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in Spanish and Sociology, Jan became a teacher at Clinton Community Schools. She also received her Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling from Eastern Michigan University. Jan went on to become a school counselor in Clinton and then worked at Lenawee Intermediate School District as a Facilitator for School Improvement, Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment. Moving to Norway in the Upper Peninsula in 2000, Jan served as the Director of Instruction for Breitung Township Schools. After 38 years in K-12 education, she retired in 2010. She taught Spanish at Bay Community College following her retirement until 2016. Jan currently serves as a School Board member of Norway-Vulcan Area Schools and is the treasurer.

Jan is actively involved in her community, participating in many groups including the Michigan Association for Retired School Personnel (MARSP), Matinee Musicale, and 100+ Women. Jan loves to play the piano and accompanies Dickinson County Community Chorus and the choirs at Breitung Township Schools.

Jan served as President of the Michigan School Counselor Association. She also served on many education boards in Michigan, including the Michigan School Improvement Facilitators' Network, The Michigan Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, Michigan Association of State and Federal Program Specialists, Michigan Counseling Association, the Michigan Staff Development Council, and the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB).

Jan has a passion for promoting education for girls and women and advancing AAUS's mission. Her involvement with AAUW of Michigan has been a highlight of her life, as she has been able to get to know like-minded individuals.

Jan loves bylaws and is excited to serve a second term as the Bylaws Director on AAUWMI's Board of Directors.