

Jan Van Gasse
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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 Open Up Membership Committee and is currently on the Advancement Committee, Governance Committee, and the Public Policy 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 is actively involved in her community. She currently serves as a School Board member of Norway-Vulcan Area Schools. She also participates in many groups including the Michigan Association for Retired School Personnel (MARSP) and 100+ Women. Jan also loves to play the piano and often plays at church.

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). She has also served on various advisory groups for the Michigan Department of Education.

Jan has a passion for promoting education for girls and women and advancing AAUW'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 as the Bylaws Director on AAUWMI's Board of Directors.