

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 a number of offices, including four years as president, two years as membership vice-president, and one year as program vice-president. She is currently the Financial Officer of the Iron Mountain/Kingsford branch. At the state level, she has been active on many committees and has been on the AAUW of Michigan Board as Secretary for three years, as President-elect in 2019-2020, and as President from 2020-2022. She also is on AAUW's Governance 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 education, she retired in 2010. She also taught Spanish at Bay Community College. Jan currently serves as a School Board member of Norway-Vulcan Area Schools and is the treasurer. She also was elected to the MASB (Michigan Association of School Boards) Board of Directors and is the chair of MASB's Government Relations Committee. She represents MASB on Michigan's Special Education Advisory Council.

Jan is actively involved in her community, participating in many groups including the Michigan Association for Retired School Personnel (MARSP), Communities that Care, Matinee Musicale, 100+ Women, and Community Chorus. Jan loves to play the piano and accompanies many groups and soloists in the Iron Mountain/Kingsford area, as well as playing at her 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, and the Michigan Staff Development Council.

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, as she has been able to get to know like-minded individuals.

Jan is excited to serve in a new role on AAUWMI's Board of Directors as the Bylaws Director.