

ONE WILPF All Member Call -- March 9th, 2017 4pm pacific/7pm eastern

26 WILPF members from 15 branches, and 5 At Large Members attended the 10th ONE WILPF Call on Thursday March 9th (list appears at the end of these notes).

The featured speaker was Ray Acheson from **WILPF International's Disarmament Program, REACHING CRITICAL WILL at our UN Offices in NYC**. Ray spoke about the history of WILPF's disarmament work, specifically work on nuclear abolition. She also discussed the upcoming (March 27th) historic negotiations beginning this month at the UN on a treaty to Ban Nuclear Weapons. So far 123 non-nuclear nations have agreed to these negotiations. The 9 nuclear nations have opposed it but they have not been able to stop the negotiations from going forward, despite high level attempts to quash the talks. The plans are to dialogue about this in March. In April-May the President of Costa Rica will work on a Proposal to present. And then between June 15th and July 7th the nations will meet to discuss and vote on this historic Treaty.

Ray noted that her office will monitor these negotiations and folks can sign up to receive reports and updates on the progress and activities at the UN by going to www.reachingcriticalwill.org/. She is coordinating a Rally and March for June 17th in NYC and hopes WILPF US might support them with activities around the country.

The detailed notes from Ray's presentation and the Interview/Q&A Segment follow the notes and list of call attendees.

Call Summary In Brief

- **GUEST SPEAKER** Learning about the **Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty being negotiated at the UN** between March and July, as well as details about the **WOMEN'S MARCH TO BAN THE BOMB**, starting in NYC. **Ray is asking US WILPF to organize sister marches in cities where we have a presence across the US on June 17th (or between June 15th and July 7th).**
- **3 ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - 1- **Put CONGRESS on your calendar July 27-30, Chicago.**
 - 2- **BYLAWS review is scheduled.** You can find the current Bylaws to review at: <http://wilpfus.org/documents/BoardDocuments/WILPF-US-Bylaws-Effective-February-2015.pdf>
Folks are asked to **email questions or ideas to streamline ByLaws and improve efficiency at WILPF US to: BylawReview@wilpfus.org**. Or send suggestions or questions by phone to Darien Delu at [916-739-0860](tel:916-739-0860).
 - 3- **On Saturday, March 12th at 11am pacific/2pm eastern a FACEBOOK Social Media WEBINAR training will be available to WILPF Members.** This was announced also in the ENews/EAlerts. **The 2nd hour** of this Maestro conference call will focus on an exploration of launching a Member's Legislative Initiative throughout WILPF, or maybe starting with regional pilot programs.
- **BREAK OUT ROOMS - Working Groups addressed 3 subjects:**
 - **Continuing planning for the April 2017 SOLIDARITY EVENT**
 - **Continued discussion on the [GROWINGWILPF.COM](http://growingwilpf.com) shared resources website and potential information to be shared there**
 - **Sustaining activism post Trump.**

- **REPORTS BACK** from Break Out Room working groups.
- **ADJOURN** Formal part of Call Ended.
- **SOAPBOX** continued discussion informally for about 20 minutes more.

HERE IS THE AUDIO LINK if you want to listen to the call again, or if you didn't get to be on the call.

<http://mcrecordings.s3.amazonaws.com/ZG5JKZXABX2X1UEX6S7GNC9EY629ZVGN.mp3>

DETAIL OF WORK IN BREAK OUT ROOMS -

- **SOLIDARITY EVENT** – Updates were shared on what branches are planning for April 22nd. Calls for forwarding branch media lists and names of members on Facebook. Marybeth noted she will be calling round to get the details for all the participating branches in order to develop a media release. She will also share the list of participating branches and contact info for the organizers in each branch.
- **BRANCH RESOURCES** – Since the last call the design for the GROWINGWILPF.com website was shared, along with a list of possible resource categories and materials that could be shared. Comments and critiques were sought. Suggestions were made. One lingering concern is who and how we will continue to update these materials. A new email address has been set up to **SEND MATERIALS to:** WILPFresources@gmail.com.
- **SUSTAINING ACTIVISM POST TRUMP** – More discussions about what next actions we might adopt as WILPF and what Solidarity action might be the next after April 22nd. It was noted that the WOMEN'S MARCH TO BAN THE BOMB on June 18th would make sense, since International WILPF is asking for our collaboration on that. And it was noted that a discussion about adopting a MEMBERS LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE for all of WILPF would be discussed on the March 12th Maestro call, following the Facebook Training.

NOTES IN DETAIL:

WELCOME: After 10 minutes of networking time, Introduction of Call Team, Review of Agenda, Review of Call Norms and Call Instructions. The next call is scheduled for Thursday, April 13th.

RAY ACHESON of the WILPF International disarmament program **REACHING CRITICAL WILL** presented on the work of RCW and the latest updates she has to share. Ray discussed the historic opportunity presented by the upcoming Nuclear Ban Treaty being negotiated at the UN. Ray noted that the US has tried to block this treaty and negotiations at very high levels, but 123 non-nuclear nations insisted that the dialogue go forward. After the initial presentation and statement of positions in March, the President of Costa Rica will prepare a draft proposal to be submitted in April. Deliberations on that proposal will continue through May and June and from June 15th through July 7th there will be a big push to hammer out the details of the treaty. During this time in June, RCW is calling for a WOMEN'S MARCH TO BAN THE BOMB on June 18th, building on WILPF's historical opposition to nuclear weapons and calls for nuclear abolition. In NYC they are organizing a Rally and March. They are asking our WILPF US branches to consider conducting sister marches on June 18th across the US. WILPF members and the public can sign up for daily updates monitoring the progress of the negotiations in June on their website: www.reachingcriticalwill.org.

Following her presentation, Ray answered questions from members.

The text of her presentation and the Q&A follows these notes.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1- **CONGRESS THEME & DATES** - Nancy Price (At-L, Davis CA) & Robin Lloyd (Burlington VT) are Co-Chairs of the Triennial Congress Program Committee. Their submitted announcement about the Congress follows.

The THEME for the Triennial Congress planned for July 27-30 in Chicago on the campus of the University of Illinois, and in the shadow of Hull House, has been selected. It is:

RISEUP: Women Organizing for Action

Remember – Reclaim – Reimagine

It is timely to remember our history, when Jane Addams called for women to stand up for peace at a time much like this one, when profits and greed were defining foreign and domestic policy and ordinary people were left out of the democratic process. There will be exciting speakers, a panel of emerging Chicago leaders and organizers, and there will be important skills building workshops that provide practical skills to help build branches and enhance the membership experience, and Issues Workshops on disrupting the system and #MoveTheMoney. One idea being discussed is making Chicago a “Sanctuary City” in the broader sense of creating a safe space for every kind of person and for creative ideas and freedom of expression as well.

The Program Co-Chairs will be developing a SURVEY MONKEY to send out to members and ask for a prompt completion and response, so they can use your preferences to plan the program.

- 2- **REVIEW OF BYLAWS BEGUN** -- Anne Henny (East Bay CA) represented the **ByLaws Committee** and announced the following:

In the December ENews there was a story about input needed for a broad review of the ByLaws, in an effort to streamline and make WILPF more efficient and effective. The overall schedule for these changes is:

January – March - REVIEW & EVALUATE - reviewing the ByLaws and assessing where improvements could be made, how WILPF operates now and how we might improve. Examples might include facilitating board decision-making and accountability, and improving opportunities for members to engage more actively in program planning. Members are encouraged to send suggestions to ByLawReview@WILPFUS.org.

April – May - SUGGESTING CHANGES - they will be drafting proposals for amendments on specific ByLaws.

The ByLaws Committee will be sending out the proposed changes and hosting a workshop to get input on the changes at the Congress in Chicago (July 27-30).

July – September – DISCUSSIONS & EXPLORATIONS - There will be ongoing discussions and opportunities for members to get involved in discerning the best options. Some of these discussions will occur on ONE WILPF Calls, in ENews, and emails to branches.

In the Fall, the suggested changes to ByLaws will appear on the Ballot for WILPF elections.

The ByLaws Committee is looking for new members to help with this process. You would join Anne Henny (East Bay CA), Darien DeLu (Sierra Foothills/Sacramento CA), Teresa Castillo (Fresno CA) and Angela Gee (At-Large, Atlanta GA).

- 3- **A FACEBOOK Skills Training Webinar is scheduled for Sat. March 12th at 11am pacific/2pm eastern.** The link for pre-registering will be sent out immediately following this call. The 2nd hour of the call will be devoted to an exploration of the potential for forming a member’s Legislative Initiative in which all branches might share the resources of a coordinated Legislative Committee to raise the visibility and voice of WILPF with federal, state and local elected representatives on specific issues in a united front.

There were 3 Break Out Rooms for this call:

- The Solidarity Event BOR
- The Shared Resources BOR
- The Sustaining Activism Post Trump BOR

We separated into BORs and worked for about 45 minutes.

REPORTS FROM BREAK OUT ROOMS:

BOR #1 - SOLIDARITY EVENT – Carol Alexander (At-Large, NY) reported on the branches who have scheduled or are scheduling their “banner photos”. Reminders were made that these photos should be sent to 1WILPfcalls@gmail.com no later than April 8th, and hopefully by April 1st.

She reported that participating branches had been **asked to contact at-large members in their states** and lists were sent to them of all members in their states with contact info. It was suggested that branches could begin to invite them to all kinds of branch actions and events, even before April 22nd, appealing to their interest in peace and the environment. Perhaps they could be invited to be in the “banner photo”, and Marybeth suggested planning a small social gathering after the photo (coffee or lunch) as an opportunity to get to know one another more. Now is a good time to schedule that and start inviting them, and connecting with potential allies or co-sponsors.

Joan Goddard (**San Jose CA**) said their branch will be tabling at a local Earth Day event with their banner and tabling information.

Cherrill Spencer (**Penninsula/Palo Alto CA**) said that they will be helping San Jose with the Cupertino Earth Day, and later showing the Leonardo DiCaprio film **Before The Flood**.

Monterey County CA branch will be participating in a March for Scientists on the 22nd and tabling there too. They are also considering a separate indoor event. And they are writing 2 articles on affects of the bloated military budget on climate change and the planet.

Tucson AZ branch is also contacting their local March of the Scientists to see if they can collaborate.

MEDIA LISTS PLEASE: Only 12 branches of the 26 participating so far have sent in their local media lists. This is important so WILPF US can develop and distribute a national media release which lists all the events planned across the US. If your branch has not supplied this, please send it to Cherrill Spencer at Cherrill@slac.stanford.edu.

FACEBOOK USERS PLEASE: We’ve also asked branches to supply a LIST of their members who are on Facebook. Please pass that list along to 1wilpfcalls@gmail.com as soon as possible. This is how we will push out the photos of banners and branches for April 22nd on Social Media. If few of your members use FB, consider using that as a good reason to contact the AT LARGE MEMBERS on the lists Marybeth sent out to you.

Barbara Taft asked that Marybeth send out the list of participating branches with contact information so that they can coordinate and share information. *(That list will be sent separate from these minutes.)*

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BOR #2 SHARED RESOURCES – Betty Traynor (San Francisco CA) reported that the BOR folks all had seen the www.GrowingWILPF.com website and reviewed the list of items that are planned to be listed there. She said that they discussed how they can proceed to ask branches to forward their event descriptions, materials and instructions to WILPFResources@gmail.com.

These will be resources that CAN be adapted by your branch, so you don't have to re-invent the wheel each time you plan an event or program. Some will be in editable word documents, and some will not be editable but will provide inspiration for you to create your own versions of these documents.

Some issues still remain. For instance we are still trying to figure out who will take responsibility for receiving the emails and posting the materials to the website. For now Ellen Schwartz has said she would do some of it, but we need to find someone who will take this on.

Everyone agreed they are please with the concept and vision for the website, and that this is a good start. Now branches must begin to forward their event descriptions, materials and the contact info for organizers.

The success or failure of this website will depend on gaining the cooperation of branches to provide descriptions of their events and copies of their materials.

If anyone has more ideas about what needs to be included in this website of resources, please send them to Ellen at ellen@nicetechnology.com.

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BOR #3 SUSTAINING ACTIVISM POST TRUMP - Randa Solick (Santa Cruz CA) and Robin Lloyd (Burlington VT) took notes and reported on this working group. They discussed the **Fresno Legislative initiative idea** that all branches might work in coordinated ways to raise their voices each month on a single issue across all WILPF. This will be discussed on the 2nd hour of the March 12th SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING WEBINAR....

Someone suggested joining Friends Committee on National Legislation to do this because they choose 1 issue a YEAR to focus on.

Mary H Harrison suggested we could be more 'reactive' than that and said that Des Moines is using a WEEKLY approach, asking members to **"jump on board"** to respond with letters, emails or visits to

legislators once a week. These ‘jump on board’ issues could be posted to the website and folks could find them there and ‘jump on board’ to take action.

Linda Cataldo Modica (At-L, Tennessee) offered the suggestion that **all WILPF Branches could encourage their Mayors to join Mayors** for Peace since that organization’s two major concerns are the environment/climate change and nuclear weapons. Everyone agreed that working locally would have the most affect.

The idea of “Sanctuary Cities” is being enlarged to refer to more than just immigrants, but as protection for anyone who is ‘different’, or a person of color or in any way vulnerable.

Carol Urner warned that we must continue to **guard our human rights** under Trump.

Marybeth asked for a quick poll of people on the call who thought it might be good to make June 18th the next Solidarity Event we attempt.... The date for the WOMEN MARCH AGAINST NUCLEAR WEAPONS. The majority agreed this would be good to do. Only 4 people did not raise their hands.

Note: In follow-up discussion with Ray Acheson, the date for the NY Rally/March they are looking at now is Saturday, June 17th, not June 18th (Sunday). So that is the date they are recommending for our sister marches, if we choose to organize them.

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The call ended with a short SOAP BOX which invites people to stay on who have more to say or ask.

The Next regular ONE WILPF CALL is scheduled for Thursday, April13th at 4pm pacific/7pm eastern.

On Saturday March 12th at 11am pacific/2pm eastern we will also offer a FACEBOOK TRAINING WEBINAR for all WILPF members to learn more about how to effectively use Facebook to push events, news and actions as WILPF.

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RAY ACHESON'S PRESENTATION

Ray began by noting the long WILPF history of calling for nuclear weapons abolition starting in the 1950s and ramping up in the 1970s & 80s at the end of the cold war. After the cold war the subject of nuclear abolition disappeared from public and diplomatic attention. It was believed that now that the Cold War was over the process of decommissioning nuclear weapons would continue until they were all gone. But that did not happen. Since then we've actually seen a resurgence with even MORE significant investment in adding and building nuclear capabilities by the 9 nuclear nations. China, France, Russia, the US and the UK are the 5 members of the Security Council which are engaging in support for more nuclear investment. India, Israel, Pakistan and North Korea are also against decommissioning these weapons. Even under Obama we've committed to spending trillions on "modernizing" these weapons systems, which is really about rebuilding smaller more portable weapons and creating new nuclear weapons.

NATO members are comfortable keeping these weapons because they rely on the US nuclear weapons to defend and protect them against an aggressor. And they've been told by the US not to challenge the nuclear status quo.

But the non-nuclear nations in the rest of the world are taking a different view. They've completed significant research on what the impact of these weapons would be for the already vulnerable environment, as well as human health and life on the planet. They have decided not

to let the 9 nuclear nations dictate this policy, since the implications would be shared by the whole world. Their determination is gaining momentum.

In October the General Assembly decided it was high time to prohibit nuclear weapons. And even though the 9 nuclear nations and the NATO allies were not in favor of this diversion from course, they could not stop it. 123 nations said 'Enough Is Enough' and voted in the General Assembly to begin negotiations on a Treaty to Ban Nuclear Weapons.

This is a historic achievement and one which WILPF has been working for.

The US engaged in very high level diplomacy against such a treaty under Obama. His US Representative to the UN, Samantha Power, was instructed to work against it. And he instructed all NATO allies to oppose the negotiations, and most of them did. The Netherlands was the exception, because the majority of their population and the parliament voted for them to attend the negotiations and work for a treaty.

These 123 non-nuclear states are trying to do an end-run against the direct policies of the 9 nuclear nations. They aim for these treaty negotiations to transform the economic, political, legal and social landscape in which nuclear weapons exist, to change the dialogue and abolish nuclear weapons for good eventually.

ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

The treaty could include a provision that outlaws the financing of any corporations which produce nuclear weapons. That scares the large weapons manufacturers because there would be BIG disincentives for companies involved in these nuclear weapons programs. We know that the Department of Energy holds the budget line on nuclear weapons and that they contract with companies to do the manufacturing and run the testing labs.

POLITICAL TRANSFORMATION

The treaty could change the way NATO allies think of their future defense systems and limit their ability to include nuclear weapons in their security doctrines. That could change the balance of power.

There have been significant efforts in non-nuclear countries to fight back against policies that support nuclear weapons. This is new. And they've had a lot of success even before the negotiations begin. The Dutch are being forced to participate in the negotiations by its parliament because the majority of the Dutch population and parliamentarians support a ban. So they have to attend the negotiations, even though the US told them not to. This is a large break in political policy and show of strength.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This treaty has the potential to put nuclear weapons on the same level as chemical and biological weapons systems which would engage the international legal system.

SOCIAL IMPACT

Just the process of putting the negotiations on the UN schedule is powerful because it gains media attention, interest and coverage, especially in nations which refuse to participate. It creates more dialogue about the dangers of nuclear weapons' potential contribution to climate

change and it offers us the chance to put these issues on the public's radar screen once again. It also allows us to connect nuclear weapons to other issues.

TIMING FOR A RESPONSE:

So this process begins on March 27th in New York at the UN. It will begin with dialogue. For one week in March everyone will put all their concerns on the table and discuss them.

During April the President of Costa Rica will write a draft proposal to bring back to the UN.

Then **between April and June** there will be more discussions and dialogues about the wording of the proposal, in an effort to hammer out the treaty.

Between June 15th and July 7th there will be the big PUSH to come up with wording everyone agrees to.... Ending with the signing of the treaty.

WHAT IS WILPF DOING?

WILPF is working to re-ignite the discussion on human rights concerns around nuclear weapons with governments and civil society groups, doing advocacy for the treaty and expanding debate beyond the 'usual suspects' in the defense and security world.... And connecting the issues of the environment and human rights.

WILPF will be working through ICAN (where WILPF is a member of their steering group) to meet with governments about supporting the treaty. They will also be encouraging NGOs to participate in the negotiations. The UN has appointed Reaching Critical Will and WILPF International to be the NGO Coordinator, pulling everyone together for this historic treaty negotiation.

During the negotiations RCW will monitor and report daily on what is happening. You can subscribe to get those daily updates on how it's going at:

<http://reachingcriticalwill.us3.list-manage1.com/subscribe?u=c9787c74933a00a9066ba32d5&id=0541caf485>

There are published analyses and papers recently posted to the RCW website too, if you are looking for more indepth information. They will be publishing more pages with ICAN between now and July.

They also provide an archive of all the documents and working papers as well as testimonies of country participants in the Treaty negotiations.

Outside of the meetings themselves, RCW will be encouraging and planning public mobilizations to help organize a public rally and march in New York City.

WOMEN'S MARCH TO BAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

WHAT CAN US BRANCHES DO?

It would be great if you could organize and mount sister actions (rallies, marches, speaker events, leafletting, etc.) around the US on June 17th, the date of the NY Rally and March.

(We discussed this later in the call during the Break Out Room on Sustaining Activism Post Trump, and took a poll of call participants. The majority feel that this should be our 2nd Solidarity Event in 2017.)

Q&A WITH RAY

Q1- Joan Goddard (San Jose CA) - Joan asked for the link to find the daily updates for the negotiations on the ban treaty. And she asked Ray for a short 'elevator speech' to explain what Reaching Critical Will does.

A1 - Ray noted that **during the negotiations RCW will monitor and report daily on what is happening. You can subscribe to get those daily updates on how it's going at:**

<http://reachingcriticalwill.us3.list-manage1.com/subscribe?u=c9787c74933a00a9066ba32d5&id=0541caf485>

Ray reported that Reaching Critical Will is WILPF International's Disarmament Program. Peacewomen deals with peace and human rights. RCW coordinates disarmament work across sections and touches on areas including arms trade, nuclear weapons, drones, small arms, explosive weapons and killer robots. They do monitoring, reporting and advocacy for disarmament at the United Nations. Also they collaborate with partner allies like ICAN on specific issue campaigns.

Q2 – Cherrill Spencer (Penninsula/Palo Alto CA) – Cherrill noted the date of the negotiations between June 15 and July 7, and said that because her branch is already committed for June 17-18 weekend, would it be possible to do something on the Women's March To Ban The Bomb efforts in early July?

A2 – Ray said that yes, it would be possible and they would be happy for any support WILPF US branches could offer. Since they are focusing on June 17th for the New York City event, they are hoping most of us can participate on or close to that date, but any time during the negotiations we can raise awareness would be appreciated.

Q3 – Judy Karas (Monterey County CA) – Judy asked at what website they could find the archived materials that Ray described. And will there be a strong media component to the June 17th activities?

A3 – Ray noted that ICAN is coordinating a media campaign that will include WILPF International and they are reaching out to mainstream and non mainstream media outlets. Judy noted that WILPF US members can help by contacting local NPR and PBS outlets and asking them to cover these events at the UN and the marches around the country. She has had some success with that. Ray applauds any effort to gain media attention for the Ban Treaty negotiations or the marches.

Q4 – Carol Urner (Portland OR) –Carol noted that the DISARM Committee of US WILPF is focusing beyond the Treaty itself and calling for a campaign to "End The Whole Nuclear Era". She said that includes nuclear power, nuclear waste, the transporting of nuclear waste, uranium mining on sacred native lands, etc. Of course if the weapons end the whole chain will crumble, but we want to put forward the larger context and the importance of ending the 'whole nuclear era'. Is it okay if we include that concept in our work and marches around the country?

A4 – Ray said it's great to include that, but for this particular campaign at RCW and the UNO office, they are focusing on the Treaty itself, which only addresses nuclear weapons.

Q5 – Edith Bell (Pittsburgh PA) – Will literature be available from RCW about the Ban Treaty and how soon? Ellen Thomas is scheduled to begin her Nuclear Free Future Tour in the Midwest in April and it would be good to include printed materials.

A5 – Ray said that RCW has a lot of materials and documents on their website. It is full of resources you can use. She's been working with Ellen on mobilizations and can make those printed pieces available.

Q6 – Mary Jane Williams (At-Large, Winter Park FL) – Can we know more details about the rally and march being planned in NYC?

A6 – Ray noted that their plans are stalled at the moment in negotiations with the NYPD and the NY Parks Department. They have a permit application submitted and are talking to officials but they won't know details for a bit. Once the details are finalized you can find out more at womenbanthebomb.org website. Look there for more updated information.

Q7 -- Robin Lloyd (Burlington VT) – Any serious discussion on banning weapons must include a discussion on what to do with warheads, how to close down weapons sites, how to dispose of radioactive waste. WILPF's visionary analysis and our call to "End the whole Nuclear Era" is important to the discussion because ending the nuclear weapons must include all of these.

A7 – This treaty itself won't address the whole nuclear chain, but will be a narrow focus on ending nuclear weapons. It's about compelling nations to decide and plan disarming nuclear arsenals. Later on when we get the agreement we'll get to those details and then those details will be more important. For now, we have to be focused on the limits of the treaty agreement.

Q8 – COMMENT: Carol Urner (Portland OR) – Kim Wright for ICAN has a wonderful pamphlet. It's expensive to print, but we can send the url around. It's very easy to read and understand and we should be using it in the April 22nd event and the preparations for the June marches and rallies. <http://www.icanw.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/BanNuclearWeaponsNow.pdf>

NEXT CALL: THURSDAY, APRIL 13th