

Ad Hoc Committees for WILPF US (existing and pending) Updated for December 2019 eNews

Bylaws Committee

Purpose –

To be a source of guidance and information for the Board on the WILPF US Bylaws and related governance documents.

To consider and draft Bylaws amendments.

- To review changing conditions of WILPF US that might indicate a need for Bylaws amendments.
- To receive input from members, committees, and the board on needed Bylaws amendments.
- To prepare ballot language for proposed Bylaws amendments.

Status – Open to additional members after a period of suspended status.

Social Media Committee

Purpose –

To study social media and prepare a proposal for a WILPF social media plan.

To work with the Communications Co-ordinator staff in the following:

- reviewing and possibly refining this proposal for a WILPF social media plan
- developing and providing specific social media topic trainings to WILPFers
- consulting on ways to improve WILPF's social media presence

To present the final Social Media Plan proposal to the board.

Upon adoption of the WILPF social media plan, to work with the appropriate Board member(s) and the Communications Co-ordinator to implement the plan through –

- publicizing the plan and encouraging WILPF member social media involvement
- recruiting and training volunteers to assist with posting WILPF items to social media, as envisioned in the plan
- refining WILPFers' social media savvy working and co-ordinating with WILPFers willing to develop and post on behalf of WILPF US to social media sites, as envisioned in the plan

Status – Newly started, open to additional members.

Member Skills Committee (full name – Member Skills Development Committee, formerly called Leadership Training Committee)

Purpose (subject to revisions and refinements) –

To study the needs for member skills and political and organizing education

To identify means of presenting such education for members, esp. electronically

To develop, prepare, publicize, and facilitate such educational presentations

Status – Starting in early 2020, seeking members.

Communications Committee

Purpose (subject to revisions and refinements) –

To improve and enhance WILPF US communications of all kinds in the following ways:

- streamlining our current materials and processes:
- reviewing, evaluating, and proposing improvements for WILPF electronic communications processes (eg., eNews, eAlerts, and listserves)
- clarifying and disseminating information on our communications options – to and for branches, issue committees, at-large members, and the board and board/standing committees – to get the word out, including e-communications, possible petitions (in conjunction with the Program Committee), the website, and other email distribution lists.

To review, evaluate, and propose improvements for WILPF US printed materials, including how to make them more readily available electronically on our website (in collaboration with the Website Comm.): including, for example, posting of info for branches to share: leaflets, brochures, photos, graphics, ideas for campaigns

To review, evaluate, and propose improvements for *Peace and Freedom*, including mission, goals, strategies, and format

To recruit and develop subject expertise among members on the Communications Committee

To exploring and developing ideas and proposals in newer communications and in other potential communications areas:

- One WILPF Calls – How to support them, publicize them, and develop them?
- Webinars – On how to use online services and on issues and skills (in collaboration with the Member Skills Comm.)
- Virtual meetings – *beyond conference calls!*
- QR codes (symbol connecting with our website/pages for users of some smart phones and apps) – in collaboration with the Social Media Comm.)
- Rapid response statements – evaluate the goals and utility of such statements, given WILPF US capacity; craft proposals for producing such statements, as appropriate

To explore and develop proposals for connecting all WILPF communication as much as possible, so they can all share photos, stories, links, etc. seamlessly across all our social media and internal communications.

Status – Starting in early 2020, seeking members.

Congress Planning Committee **Purpose** (*subject to revisions and refinements*) –

To assess current WILPF goals and priorities, as well as member and organizational needs and interests, to propose possible Congress themes.

To receive inquiries from branches potentially interested in hosting the WILPF Congress in 2021.

To research possible sites for the congress – both cities and specific venues

To identify, research, and propose potential speakers and program elements.

To solicit workshop proposals, in collaboration with the Board.

To work with other related possible committees, such as the Congress Program Comm.

Status – Starting in early 2020, seeking members.

United Nations Commission on the Status of Women Programs **Purpose** –

To support the Coordinators/Faculty of our CSW Programs (the Practicum and Local to Global)

To help the committee promote these two programs

To seek Practicum participants at universities and colleges where WILPF has branches

To serve as a liaison between the Board and the Coordinators/Faculty

Status – Newly started, open to additional members.

Holistic Committee (full name – Holistic Program Restructuring Comm.) **Purpose** –

To review current “program” functioning.

To propose improvements to the board, the Program Comm., and the membership.

To assist in the transition to the adopted version of the proposed improvements.

Status – Fully functioning and no longer open to new members, with the accomplishment of the committee’s purpose – through the transition of WILPF US issue/programmatic work into Program 2.0 – nearly completed.

Website Committee **Purpose** –

To consider the capacity of the current website and how a new website might offer greater functionality

To improve the functionality of the current website by making feasible changes

To identify the desired functionality and oversee the work to design and develop the new website in that direction.

To provide guidance in the requirements for and implementation of the new website

To gather and secure content for the new website, in order to prevent loss of content in the transition to a new website

To obtain improved content and functionality on the new site

Status – Fully functioning and unlikely to be open to new members, but individuals with special qualifications may be considered.