

## **Issue Committee Benefits and Guidelines for Standards** (established by Program Committee vote on Oct. 1, 2019)

The Program Committee discussed and voted to establish the following issue committee standards, expectations, and benefits for an issue committee “in good standing”.

### **Benefits of Issue Committees in Good Standing**

As a key part of WILPF US program work, issue committees –

- Are eligible to receive funding annually, at a standard level, and they may request additional funding
- Are linked on our homepage
- Have committee web pages
- Can have a regular presence in WILPF eNews
- Can have space in *Peace and Freedom*
- Can have one member participating in the national Program Committee

### **Guidelines for Standards for Issue Committees**

WILPF US wants issue committees to continue to seek to involve interested branches, their members, and at-large members-and to share ideas, projects, actions, and resources with them.

To be officially recognized by national WILPF, an issue committee should be “in good standing” by meeting the following guidelines for standards:

1. Have a minimum of five members, with geographic diversity
2. Have meetings at least quarterly
3. Take, disseminate to committee members, and maintain (for at least a two-year period) meeting minutes
4. Have the opportunity, at least every three years, for changes in leadership
5. Maintain webpage content, updating as required (and at least every 18 months)
6. Develop objectives and actions with at least some measurable, outcome-oriented goals
7. Develop its own projects to achieve the issue committee goals
8. Welcome any WILPF member who wishes to participate

*WILPF US members may establish a new issue committee by starting a committee that can meet these standards and contacting the national Program Committee, via one of the Program Chairs or the President, for further information.*