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Dear WILPF Members,

The WILPF U.S. Board met in Boston last weekend, Nov 7-9, and worked mindfully to address our ongoing commitment to achieving a sustainable organization in all ways: financially, legally, interpersonally and politically.

We met as a board diminished by the September 26th resignation of one of our Program co-chairs, Tura Campanella Cook, who felt unable to devote sufficient time to her board position. We wish her the very best as she studies and prepares for a new professional path, and know she will continue her WILPF work as she is able. We terribly miss the compassionate listening and thoughtful deliberations she brought to us, as well as her contributions to the various committees on which she served.

Immediately before the Board meeting Lois Fiedler, Development Chair, and Barbara Nielsen, Treasurer and Finance Chair, resigned. We regret they chose not to engage in the negotiations and conflict resolution required when financial, interpersonal, and/or philosophical challenges arise, and instead to prematurely end their respective commitments to the Board and the membership we all serve. We thank them for their service and have confidence they'll continue to contribute to WILPF.

Now we are asking you to support WILPF by helping us fill the 3 Board vacancies of Program Co-chair, Treasurer/ Finance Chair and Development Chair. You may nominate yourself or a WILPF colleague by requesting job descriptions and an application from our Nominating Chair: Pat O'Brien at patob777@verizon.net.

There is no question that a position on the WILPF U.S. Board requires hard work, pursuing and digesting information pertaining to all aspects of WILPF as an organization, good email skills and computer comfort, a commitment to nonviolent communication -- and a sense of humor.

While it is urgent that we fill the vacancies on the national board, our nominating committee also seeks applicants on an ongoing basis for placement on various committees. We currently are seeking qualified members to serve on the development and mini-grant monitoring committees.

In a week or two, you will receive WILPF's annual fundraising appeal in the mail. WILPF has had a fairly active year, even while maintaining a tight rein on expenditures. As of this past weekend, we had approximately \$185,000 in our checking, savings and investment accounts combined, with significantly more pledged for the new Advancing Women as Peacemakers project. Please review our 2008 audit now available on line at the following link: <http://www.wilpf.org/financialreports>

We hope that our activist vitality will inspire you to give generously when the appeal does arrive, although of course donations are welcome at any time.

Winter in the northern latitudes is often a time of quiet reflection. As the frost creeps in, **we are asking all our members to take some time to reflect on how our conscious or unconscious racism,**



National Board members leaving Boston on Monday. Left to right: Mary Zepernick, Sandy Silver, Carol Urner, Audley Green, Nancy Munger, Pat O'Brien, interns Sydney Gliserman and Sarah Sheffer. Foreground: Director of Operations Stacey Ferguson Mruk.



classism, ageism, homophobia and internalized sexism affect our interactions with each other. Following our reflections, individual and collective, we wish us all the courage to allow our awareness to transform our actions. If we can do this, spring will bring a transformed, inspired and inspiring WILPF, an organization and network that can truly support us in our political work.

Thanks for taking time out of your busy life to read this message!

Sincerely,

**Nancy Munger and Laura Roskos,
Co-presidents, WILPF US Section**

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