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New Developments: National Director Hired and National Office Relocated

March 21, 2011

Spring Greetings from Boston!

Spring is a time of fresh starts and renewed enthusiasm. So it's appropriate that I should write at this time to tell you about some new developments at the WILPF National Office in Boston.

Firstly, I am delighted to tell you that we have hired a full-time National Director, Tanya Henderson. This position will provide US WILPF with political and program leadership, working with the Program Co-chairs and committee to scale up the efforts of WILPF's issue committees and branches. She will also lead WILPF's fund and new member development initiatives.



National Director Tanya Henderson

Tanya is a human rights attorney, specializing in gender, children's rights and poverty law, with significant experience in program development, non-profit management, and peace advocacy. Tanya received her JD from Suffolk University Law School and her LL.M (Master's of Law) in international law from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. She has also earned several certificates in mediation and conflict negotiation. Prior to joining WILPF, Tanya worked as a legal consultant in Ethiopia as part of a research team in conjunction with the Harvard Medical School, tasked with researching and drafting policy related to gender inequality, poverty and mental health law; and as a research consultant for Microfinance Opportunities in Washington D.C.. She is also a mother of two teenage boys, who are very proud of her feminist work. Tanya is excited and honored to advance WILPF's powerful history of peace activism and human rights, and to lead WILPF in a dynamic direction of global humanism, youth activism, and inclusivity serving as a model for the creation and establishment of peace.

Tanya's first day at WILPF was March 15. She can be reached at thenderson@wilpf.org. I am truly pleased to have a partner in the National Office. Together, I know we will begin a new and productive phase in the history of WILPF.

Secondly, Tanya is beginning her tenure in WILPF's new offices! With 2 full-time staff members, and a growing intern program, we outgrew our space at the Community Church of Boston at 565 Boylston Street. This past weekend we moved to our new space, located at the [Tellus Institute](#) a non-profit engaged in research and action for a global civilization of sustainability, equity and well-being. WILPF shares many goals with the Tellus Institute and I am looking forward to deepening our ties with them.

Our new address is:

**11 Arlington Street
Boston, MA 02116**

Our numbers have remained the same:

Phone (617) 266-0999

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We are pleased to announce that our spring Board Meetings will be held in the Conference Room at 11 Arlington Street. As always, the meetings are open for interested members to attend. They are scheduled as follows:

Friday, April 15: 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Saturday, April 16: 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Sunday, April 17: 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

There are two by-law changes that will be under consideration at this Board Meeting having to do with Board member qualifications and term limits. [Please click here](#) to review the current and proposed text of these by-laws. Questions and comments can be sent to dialogue@wilpf.org.

And finally, a reminder: The WILPF International Nominations Committee is calling for nominations from the WILPF Sections for the positions of one or two International Presidents, four International Vice-Presidents and one International Treasurer for election to office at the International WILPF Congress that is to be held in COSTA RICA - July 30th – August 5th 2011. Job descriptions for these positions can be found [here](#). The deadline for nominations to be sent from sections to Geneva is **1 April 2011**. **Please send nominations to dialogue@wilpf.org no later than Monday March 28th for the US WILPF board's consideration.**

In peace,

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