

February 29, 2008

Hello WILPF sisters,

We are writing these updated letters to keep the membership as informed as possible. Please send these notes around to your branch members who do not receive email or who are not on the email list.

- WILPF has been challenged with a \$10,000 matching grant, with a deadline of March 31st. We appreciate the anonymous donor's support for the revitalization of WILPF, and we are making special donor calls now to raise the \$10,000. If you wish to help meet this challenge, please send your contribution to the National Office.

- We regret Pamela Jones-Burnley's decision to not return to WILPF. We are in the process of hiring a Director of Operations- formerly the Administrative Director- and we hope to have a person in place by May 1st, if not sooner.

- Please take notice of the upcoming Board elections. The board positions are described in the most recent Peace & Freedom, and applications are available by contacting Pat O'Brien at patob777@verizon.net. The application due date has been extended to March 4.

- We apologize that the board president selection process was not included in Peace and Freedom. The board president position is open to all eligible members of WILPF. Unlike other board positions, the president is elected by the current national board. The job description of the president is pasted at the end of this letter.

- Start making your plans to attend our Triennial Congress June 25-29 in Des Moines, Iowa. Registration forms are in the current Peace and Freedom, and- as of March 10th- will be available online at www.wilpf.org. We thank our WILPF sisters in the Des Moines branch for their energy and enthusiasm, as well as the Planning Committee which is hard at work.

- A spring Peace & Freedom will be published and its focus will be on WILPF programs. And we will have two more National membership calls: one focused on a National Membership Drive; the second on our programmatic work and political issues. We will send the call schedule 3 weeks in advance via email and list serves.

- We are presently undergoing our annual audit and the results will be posted on the website as soon as possible.

We thank all of you for your ongoing contributions of ideas and energy.

Sincerely,
Members of the National Board

President position from the by laws-

The National Board President(s) shall be the administrative-executive officer(s); shall see that decisions and policies set by the Board are implemented; shall appoint ad hoc committees and delegates to non-WILPF meetings in consultation with the Board Steering Committee (see VI A 1 & B); shall consult with appropriate staff, U.S. Section and International members in developing responses to urgent events; shall be ex-officio a member of all committees.