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October 15, 2008

Dear WILPF Women,

WILPF's International Board Meeting (IB) will be held in late November in Geneva, Switzerland. In addition to attending to the business of WILPF, the meeting will include a day-long workshop on "Diversity, Racism and Conflict Resolution" and a special seminar exploring the links between U.N. Security Resolution 1325 and the emerging human security paradigm. The U.S. Section will be represented by our International Board Representative Audley Green and Program Co-Chair Carol Urner, as well as Y-WILPFers Robin Rose and Monika Kinkel. The U.S. National Board has been approached by International WILPF and WILPF groups in formation in Mexico and Rwanda, all requesting financial assistance for travel expenses for delegates from other sections wishing to attend the IB meeting. As an expression of support for sections of the South and commitment to the growth of WILPF internationally, we donated funds for this purpose to the travel fund maintained by International WILPF- *-money saved by not sending our section's co-president or staff to the meeting in Geneva, as has been historically done.* We ask our members to join us in supporting full representation by women from the global south by adding their personal donations to this fund. To contribute, please go to [https://org2.democracyinaction.org/o/5372/t/3203/shop/custom.jsp?donate\\_page\\_KEY=431](https://org2.democracyinaction.org/o/5372/t/3203/shop/custom.jsp?donate_page_KEY=431) and choose "International Travel Fund" from the pull down menu next to the memo line when making your donation on-line.

The WILPF national board will also be meeting very soon in Wellfleet, MA, hosted by the Cape Cod Branch. The meeting is open, and members are welcome to attend Sunday October 26 or Monday October 27. The fall board meeting is the time we set objectives for the upcoming year and finalize the budget to support these goals. Due to the fiscal prudence exercised over the past year, WILPF will end 2008 comfortably in the black, despite the \$50,000 settlement with the Industrial Workers of the World. Thanks to substantial bequests received from the estates of Rose Mukerji-Bergenson and Geraldine Brittain, the continued support of our major donors, and the generosity of our members, we now have savings set aside in a salary reserve and for future projects.

In August and early September, the 1213 Race Street Sale Committee (comprised of representatives from both the WILPF and JAPA boards), sought bids from four reputable realtors and subsequently chose to list the building for sale with Colliers Realty at an asking price of just over \$1 million. Stacey Ferguson, our Director of Operations, was an immense help in the process, and will continue to devote time to showing the building, archiving materials, and preparing - - with the help of volunteers and an intern - - to move to interim quarters, most likely in the Community Church of Boston, before the end of the year. The location committee continues to seek the advice and suggestions of our members, both with respect to interim spaces and to our future permanent home. The site

committee's research and process is detailed at [http://www.wilpf.org/home\\_for\\_wilpf\\_letter\\_2008](http://www.wilpf.org/home_for_wilpf_letter_2008) and comments should be submitted to [home4wilpf@wilpf.org](mailto:home4wilpf@wilpf.org). Wherever WILPF locates, it will continue to be a union shop with our non-management employees represented by the IWW.

Much work is being done to secure the infrastructure of our membership organization, and the National Board will continue to send quarterly communications (Jan/April/July/Oct) to you electronically updating you on our internal affairs. In the meanwhile please utilize our website for information. For example, you can find e-mail addresses for all board members at [http://www.wilpf.org/National\\_Board](http://www.wilpf.org/National_Board) and access many relevant documents at [http://www.wilpf.org/US\\_WILPF](http://www.wilpf.org/US_WILPF). And you are always invited to address general questions to the Board by writing to [dialogue@wilpf.org](mailto:dialogue@wilpf.org) or to 1213 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Thank you for moving forward, making peace. Where there is a WILPF, there is a way.

Nancy Munger and Laura Roskos  
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