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## WILPF Annual Membership Drive and Conference Calls

**Happy New Year to all!**

We thank our members for renewing and strengthening your support for WILPF, especially in these economically difficult times.

In 2008 we began implementing changes outlined in our Strategic Plan designed to make WILPF a sustainable, more flexible organization- and the mini-grant program is an important part of our effort to enhance our members' political work.

There were many applicants, and this inaugural round of mini-grants were awarded to four issue committees, four branches, and one cluster of branches for working for a nuclear-free world, water rights, and against corporate power. Proposals included plans for conferences, art exhibits, grassroots organizing and for the preparation and distribution of new advocacy materials.

### Conference Calls to Kick Off Membership Drive

Looking toward spring, we are excited about WILPF's annual membership drive, timed to coincide with WILPF's birthday on April 28. Aligning our membership cycle with WILPF's anniversary opens up loads of creative possibilities for branch outreach activities and community events. All members interested in planning this drive are invited to participate in one of three conference calls scheduled for next week. The calls will be:

**Tuesday, January 13 at 4 p.m. PT/ 5 p.m. MT/ 6 p.m. CT/ 7 p.m. ET**  
**Tuesday, January 13 at 7 p.m. PT/ 8 p.m. MT/ 9 p.m. CT/ 10 p.m. ET**  
**Wednesday, January 14 at 5 p.m. PT/ 6 p.m. MT/ 7 p.m. CT/ 8 p.m. ET**

**The dial up number is 712-432-1601, access code 298683** For those of you new to the conference call, **the cost of the conference call is free and your cost is only the cost of your phone call.** At the given time, you dial the above number and will then be asked to put in your code, followed by the # sign.

### WILPF Co-Presidents Visit Branches

In December, the co-presidents met members of the Springfield (IL), St. Louis (MO), Milwaukee (WI) and Madison (WI) branches at a cluster meeting where plans emerged for WILPF Day at Camp Hope, a pre-inaugural vigil taking place in Chicago's Hyde Park. The state of Illinois celebrates December 10 as Jane Addams Day, and we were able to attend a very special celebration in her honor at Hull House, organized by Lea Zeldin and Rose Daitzman. Soon after, we found ourselves



warmly welcomed at a Human Rights Day potluck at the home of Minnesota Metro member Elizabeth Shippee.

**Minnesota Metro Branch member Elizabeth Shippee and WILPF Co-Presidents Nancy Munger and Laura Roskos at the Human Rights Celebration Potluck at Elizabeth's home**

Sunday, January 4, we headed south to catch up with members of the West Palm Beach branch at a branch meeting hosted by Lillian Cohen.

### Looking for a Secretary for the National Board

We are saddened by the recent resignation of Pajj Wadley-Bailey, secretary of the National Board. Pajj served on the 2005-08 board and was re-elected to a second term last June. We are grateful for her attentiveness to interpersonal relationships among board members and for all of the work she has given to WILPF. The nominations committee is currently conducting outreach to fill this vacancy on the Board. Interested candidates should contact committee chair Pat O'Brien at [patob777@verizon.net](mailto:patob777@verizon.net) as soon as possible.



The next meeting of the National Board is scheduled for March 21-23. Any recommendations for by-law changes, including the exact replacement wording and rationale for the change, must be submitted to [dialogue@wilpf.org](mailto:dialogue@wilpf.org) no later than January 20, 2009 if they are to be considered at the Spring 2009 board meeting.

Working with you for a more just world,

**Nancy Munger and Laura Roskos**  
Co-presidents, WILPF U.S. Section

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