



Recap of the Virtual AGM 2018

June 28, 2018



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For the first time in almost a 100 years the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) held its Annual General Meeting electronically. CFUW members did an excellent job at making it a technological success by engaging effectively with the webcast platform and participating in the training sessions prior to this event.

The Annual General Meeting took place on June 23, 2018.

A few changes were made to the articles and bylaws, budget 2018/2019 was approved, three new resolutions were adopted, elections were held for the position of President, VP Membership and VP International Relations and many board members and RDs were acclaimed.

This electronic CFUW Annual General Meeting was transmitted from Ottawa, Ontario the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg People. We want to extend our gratitude to the Algonquin Anishnaabeg People who have been steward of this land for time immemorial. CFUW also acknowledges the traditional territories of First Nations, Metis and Inuit across Canada where CFUW clubs are located.



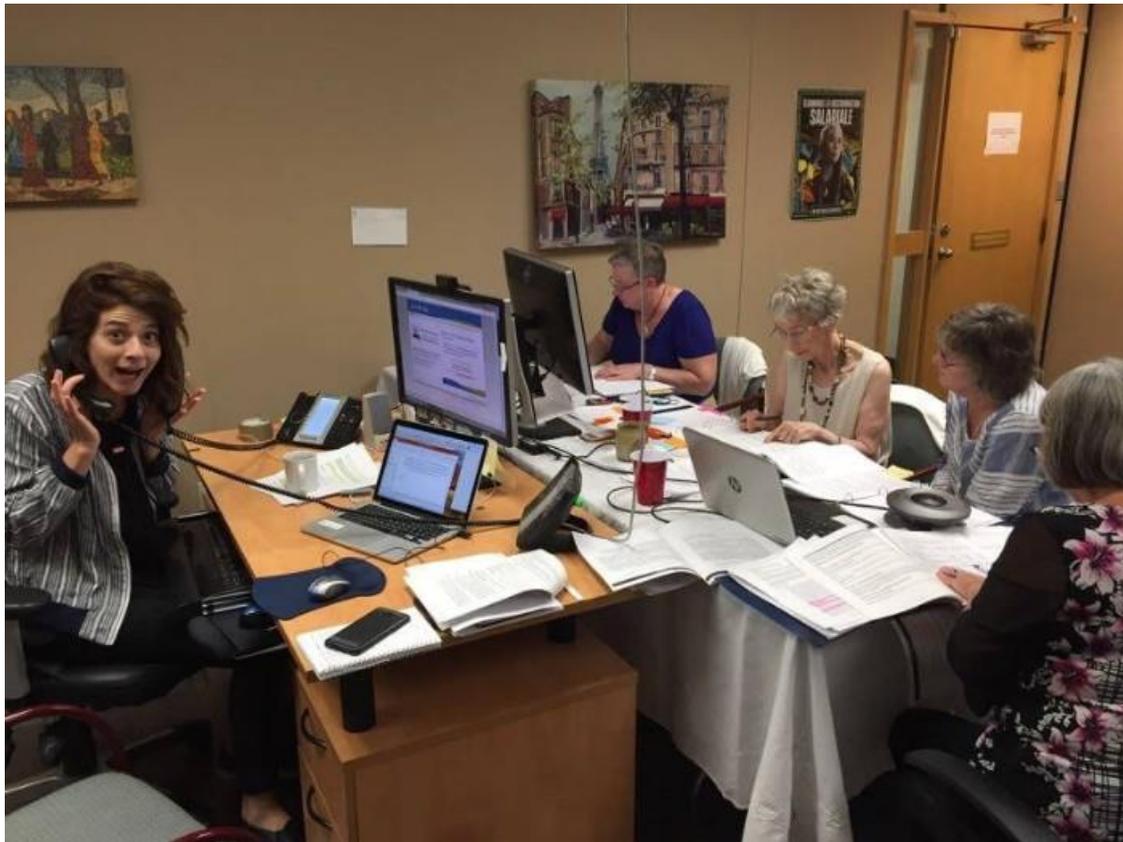
The members of the platform in action.

Elizabeth Haynes, Parliamentarian; Grace Hollett, President and Chair; Kathryn Wilkinson, Co-chair and VP Education

Attendance and Participation

In total, 410 individuals tuned in the webcast platform. Of the 366 votes available on the floor, an average of 306 votes were cast per AGM motion.

Participants were able to discuss motions by phoning in. Points of order, motions and points of information were also submitted via the chat function and addressed verbally.



A busy week for our Member Engagement Coordinator, Jenna Smith, who was dedicated to responding to inquiries and overseeing the technical aspects of this AGM.

Report of the Nominations Committee

During the AGM, Kathryn Wilkinson, VP Education, opened the floor for nominations of board members. There were no nominations from the floor.

Voting delegates had 40 minutes at the lunch break to cast their votes for the candidates in three positions: President, VP Membership and VP International Relations.

The results are the following:

President

Cheryl Hayles	99
Grace Hollett	234
The elected candidate is : Grace Hollett	

Vice President Membership

Madeline Kalbach	132
Lynn Kent	199
The elected candidate is : Lynn Kent	

Vice President International Relations

Carol Motuz	227
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The elected candidate is : Carol Motuz	

Many thanks to all the candidates for their dedication and involvement in this process!

Report of the Finance Committee

Eoin Ruane, an auditor from the Frouin Group, presented the 2017-2018 Audited Financial Statements, and Helen Sami, Vice President Finance presented CFUW's proposed budget for the upcoming year. Motions to approve these documents were passed by delegates.

It is to be noted, the operating budget passed with an amendment to increase the exchange rate for Swiss francs from 1.40 to 1.45, therefore increasing the Operating budget deficit from \$53,568 to \$59,568.

The motion to renew the Frouin Group as CFUW's auditors was approved.

The Winnipeg motion to create two types of membership's dues, one for members of CFUW and one for members of CFUW and GWI was lost by a small margin (61.45% Yes; 38.55% No). The motion to increase the membership dues failed as well (65.77% Yes, 34.23%). Both motions required 2/3 of the votes in order to pass.

See the [Finance Booklet](#) for more information.

Changes to the Articles and Bylaws

Myra Willis, Chair of the Articles and Bylaws Committee presented five proposals for amendment to bylaws. [Please see Business Booklet p. 11-15.](#)

Proposal 1: The motion on a provision to call special board meetings was carried.

Proposal 2: An amendment to proposal 2 asking to vote the items separately was submitted.

Points a, c, d and e of proposal 2 were adopted and point b failed.

Motion – “that the bylaw amendments for Proposal Two points a-e be adopted.”

See the amended points in bold in the text.

a. *Eligible Voters* means designated representatives of Clubs in good standing, members of the Board of Directors, Regional Directors and Past National Presidents **in good standing**. All may vote at CFUW annual and special general meetings **on motions brought to the voting body as allowed in the CFUW bylaws**.

c. 104. In addition to Club delegates, all Regional Directors, Past National Presidents and current board members shall have one vote each. Each of these non-Club delegate voters shall be allowed only one vote regardless of the number of Eligible Voter positions she holds at the time of the annual general meeting **vote**. These non-Club delegates may not vote by proxy.

d. 107. Individual Club members **in good standing with her club** may attend CFUW annual and special meetings whether or not they are eligible to vote and may participate in the discussion at the meeting.

e. 51. A Regional Director must **be an individual member in good standing of a CFUW club and must** reside in the Region. She shall be nominated and elected by the Clubs in that Region.

Proposal 3: The motion to pay dues at the revised rate at the beginning of the CFUW fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the change is approved was carried.

Proposal 4: The motion that eliminates bylaw 39, a bylaw that does not provide the membership with the intended power was carried.

Proposal 5: The motion to adopt the amendments 5a, 5b, 5c that clarify the definitions of *term of office* and *Past President* and establish what constitutes serving a full term when considering term limits and voter eligibility was carried.

Adopted Resolutions

Teresa Habs, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, gave her report; delegates debated and voted on the three proposed resolutions. All three resolutions were adopted.

Resolution 1:

Fair and Non-Discriminatory Management of Refugees and Asylum Seekers

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urgently urges the Federal Government of Canada to provide and expand the resources, training, counselling, and infrastructure to the appropriate municipal, provincial, territorial, and federal entities to ensure an efficient and effective refugee claims system;

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urges the Federal Government of Canada to protect the world's most vulnerable by continuing to increase the number of vetted refugees and asylum seekers accepted, settled, and integrated into the country now and onward, after the measures outlined in resolved clause #1 have been initiated; and

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urges the Federal Government of Canada to suspend the Canada/US Safe Third Country Agreement.

Resolution 2:

Ending Youth Homelessness

RESOLVED, That CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women) urges the Government of Canada to work in cooperation with Provincial, Territorial, Municipal and Indigenous governments to develop and implement strategies and support programs, both long and short term, to address and take action on the root causes of youth homelessness.

RESOLVED, That CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women) urges the Government of Canada to provide sufficient funding to combat youth homelessness specifically targeting those aging out of government care, Indigenous youth, youth with mental health and addiction issues, youth with physical health issues, and LGBTQ+ youth.

Resolution 3:

Equitable access to provincial curricula and social justice education for all children

RESOLVED, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urges provincial and territorial ministries to work together through the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada to ensure equitable access to provincial and territorial curricula and social justice education for all children; in particular, to examine the disparities across provincial and territorial homeschooling programs with the intent to review and implement best practices regarding regulations, policies, and oversight.

New National Board and RDs

Along with the elections, many members of the CFUW board and RDs were nominated and acclaimed. Here is the complete list of the new executive:

Grace Hollett, **President**

Joy Hurst, **VP Prairies**

Debra Christiansen Stowe, **VP Québec**

Lynn Kent, **VP Membership**

Kathryn Wilkinson, **VP Education**

Barbara Dumoulin, **VP British Columbia**

Sandy Thompson, **VP Ontario**

Cheryl Ambrose, **VP Advocacy**

Carol Motuz, **VP International Relations**

VACANT, **VP Atlantic**

VACANT, **VP Finance**

Sheila Service, **RD BC Vancouver Island**

Alison Hutchison, **RD BC Interior**

Mary Rowan, **RD Saskatchewan**

VACANT, **RD Ontario North**

Mary Jane Waszynski, **RD Ontario South**
Mary Partington, **RD Ontario East**
Jane Cowell-Poitras, **RD Quebec English**
Anne Lise Dupuis, **RD Quebec French**
VACANT, **RD New Brunswick**
VACANT, **RD Prince Edward Island**
Beryl Matthewson, **RD BC West**
Pati Johnsen, **RD Alberta**
Patricia Mary Elliott, **RD Manitoba**
Susan Vecchiarelli, **RD Ontario West**
Moira Hudgin, **RD Ontario Central**
Lori Ker, **RD Ontario Huron**
VACANT, **RD Nova Scotia**
VACANT, **RD Newfoundland & Labrador**

Congratulations to all the Board members and RDs who submitted their names for nomination!

A Special Thank You

A special thank you to the proposers of motions and resolutions and the voting delegates for their involvement and dedication prior to this event, but also to the AGM team and presenters that worked hard to make this event possible.

You can access all the AGM documents [here](#). [Charitable Trust report](#). [Annual Report](#).



Erratum Annual Report

Please note that an error has been made in page 14 of the CFUW Annual Report.

It is the University Women's Club of Montreal that collaborated with the YWCA in the Free the Girls project, where over 1300 Bras were collected, helping fund the fight against human trafficking. As announced in the CFUW awards newsletter, this project received the International Relations Committee Award.



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