



Hello CFUW Members,

Yesterday many CFUW members and I were unpleasantly astounded by the unexpected news of the resignations from the CFUW Board of Karen Dunnett, CFUW President, and Brenda Robertson, CFUW VP Advocacy, two women who have contributed greatly to CFUW at the national, regional, and local, regional, national and international levels.

When Karen Dunnett asked me at last year's AGM to take on the role of acting president (formerly called president designate), and this was ratified by the Board, we both assumed that in *“performing all the functions of the President in her absence or her inability to act”*. one duty would involve filling in for her on occasion to chair a section of a Board meeting, but Karen has resigned, the work of CFUW must proceed, and I will continue as acting president until one of us from among the CFUW membership becomes the new president. The position of acting president is referenced in item 8 of Schedule 2 of the Articles and Bylaws.

Provisions for replacing a person who has resigned from the Board are addressed in CFUW Bylaws. Bylaw 37 states that the Board makes the replacement appointments and Bylaw 39 that ratification of such appointments is done at the following AGM in situations where the resignations occurs during the first year of the biennium. Relevant clauses are being checked in Government's Not for Profit Legislation to ensure that we adhere to those provisions.

A Board conference call was immediately scheduled for January 3rd to address issues relevant to implementing the provisions of Bylaws 37 and 39.

Subsequent to the resignations at CFUW we received, and forwarded to the membership, GWI's announcement of the cancellation of the dues increase. This decision, the payment of the 2016-17 dues, and implications for the CFUW Special General Meeting that was scheduled for January 30th will be discussed at the January 3rd Board meeting after which information will be sent to the membership.

Although the CFUW office is closed for the holidays, we appreciate that Executive Director, Robin Jackson, and Advocacy Coordinator, Maddie Webb,

worked yesterday with the Board in addressing the current situation and ensuring that the membership was informed. Our strength is in our Clubs and the Board is, and will be, responsive to our Club members as we continue to work through this current situation. On behalf of the CFUW Board may I wish you a happy holiday season and assure you that the Board will work on your behalf to fulfill the aims of this almost 100-year-old organization!

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