

The report should include (see page 31 Handbook).

Present your report at District Annual meeting in May.

Immediately send a copy to Area Convener after District Annual.

Area Convener —

Since you should receive the District reports immediately after District Annuals you should start to compile your Area report.

The report should include (see page 41 Handbook).

Present your report at Area Convention but do not wait until then to forward it on to the Provincial convener. It should reach her no later than October 1.

Programme Suggestions —

Further study on food prices, the cause of high prices, how to cope with them, and how to buy more wisely.

Our National Convener has asked me to report any meetings you might have on this topic. Kindly write directly to me if you have any suggestions or results.

The Metric System; Land Use — make your views known locally. What do the WI members think can be done to improve the world food situation, as the rich countries become richer and the poor countries become poorer? Discuss the effect of strikes on our environment.

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Austin S. Zoeller, Convener

The Voice of the Women's Institute Through Resolutions

Thirty-two resolutions were sustained at the 1974 Area Conventions. Two emergency resolutions were also sustained, one each at London and Central Area Conventions. Both were lost at the Annual Board meeting.

Feedback from Officers' Conference

Conveners learned the value of research and proper wording; the importance of knowing the present legislation when proposing resolutions to government. Many Conveners stressed the effectiveness of working with the Branch Conveners as a District Committee.

Accomplishments at Branch level

Local communities benefitted through Branch requests to Councils for stop signs, no parking signs; better road maintenance; tree removal; recycling projects; paper drives; Many briefs were presented requesting local changes.

Suggestions for Study

Snowmobile laws and safety; should housewives be eligible for Canada Pension; concern for the Canadian Indian; child care; property law.

Papers and Discussions

Citizenship law; use and misuse of fluoride in drinking water; court cases discriminating against women. A panel discussion resolving "to go out on the

limb because that's where the leaves, flowers and fruits are."

Exhibits literature, and visual aids are important to any meeting and all are encouraged to have "something extra" at your meeting. Meetings were held which created enjoyment while learning, debates on such subjects as "mini-skirts", "that rural women have the advantage over urban women", "that the super-market is preferable to your friendly grocery store."

Roll Calls — Dig up the facts, there's room for doubt; something that bothers me at public meetings.

Mottoes — Are you going places or just being taken. One of the reports stated that Branches are just now becoming interested in this convenership; another said reports are greatly improved over last year; and finally "We are resolving to THINK more about this Convenership."

ASSISTANCE FOR RESOLUTIONS

All About Resolutions

Why a Resolution:

- To express the opinions of the FWIO
- To request a change
- To benefit the majority

Types of Resolutions:

- Provincial
- Local
- Emergency

When Can A Resolution Be Formulated?

- If Provincial or Local — At a Branch Meeting
- If An Emergency — At a District Annual by a branch
- At an Area Convention by a Branch or District
- By a Branch through a Board Director

Where Does A Resolution Go If Sustained At Branch Level?

- If Provincial — To the District — Area — Provincial
- If Local — send directly to proper authority
- If Emergency — to Provincial President

Duties of Conveners:

- Branch — Handbook — 12-69-71
- District — Handbook — 27-31-67-69-71
- Area — Handbook — 36-37-40-41-59-67-69-72

Memo — Area Conveners — Mail written reports to Provincial Convener by October 1 and sustained resolutions (properly signed and dated) immediately after your Area Conventions.

DISPOSITION OF RESOLUTIONS

At the Semi-Annual meeting in 1974 ten resolutions were sustained. In addition, one resolution supported the CAC safety school bus standards; a resolution requesting a change in life memberships was turned over to the Constitution Committee; two re-