
constitution reviewed

New election information...

Here are two changes to the FWIO Constitution which Women's Institute members should consider at District Annual time.

ELECTION OF PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT-ELECT

(to be elected Nov. 87)

Each convention area may make nominations for provincial president-elect at their area convention, with the consent of the nominee.

A nominee shall: be an active WI member and have held an executive position at district/area level OR have served in any official capacity at the provincial level of FWIO.

The president-elect shall:

- a) preside in the absence of, or at the request of, the president;
- b) take over the president's duties if an emergency prevents her from continuing in office;
- c) be the Junior Board Director to Federated Women's Institutes of Canada;
- d) be a member of all standing committees, with voting power;
- e) perform such duties as may be required.

Nominations for provincial president-elect, which have been made at area conventions, shall be sent by the area secretaries to the FWIO office immediately following the convention, accompanied by a brief outline of the nominee's participation in Women's Institute and other information.

The nominees will have the opportunity to address the FWIO Annual Board meeting prior to the election.

The area shall be responsible for the expenses incurred by their nominee to travel to the FWIO Annual Board meeting.

Election shall be by ballot except where there is only one nominee for the office. The nominee must receive a majority of ballots cast in order to be declared elected.

ELECTION OF PROVINCIAL BOARD DIRECTORS

(method to be used in 87)

Each district, in turn, shall be responsible for securing nominations for provincial board director, to be presented at the area convention.

A nominee shall:

- a) be an active WI member at branch, district or area;
- b) have held an executive position at branch and district, or area level;
- c) be elected annually at the area convention for not more than two consecutive years.

At the area convention, all delegates from a subdivision shall elect, by ballot, the director and alternate director to the provincial board from those nominated by that district in the sequence that the district is to be represented on the provincial board.

FWIC President addresses board

"WI has been a strong factor in my development," said Beatrice Reeves, FWIC President, as she addressed the annual board meeting of FWIO. "Encourage members to know what is happening at all levels. Believe in

what you're selling. The more information you have the more you want — the more knowledge, the greater your vision. As your vision grows, you become more beneficial to your community." Above all, she stressed, "Keep running your little car, but honk the horn louder."

FWIC fees will increase to \$1.30 in 1986-87; to \$1.40 in 1987-88; and to \$1.50 in 1988-89.

The next FWIC convention will be held in St. John's, Newfoundland in June 1988 and the theme will be Shaping Our Tomorrows Today.

Joyce Nelles is the new chairman of the Hoodless Homestead Committee and Norma Gauthier is the new curator.

Please encourage boys and girls to submit entries to the FWIC Past Presidents' Essay Competition.



Beatrice Reeves

WI members volunteering

Volunteer WI members provided great service on behalf of the organization in the past year.

Twenty-four volunteers from neighboring branches assisted as hostesses in the WI Hall at the Ontario Agricultural Museum during the special activity days of the season. Each volunteer received an information kit about the hall and museum in general and also went on a tour.

The volunteers received copies of the museum's monthly newsletter which made them feel part of the picture. They were also invited to the official opening of the exhibit Rural Women — Labour and Leisure, held in the Gambrel Barn.

About 40 volunteers from various districts staffed the FWIO booth at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair for 10 days in November. Visitors from across Ontario, from all parts of Canada and also from many parts of the world stopped to say, "I am a WI member from..."

Perhaps more important were the visitors who stopped to ask, "What is the Women's Institute?" Many of these were young, urban women who expressed interest in wanting to belong to an organization where there are no restrictions for membership and where they can learn crafts, enjoy fellowship and express views on the social issues which concern them.