Friday, June 6
The First Plenary Session began Friday evening at 7:12 p.m. in the Victoria Room with President Denise Mattok chairing and VP of Session being Carol Schweitzer. The President greeted everyone and asked for a moment of silence.

Announcements
It was announced that we would be using Robert’s Rules of Order to start and then voting on using Bourinot’s Rules of Order later in the meeting. Bring and Buy items are to be placed on the back table and the auction will take place on Saturday evening. The Agenda should be corrected to read “Third Plenary Session” on Saturday evening. There were no Emerging Issues Resolutions. Names for “In Memoriam” should be given to Rosemary Mallory. There were no guests. Appointments for the AGM: Parliamentarian – Karen Dempsey; Time Keeper – Rosemary Mallory; Scrutineers – Beverlee McIntosh, Sheila Pepper, Petra Friedrichson; Minutes Recorder – Mary Potter.

The Credentials Count was: Individual and Student Members – 3, Life Members – 7, Directors, Conveners and Study Groups – 12, LCW – 9, PCW – 5, NOS – 1 for a total count of 203.

The Standing Rules for the AGM were read by the President.

Motion #1 That the Standing Rules for the AGM be adopted.
Moved by: Elizabeth Hutchinson Seconded by: Kelly-Anne Stevenson Carried

Motion #2 To adopt the Agenda as written.
Moved by: Kelly-Anne Stevenson Seconded by: Druse Bryan Carried

Motion #3 To adopt the Minutes of the 2013 AGM.
Moved by: Mary Potter Seconded by: Rosemary Mallory Carried

President, Vice-President and Convener Reports
Denise Mattok, President gave highlights of her report which was included in the docket.

Motion #4 That we use Robert’s Rules for now.
Moved by: Chitra Chopra Seconded by: Karen Dempsey Carried

Carol Schweitzer, VP Administration, had nothing new to add to her report in the docket.

Karen Dempsey, VP Economics had nothing new to add.

Gracia Janes, VP Environment, mentioned that several environmental groups had challenged the decision to add two new nuclear reactors to Darlington Nuclear Station and the former decision was overruled because it did not consider the cost of the nuclear waste and the dangers of nuclear power. Many states are against the burial of nuclear waste beside Lake Huron.

Kelly-Anne Stevenson, VP Justice, had nothing new to add.
Rosemary Mallory, VP Public Relations, had nothing new to add.

Florence Erwin, Environment Convener, had nothing new to add.

Sandra Cohen-Rose, Health Convener, advised that Indigo Books will not be selling candy at its check-out counters any more.

Virginia Schweitzer, Constitution Convener, had nothing new to add.

Mary Potter, Minutes Convener and Resolutions Convener, had nothing new to add.

Muriel Smith, Federally Sentenced Women Convener, had nothing new to add.

Local and Provincial Council Reports

Montreal Council – Sandra Cohen-Rose mentioned that their Council had a successful 120th Anniversary including a tour of historical homes. The tea for the federates was very popular.

New Westminster Council – Florence Erwin had nothing new to add.

Ottawa Council – Petra Friedrichson had nothing new to add.

St. Catharines & District Council – Susan Pruyn said that they opened their annual dinner meeting to the public this year and it was very popular. Jim Stanford is coming to speak to the Council this fall. They have their planning meeting in June.

Winnipeg Council – Kelly-Ann Stevenson reported that they celebrated their 120th anniversary and the work of the Council was presented in the legislature in a private member’s statement. Former senator, Sharon Carstairs, spoke at their AGM and they have quadrupled their membership. They will soon be launching a new pamphlet and website.

Manitoba Council – Their new president, Alberta Johnson, announced that they had more members. They are revamping their website and have on-line interaction. They held a round table with their federates at which the federates were able to meet other Council members and bring Council up-to-date on their accomplishments for the past year.

Ontario Council – Mary Potter had nothing new to add.

Quebec Council – Elizabeth Hutchinson had nothing new to add.

Saskatchewan Council – Ruth Robinson had nothing new to add.

Nationally Organized Society Reports

Women’s Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada – Druse Bryan announced that at a Presbyterian Women’s gathering that the speaker was Kim Phuc, who was the napalm-burned girl in the iconic picture from the Vietnamese war. She gained asylum in Canada and is now living in Mississauga. She was a very good speaker.

Treasurer’s Report
Stephanie Courneyea, Treasurer, went through the financial statements and notes to the financial statements. It was pointed out by Gracia Janes that the Education Fund was an independent organization and should not be included in the NCWC financial notes.
Motion #5  That the meeting recommend that the Board ask the financial reviewer to remove the Section 4 of Notes to Audited Financial Statements (p. 10 of the docket) titled “Controlled Organization”.
Moved by: Karen Dempsey  Seconded by: Gracia Janes  Carried

Motion #6  That the Treasurer’s Report and budget be tabled until Saturday evening to allow all members the opportunity to review the details of the Financial Statements and Budget for 2014-15.
Moved by: Sheila Pepper  Seconded by: Beverlee Mcintosh  Carried

Constitution Report
Virginia Schweitzer, Constitution Convener, spoke to the changes to the Standing Rules saying that most of them were housekeeping changes. Since the changes had not been sent out ahead of time it was requested that they be read aloud.

Changes to Standing Rules 2014

PREAMBLE

Add as a second paragraph

Communion from NCWC with its Members shall be done by electronic means. Arrangements can be made on an individual basis to send communications by other methods.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP  Section 1: Members and Method of Federating

In J. Individual Members and K. Youth/Student Members
Delete “Treasurer” and insert VP Administration

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES  Section 1: C (ii) a.

Remove “prepare a Plan of Action which has been reviewed by the Liaison VP by August 15 for sending “ and insert try to prepare a Plan of Action with the help of her Liaison VP concerning the actions that she would like to pursue with respect to her convenership. She should communicate these ideas

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES  Section 1: C (viii)

Remove “did not submit a Plan of Action” and insert has not actively communicated with LCWs, PCWs and Study Groups during her term of office.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES  Section 4 B.

Add new (iv) and renumber subsequent items
(iv) Federally Sentenced Women

The NCWC representative on “Federally Sentenced Women” shall:

a. be aware of NCWC policy on federally sentenced women;

b. alert NCWC of opportunities to advocate on behalf of federally sentenced women;
c. maintain linkages with other advocates for the wellbeing of federally sentenced women;

d. keep abreast of emerging issues relating to federally sentenced women;

e. prepare update resolutions on federally sentenced women when required;

f. report annually to NCWC AGM on federally sentenced women.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

Section I: A

Add Throughout this Article, as well as all other Articles, the term “Annual Conference and AGM” will be used except in those instances in which the specific activity(ies) of the AGM are referred.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS Section 2: A (ii)

The words “Robert’s Rules of Order” should have been changed to “Bourinot’s Rules of Order” in the CDs that were distributed at the 2013 Conference and AGM. Delete “Bourinot’s” and insert Roberts.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS Section 2: B (i) h.

Add for donations of $100 or more

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS Section 3: A (iii)

Delete “Meeting sessions shall be held in the facilities of the National Office or in a location nearby.” And insert The Board Meeting held in November or October will be held in a convenient location in Ottawa.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS Section 3: A (v)

Delete “weeks” and insert days

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS Section 3: A (vi)

Delete “weeks” and insert days

Add All reports are to be emailed in a timely manner to the Minutes Recorder for inclusion in the Minutes.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS Section 3: A (viii)

Add new e. Copies of sections that concern Finances shall be sent to the Chair of the Board Audit Committee for distribution to that Committee. And renumber e., f., g. to be f., g., h.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS Section 3: A (ix) b.

Add after “$15.00” with receipts for each meal being submitted.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS Section 3: A (ix) c.

Before the words “up to $75/person/night” add at one-half the room rate
**ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS** Section 4 A (iv), B (ii) and C (ii)

After the words “budgeted allotment” add, if there is a budgetted allotment.

**ARTICLE IX - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS** Section 1: (ii)

Delete “eleven (11)” and insert nine (9)

**ARTICLE IX - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS** Section 3: (vi)

Delete “November 15” and insert September 15 or as soon as possible thereafter

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(Re September 15) Before the word “President” insert **Or as soon as possible thereafter, the**

(Re September 15) Before the word “Convener” insert **Or as soon as possible thereafter, the**

(Re December 1) Delete “Reminder” insert **the VP Administration emails reminder**

Delete “By February 5” and insert **By January 31**

(Re 2nd February 20) before the word “Voting” add members of the and delete “National Office” and insert **Treasurer or Bookkeeper**

(Re April 1) delete “be received by the National Office” and insert **have arrived at the NCWC mailing address**

(Re On April 2...) delete “On April 2 or next working day: National Office, for the Nominations Convener, shall forward the sealed ballot envelopes to the Returning Officer” and insert **By April 4: The individual designated to collect and forward mail will forward the sealed ballot envelopes to the Returning Officer.**

(Re On or about April 9) delete “On or about April 9” and insert **By April 11**

After the words “Convener and to the NCWC” delete “Office” and insert **mailing address**

After the words “deposit in the NCWC” delete “Office” and insert **Storage Unit**

(Re Post AGM) delete “This ballot is to be returned to the Returning Officer via the National Office” and insert **The individual designated to collect and forward mail will forward the sealed ballot envelopes to the Returning Officer.**

After the words “kept in the National’ delete “Office” and insert **Storage Unit**

**ARTICLE X - FINANCE** Section 1: (i)

Delete “Audited” and insert **Financially Reviewed**

**ARTICLE X - FINANCE** Section 2: (i)

Delete “2007-2008” and insert **2013-2014**

**ARTICLE X - FINANCE** Section 3: E (i)

Delete “two” and “$200” and insert **three** and **$300**
ARTICLE X - FINANCE Section 3: E (ii)
Delete “two” and “$200” and insert three and $300

ARTICLE XI - PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS Section 1 B.

(i) Delete “two” and insert between two to four

ARTICLE XI - PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS Section 1 B. (iv)
Delete existing wording and insert The Newsletter shall be distributed by electronical means to the Voting Body, Friends of NCWC, ICW office. Arrangements can be made to send it by other means.

Motion #7 That changes to the Standing Rules be sent to the membership one week ahead of the AGM.
Moved by: Mary Potter Seconded by: Sheila Pepper Defeated
Abstention: Susan Pruyn

Motion #8 To ratify the Standing Rules.
Moved by: Rosemary Mallory Seconded by: Ruth Robinson Carried
Abstention: Susan Pruyn

There was a discussion as to the privileges of non-paying Observers at a meeting and it was decided that they were there to observe only, i.e. no discussion, no voting, no meals and no docket.

The Session adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 7

Beginning at 8:00 a.m., the NCWC President met with Presidents of Local and Provincial Councils of Women to answer questions and have an exchange of information. NCWC needs a copy of Local and Provincial Council By-Laws.

The Second Plenary began at 9:10 a.m. with Karen Dempsey as VP of the Session. The session opened with a moment of silence.


Motion #9 That the financial statements be brought up at 9:20 am on Saturday instead of in the evening.
Moved by: Carol Schweitzer Seconded by: Druse Bryan Carried

The Treasurer went through the financial statements again. Gracia Janes again pointed out that NCWC does not control the NCWC Education Fund. NCWC has sufficient finances at this point to last for about 6 years. It is up to the Local and Provincial Councils to raise money for the organization.

Motion #10 To approve the financial statements with the removal of Note 4.
Moved by: Stephanie Courneyea Seconded by: Carol Schweitzer Carried

Pages of the financial statement with Note 4 were collected and will be replaced with the corrected version.
Motion #11  That the Financial Reviewer for 2015 be appointed by the Board at the fall meeting.
Moved by: Stephanie Courneyea  Seconded by: Karen Dempsey  Carried

Motion #12  That the budget for 2014-2015 be approved.
Moved by: Stephanie Courneyea  Carried

Motion #13  That the Board be allowed to transfer up to $17,000 from the reserve account to the operating account as necessary to meet its obligations.
Moved by: Stephanie Courneyea  Carried

Resolutions Discussion
Resolutions Convener, Mary Potter, introduced the discussion on Plain Language resolutions which the Resolutions Committee had been asked to bring a recommendation on from last year’s AGM. The Committee recommended that resolutions be written in plain language with the policy statement first, action statements next, followed by the rationale and then the background information. During the discussion it was stated that the different sections in the new format sample resolution need to stand out more with bold font, bullets, etc.

Motion #14  That the discussion on the proposed move to plain language be extended by 10 minutes.
Moved by: Druse Bryan  Seconded by: Sandra Cohen-Rose  Carried

Motion #15  that NCWC have a two year trial period, i.e. that resolutions submitted in the old format will also be drafted in the new format by the Resolutions Committee and distributed in this dual format, and at the NCWC AGM 2016, the adoption of the new format will be voted on.
Moved by: Kelly-Ann Stevenson  Seconded by Alberta Johnson  Carried

Resolutions
Mary Potter chaired the resolutions discussion. She explained that the Resolutions Committee chose the amendments submitted which they thought improved the resolutions but other amendments which were submitted could be brought forward. Motions were made for the Resolutions Committee by Mary Potter.

1. Access to Mifepristone (RU486): For Use in Medical Abortions

Motion #16  that in Resolved #3, “it” be replaced with Mifepristone (RU486)
Moved by: Petra Friedrichson  Seconded by: Carol Schweitzer  Carried

Motion #17  that Resolution #1 be accepted as amended.
Moved by: Mary Potter  Carried
Abstention: Zora Jackson

1. ACCESS TO MIFEPRISTONE (RU486): FOR USE IN MEDICAL ABORTIONS

Whereas #1  in 2009, the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada released a policy statement in support of “the approval and availability of Mifepristone and other anti-progestins…for appropriate research and clinical use in Canada”; and

Whereas #2  the medical abortion pill Methotrexate, which is available in Canada, can be used only within the first seven weeks of pregnancy, while Mifepristone can be used
up to the ninth week of pregnancy, and has demonstrated greater efficacy compared to methotrexate; and

Whereas #3 Mifepristone was introduced in France in 1988, in Britain in 1991, in the US in 2000 and is available in 57 countries and has not been made available for use in Canada; therefore be it

Resolved #1 that the National Council of Women of Canada adopt as policy availability of, and access to, the use of Mifepristone (RU486) by women requiring a medical abortion of early-term pregnancy; and be it further

Resolved #2 that the National Council of Women of Canada encourage Health Canada to approve Mifepristone (RU486) if an application for a New Drug Submission is received; and be it further

Resolved #3 upon federal approval of Mifepristone, that the National Council of Women of Canada urge Provincial Councils of Women to advocate that their governments include Mifepristone (RU486) in the formulary for provincial health care.

2. Employment Insurance Reform Regarding Tips

Motion #18 that Resolution #2 be accepted.
Moved by: Mary Potter  Carried

2. EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REFORM REGARDING TIPS

Whereas #1 Canadian workers in the hospitality industry receive lower Employment Insurance (EI) benefits than most employees because of an inconsistency between the federal Income Tax Act and Regulations and the EI Regulations; and

Whereas #2 the Government of Canada includes only controlled tips, that is, controlled by the employer, as insurable earnings in the calculation of EI premiums but not direct tips from the client; and

Whereas #3 the Government of Quebec requires that all tips be declared to the employer as income for the purposes of calculating EI premiums; and

Whereas #4 this inconsistency particularly affects employees in the hospitality industry who already work for less than minimum wage, and who are primarily women and more likely to need adequate and fair maternity benefits; therefore be it

Resolved #1 that the National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) adopt as policy the reform of the Employment Insurance (EI) Act and regulations to eliminate the discrimination against workers who receive a portion of their income as direct tips; and be it further

Resolved #2 that the NCWC urge the Government of Canada to modify the EI Act and regulations to include all declared tips as insurable earnings for the purposes of calculating EI premiums.

3. Impact on Local Populations of Global Rush to Acquire Farmland

Friendly amendment: In Resolved #2 and #3, before “rural communities” insert and/or
Motion #19  that Resolution #3 be accepted as amended.  
Moved by: Mary Potter  Carried

3. IMPACT ON LOCAL POPULATIONS OF GLOBAL RUSH TO AQUIRE FARMLAND

Whereas #1  since 2008 there has been an unprecedented rush to buy up farmland in Africa, South America and Asia with countries wanting to feed their populations and produce bio-fuels; and

Whereas #2  few of these land investments benefit local people with small local farmers, who produce most of the developing countries’ food, being relocated and the land either being left idle or growing crops for export; and

Whereas #3  Oxfam claims that since 2008, 21 formal complaints have been brought by communities affected by World Bank investments in which they claim that their land rights have been violated; and

Whereas #4  sales of land in developing countries have been led by farm conglomerates but are backed by western hedge and pension funds, and speculators; therefore be it

Resolved #1  that the National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) adopt as policy that any land takeover by a foreign investor not be detrimental to the indigenous farmer, rural communities or the local food supply; and be it further

Resolved #2  that NCWC urge the Government of Canada to:
   a. urge the World Bank to design policies for its investments in large scale land acquisitions to ensure a more equitable benefit to local farmers and/or rural communities;
   b. promote land investments that are collaborative such as joint venture or outgrower schemes;
   c. insist that Canadian investors conduct impact assessments on their activities to avoid adverse effects on local farmers and/or rural communities; and be it further

Resolved #3  that NCWC urge the International Council of Women to urge its national members to:
   a. urge the World Bank to design its investments in large scale land acquisitions to ensure a more equitable benefit to local farmers and/or rural communities;
   b. promote land investments that are collaborative such as joint venture or outgrower schemes;
   c. insist that their investors conduct impact assessments on their activities to avoid adverse effects on local farmers and/or rural communities;
   d. where applicable urge their governments to enact laws to protect local farmers and/or rural communities from being relocated.

4. Banning the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides to Protect Food

Friendly amendment: In title delete “Banning” and insert Moratorium on; delete “to Protect Food” and insert on Farm Crops  In Resolved #2 delete “ban” and insert place a moratorium on

Editorial correction: In Whereas #3 delete “amphibians”
Motion #20 that Resolution #4 be accepted as amended.
Moved by: Mary Potter  Carried

4. MORATORIUM ON THE USE OF NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDES ON FARM CROPS

Whereas #1 a third of our food supply relies on pollinators, particularly bees; and

Whereas #2 numerous peer-reviewed scientific studies have concluded that neonicotinoid pesticides pose a significant threat to bees and other wildlife and Canada’s Pest Management Regulatory Agency (CPMRA) has documented that extensive losses in 2012 of honey bees and other pollinators can be attributed to their use on farm crops; and

Whereas #3 neonicotinoid pesticides leach into soils, groundwater and waterways, can accumulate on clay soils and can persist for years, killing bees, and other pollinators such as aquatic insects and birds; and

Whereas #4 while farmers believe neonicotinoids bolster crop yields, there are no studies to prove that this is true over the long term and some scientific studies have proven otherwise; therefore be it

Resolved #1 that the National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) adopt as policy that neonicotinoid pesticides not be used on farm crops; and be it further

Resolved #2 that NCWC urge the Government of Canada to place a moratorium on the use of neonicitonoid pesticides for use on farm crops.

5. One-Third Reduction in Sugar Content in Processed Food, Soft Drinks and Juices

Motion #21 That “One-third” be removed from the title.
Moved by: Chitra Chopra  Seconded by: Sheila Pepper  Carried

Motion #22 That Resolution #5 be accepted as amended.
Moved by Mary Potter  Defeated

The resolution is to be sent back to Toronto Council for further study and be brought back next year.

NCWC Education Fund
The NCWC Education fund sponsored the lunch on Saturday followed by a program on Mental Health and Stigma. Chair, Gracia Janes, introduced Dr. Heather Stuart, a social-epidemiologist specializing in psychiatric epidemiology with a specific focus on mental health related stigma and discrimination. She is a professor at Queen’s University and the Bell Canada Chair in Mental Health and Anti-stigma Research. There was also a panel discussion with Dr. Catharine Gillbert, Our Harbour’s co-founder and Board Chair. Our Harbour provides supportive long-term housing on Montreal’s South Shore for people living with mental illness. Also on the panel were two women who shared their experiences in living with mental health challenges.

NCWC Development Organization
NCWC Development Organization had its Annual General Meeting followed by a buffet supper. Carol Schweitzer, acting as chair in place of Bonnie Stamos Destounis, asked Chitra Chopra to introduce the speakers, Beth Kent and Carolyn Matheson, from Our Kenyan Kids, one of the organizations receiving a NCWCDO grant. A slide presentation showed the support provided to children and youth affected by poverty, HIV and AIDS in Kenya by providing education, training,
humanitarian aid and nurturing relationships. The Kandahar Institute of Modern Studies, also a grant recipient, was represented by Maryam Sahar who spoke of the educational support she received at the institute in Kandahar enabling her to continue her studies at Carleton University in Ottawa. The business meeting included the approval of the distribution of funds for four 2013 – 2014 projects.


The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Sunday, June 8
An interfaith service took place at 8:00 am.

The Third Plenary Session began at 9:12 am with Denise Mattok as Chair and Rosemary Mallory as VP of the Session. We observed a moment of silence. Policy development continued with Mary Potter as Chair.

Update: Curriculum of Medical Faculties Pertaining to Elective Early Termination of Pregnancy

Motion 23 That the Update be accepted.
Moved by: Mary Potter Carried

UPDATE: CURRICULUM OF MEDICAL FACULTIES PERTAINING TO ELECTIVE EARLY TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY

Whereas #1 National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) policy, first stated in 1971.7 and reiterated in 1975.18 EM, holds that abortion is a medical and not a legal matter and supports a woman’s right to choice; and

Whereas #2 the most recent data available indicate that there are between 95,000 and 100,000 abortions performed each year in Canada and that nearly one third of Canadian women will have an abortion during their lifetime; and

Whereas #3 currently the approach of Canadian medical schools in preparing students to deal with the elective early termination of pregnancy is inconsistent across Canada, with some schools providing little or no preclinical or clinical training on this subject and little or no preparation for dealing with other aspects such as consultation, referral, and possible later health complications; and

Whereas #4 many young physicians and surgeons entering the profession therefore have limited training or even none in how to deal with elective termination of pregnancy, and their lack of knowledge may have serious negative consequences for some of their patients, especially young female patients; therefore be it

Resolved #1 that NCWC adopt as policy that the pre-clinical curriculum of all Canadian medical schools include courses concerning the elective early termination of pregnancy; and

Resolved #2 that NCWC urge the Government of Canada to work with the College of Physicians and Surgeons to ensure that the pre-clinical curriculum of all
Canadian medical schools includes courses concerning procedures and practices relating to the elective early termination of pregnancy.

**Announcements**
It was announced that it was “Open Doors Ottawa” this weekend; there is no entrance fees for the museums in the city.
Ruth Robinson, Treasurer of the NCWC Education Fund announced that it had raised $785.

**In Memorium**
Rosemary Mallory read the names of three women who had passed away this last year. They were Mavis Moore from Saskatchewan who had been on the NCWC Board, Lillian Gregory from Edmonton and Liliane Stewart from Montreal.

**Unfinished Business**
Discussion took place concerning the use of Robert’s Rules of Order or Bourinot’s Rules of Order. The President closed the discussion by saying that Local and Provincial Councils can use whatever Rules of Order work for them to have orderly meetings. NCWC will be using Robert’s Rules of Order.

**New Business**
There was a question as to whether NCWC was working on the new Prostitution Law. Kelly-Ann Stevenson is doing so. Muriel Smith gave an explanation of the differences between the Dutch, Nordic and German models handling prostitution. NCWC should look into the social and economic underlying causes of why women get into prostitution.

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**Motion #24**
That the membership accept the actions of the Board over the past year.
Moved by: Denise Mattok  Seconded by: Rosemary Mallory  Carried
Abstentions: Sheila Pepper, Beverlee McIntosh

There was a question as to whether it was possible to get a copy of the Board’s actions during the year or summaries of Board meetings. It was pointed out that the President sends out monthly reports, there is a newsletter and there are reports in the docket. Carol Schweitzer thought it was possible to send out motions from the Board meetings. Gracia pointed out that it was a grace and favour motion and we should trust that the Board is acting in good faith.

**Closing Business**
Thanks were expressed by the President to the Ottawa conveners and to Florence Erwin for the great job she did recording with faulty equipment. She also thanked the auctioneers and those who bought items from the auction. She gave a special thank you to the Board members who do a tremendous job behind the scenes.
An invitation to NCWC for the AGM and Conference to be held in 2015 in Montreal was extended by Chitra Chopra, President of Montreal Council of Women and Elizabeth Hutchinson, President of le Conseil provincial des femmes du Quebec. The date will be announced later.

Members were requested to fill out the expense form and evaluation form both of which could be found in the docket.

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