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Chair, Standing Committee Status of Women and Human Rights

Role Statement

The Chair of the Standing Committee, Status of Women and Human Rights reviews advocacy issues related to Women and Human Rights issues in Ontario. In conjunction with other members of the Committee, is responsible for the development and communication of CFUW OC legislation related policies.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Work Plan

In conjunction with the standing chairs of Advocacy, Education and Legislation, participates in the coordination of current advocacy activities, including ensuring compliance with Ontario Council purpose and policies. Reviews related policies and governmental positions on current issues related to the Status of Women and Human Rights.

Representation

Serves as a member of Ontario Council Board.

Reporting

Reports regularly to the Board on relevant advocacy issues. Reports regularly to the Membership on issues relevant to the Membership via newsletters, social media.

Board Conduct

Maintains a high standard for Board conduct and upholds policies and Bylaws regarding Directors' conduct with particular emphasis on relevant advocacy issues.

Mentorship

Supports clubs and club members particularly related to Status of Women & Human Rights advocacy activities with their committee members. In conjunction with the Advocacy Committee, seeks and arranges speakers for Ontario Council Speaker Series. Arranges Status of Women and Human Rights workshops. Works with Ontario Council Regional Directors in promoting and disseminating relevant information.

DUTIES:

May - June

As soon as possible after OC AGM participates in a meeting with the Chairs of the Advocacy, Education and Legislation Committees, and President to determine the theme for the year, topics for Speaker

Series, and prioritizing advocacy action and directions. Discusses communication strategies including update of advocacy tools.

Identifies Status of Women and Human Rights Committee members, Policy advisors and potential partners for identified priorities.

Ongoing

Reviews Provincial Status of Women and human Rights issues through actively following Ontario News and other relevant news sources as well as CFUW National and Provincial resolutions.

Reviews related policy on current issues.

In conjunction with the Chair of Advocacy and President, and with Chairs of Advocacy, Education and Legislation determines action and contributes to relevant consultations, letters and/or backgrounders for meetings, briefs, workshops.

In conjunction with Chairs of Advocacy, Education and Legislation determines appropriate speakers for OC Speaker Series and establishes contact as well as appropriate advertising for the Speaker Series.

Submits to Ontario Council Newsletter information regarding Speakers and a post session synopsis of presentation.

Meets with committee members (in person or virtual) to foster advocacy actions

Spring

Prepares for OC AGM.

Writes report for OC AGM.

Participates in the reviewing and selecting of recipients in the annual Ontario Council Recognition Awards program.

In election year, helps clubs prepare for elections.