

NCWU Membership Committee Report
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Committee Members

The committee is composed of Jennifer Bumgarner (chair), Betty Ann Knudsen, Anne Mackie, and Becky Mock. Elizabeth Jordan has expressed interest in joining the committee, possibly as a co-chair.

Committee Activities

The membership committee primarily works to recruit new organizational and individual members for NCWU and to retain NCWU's current members. The committee is responsible for sending out annual membership renewal notices, approaching new organizations and individuals as potential members, acknowledging contributions made by individuals and organizations, and providing informational materials and information to NCWU members about their membership.

Committee Update

The membership committee met on Feb. 3, 2005, at Betty Ann Knudsen's home. The committee discussed potential new members, made plans for annual membership renewals, and discussed what individual members' benefits should be with regard to posting on the NCWU email lists. Since the committee's meeting, all membership renewals have been sent out and several organizations have been approached as potential members. In addition, Anne Mackie has traveled to Asheville to meet with potential and current members in that area.

Currently, there are 40 organizations that belong to NCWU, not including the two organizations that do not plan to renew their membership in 2005. These are Women's International League for Peace and Freedom – Asheville, which is no longer active, and the Women's Center of Fayetteville, which has suffered major budget cuts and does not have staff available to participate in NCWU. The Greater Federation of Women's Clubs of NC has not yet decided whether to renew its membership. Otherwise, all member organizations have indicated that they plan to renew their membership. Several organizations have requested an extension of deadlines for dues payment and/or payment in-kind. These requests are dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the executive committee.

In addition, El Pueblo has indicated that it plans to join NCWU, although membership forms and dues have not yet been received. Since last year's annual meeting, NCWU has gained 6 new member organizations: the Brunswick County Council for Women, the Greensboro Commission on the Status of Women, Greater NC Coalition of Labor Union Women, the NC branch of the National Council of Negro Women, the NC Gay and Lesbian Attorneys, and Interact.

NCWU has approximately 22 individual members, as well as approximately 4 individual contributors who made contributions below the individual member level (\$35.00). Many of these contributions came in as a result of Women's Advocacy Day.

Upcoming Meeting

The committee does not currently have a meeting date established. The next meeting will be announced by email via the NCWU members email lists. New/interested members are welcome to contact Jennifer Bumgarner, by email at JLBumgarner@bellsouth.net for more information.