

**PROVINCIAL
COUNCIL OF WOMEN
OF ONTARIO**

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LOCAL COUNCILS

**London and Area Council
of Women
Ottawa Council of Women
Niagara District Council
of Women
Toronto & Area Council
of Women**

STUDY GROUP

Oakville and Area

**PROVINCIALY
ORGANIZED SOCIETIES**

**Association of Early
Childhood Educators
– Ontario (AECEO)**

**Business & Professional
Women's Clubs of Ontario
(BPWO)**

**Elementary Teachers
Federation Of Ontario
(ETFO)**

**Federated
Women's Institutes
of Ontario (FWIO)**

**Ontario English Catholic
Teachers' Association
(OECTA)**

**Ontario Dental Hygienists'
Association (ODHA)**

**Ontario Home Economics
Association (OHEA)**

**Polish Canadian Women's
Federation**

**Ukrainian Women's
AssociationCanada(UWAC)
– Eastern Executive**



Reminder Notice: Please register ASAP:

**Provincial Council of Women of Ontario
95th Semi-Annual General Meeting and
PCWO Annual Brief Presentation**



Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Queen's Park, Room 230, Legislative Building

Registration @ 8:30am

MPP visits 9:15am to 10:15 am

Question Period in the morning

**Catered 95th Anniversary Tea Luncheon
(included with registration)**

MPP visits in the afternoon

Register ASAP

Registration Fee: \$65.00

(includes refreshment breaks, Tea Luncheon and Brief)

***Please send cheques payable to PCWO ASAP*
to Margery Sherritt,**

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Accommodation

Howard Johnson Hotel-Yorkville 89 Avenue Road

Make reservations at 416-964-1220

Room Rate: Single : \$ 129.00+tax

Two Double - \$139.99+tax

**2018 -2019
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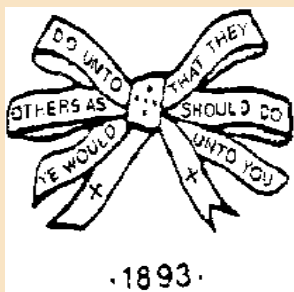
**Status of Women:
Catherine Butler**

Appointments

**Website:
Ann Porter - Bonilla**

**Environment
Policy Advisor:
Gracia Janes**

**Health Policy Advisor:
Beverlee McIntosh**



**Mark Your Calendar:
PCWO 2019 AGM
April 27 -28**

Dear Members,

I hope that you have had some time to relax and find a sweet spot away from the election din during Spring, Summer and Fall here in Canada and south of the border. The election of the new Government under Premier Doug Ford has changed the political landscape with the cancellation of programs and services such as harm reduction clinics, the guaranteed income pilot project and cancellation of the increase in the minimum wage. Additional announcements of cuts in the 'Fall Financial Update' seem to target more advisory and ombuds positions, such as on the environment and children and on women as the earlier announced elimination of the Ministry of the Status on Women Ministry and the Round Table on Violence against Women. The budget proper will have likely more such cuts in store. PCWO will continue to advocate for improvements in the lives of women, their families and communities.

During all the political noise, I have been also occupied with my little twin granddaughters and their older sister. Confronted with the daily details of child care, that get lost in the language of the politics and strategies of the child care debate, it was a time to focus on the basics, a hands on refresher crash course on what, really still determines the life of young women and their participation in the economy. Child care. How difficult it is to find a suitable quality daycare spot or a caregiver, when the mother wants or most likely needs to go back to work. It confirmed to me that our decades old advocacy campaigns for universal, affordable, safe, quality childcare are not quite won yet, particularly where very small children are concerned. These little ones need to be looked after 24/7. No AI, no robot, can replace that human presence. How difficult it must be for parents earning minimum wage, to find and have to pay for some kind of childcare in order to make a living. Will we have crèches as they do in France (or in Quebec) by the time my granddaughters may need child care as young mothers?

It is not as if no progress has been made. Kindergarten for 4 year olds in the school system is generally available. Programs for early learning and childcare are being successfully implemented. But not for everyone. So, when we meet with the MPPs at our Semi-Annual meeting at Queen's Park, on Nov.27th, child care, among several other important issues, is again in our brief to the Ontario government.

I hope that you will be able to come and join us at our Semi-Annual meeting at Queen's Park. If you cannot come for the whole day, do come for lunch and the afternoon. Your perspective and your questions count.

Advocacy:

1. In August PCWO sent a letter to Premier Ford urging him to maintain the guaranteed income pilot project, with copy to the Hon. Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Minister Responsible For Women's Issues.
2. We signed on to a letter of the Sustainable Energy Group to the Auditor General of Canada about the high cost to public funds of the current and planned provisions by AECL for nuclear waste disposal "without due regard for economy, efficiency, and environmental protection", thus "creating serious risks to the health of current and future generations of Canadians and our environment."
3. In October, we signed on to a letter of the Canadian Environmental Law Association to the Minister of the Environment and the Minister of Health, which proposed amendments to the **Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA)**, to strengthen Canada's chemicals management approach on the following issues: vulnerable populations, endocrine disrupting substances, informed substitution/alternative assessment, enforcement,

PCWO Annual General Meeting April 21-22, 2018, Monte Carlo Inn, Oakville, Ontario

AGM is Reports

I want to thank everyone who attended our April AGM, and all who helped make the meeting a successful one: Mary Potter and Marnie Sherritt who handled the logistics. Our VPs, Linda Davis, Naheed Qureshi, Catherine Butler, Maide Yazar and policy advisor, Gracia Janes, Ann Porter Bonilla, and the Provincially Organized Societies (POS) for their reports for the printed 2017/18 PCWO Annual Report. These documents are important for the historical record and for the AGM participants to take home to their Councils or POS' for easy reference on the 2017/18 work of PCWO and on the organizations that make up PCWO. Thank you to Sheila Perry for the minutes of the 2017 Semi-Annual Meeting.

AGM is Resolutions



Maide Yazar, our VP Resolutions, whose work of preparation for the AGM started last fall. This meant sorting through and liaising with the members about the initial proposed

resolutions and then the proposed amendments, and finally shepherding them through the AGM. Maide's cool and kindness during the resolutions adoption process was exemplary. Thank you to Maide and Cailin Whincop, Secretary for keeping track of the heated proceedings.

AGM is Speakers



Our Saturday evening speaker, author Joyce Wayne, took on the changes in the current political climate. For many years, Joyce was the head of the journalism program at Sheridan College. Joyce's second novel, *Last Night of the World*, was published recently. The book is about Soviet spies operating in Ottawa during World War II. Thank you Ann Porter Bonilla for arranging this program.

public engagement,
national air quality
standards.

**2018 PCWO Annual Brief
contains
2018 PCWO Resolutions
adopted at the 2018 AGM**

**Fragrance Free Policy for
Schools and Child Care
Facilities.**

Organic Regulation in Ontario

**The Impact of Precarious
Employment/ Non Standard
Work on Women**

UPDATE RESOLUTIONS:

**Alcohol Promotion and
Protection of Children from
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum
Disorder and Child
Developmental Delays**

**Administrative
Segregation/Solitary
Confinement in Ontario**

**2018 PCW Annual Brief
also contains advocacy on
these “ Ongoing Issues “:**

- **Economic Equity**
- **Cost of Poverty**
- **Basic Income Pilot**
- **Proposed Changes
to Minimum Wage**
- **Gender Wage Gap –
Universal Child Care**
- **Gender-Based –Analysis
in all Ministries**
- **Mandatory Food and
Nutrition Education**
- **Sex-Education**
- **Nuclear Safety**

AGM is Panel Discussions

**Theme: Finding Opportunity in Changing Times: How Established
Advocacy Organizations Can Stay Relevant and Influential During
Periods of Significant Social and Political Changes**



Facilitator: Catherine Butler, PCWO VP Status of Women

Panelists: Sara Bingham and Alberta Johnson; Cailin Whincop, Secretary

At this AGM we were able to give some necessary thought to the place of our organization in today’s rapidly changing times and the resulting challenges and prospects. Thank you to facilitator, Catherine Butler and the excellent choice of panelists. This conversation needs to continue. (More details in the AGM minutes)

**Honorary President of PCWO
Her Honour Elizabeth Dowdeswell
Lieutenant Governor of Ontario**



In May, PCWO was invited to attend the Lieutenant Governor’s Reception honoring the organizations who have Her Honour’s patronage. It was an occasion to meet and exchange information with representatives from organization ranging from public institutions

such as the ROM, and police agencies to environmental organizations from the north of the Province.

Photos: Ann Porter Bonilla and Lieutenant Governor’s website

- Green Power
- Great Lakes Protection
- Hallway Medicine:
Home Care Barriers
- Adequate Supply of
Long-term Care Places
- Safety in Retirement
and Long-Term Care
Homes
- Universal Pharma - and
Dental Care Programs
for Children
- Drug Overdosing Crisis
- Inadequacy of Social
Assistance Rates
- Housing
- Cancellation of Round
Table on Violence
against Women
- Elimination of Ministry
on The Status of Women
- Funding for Women's
Frontline Organizations
caught up in reviews

2018 NCWC Resolutions with Provincial Implication

- Women and Precarious
Employment/ Non
Standard Work

Updates:

- Sewage Treatment/
Waste Water Facilities

- Ending Administrative
Segregation/ Solitary
Confinement in
Canadian Prisons

REMINDER
Deadline to submit
2018/2019 PCWO
Resolutions
November 30th , 2018

National Council of Women of Canada AGM June 8 -10, Niagara-on -the -Lake, Ontario



Laura Donatelli (NDCW) ,Mr. Pepper, Sheila Pepper (Ottawa), Mary Potter (NDCW), Sheila Perry (Ottawa) Mr. Cohen-Rose, Sandra Cohen-Rose (President NCWC), Ann Porter Bonilla (NDCW)

In June, the NCWC's 125th AGM was held in Niagara-on-the Lake, Ontario, a location also in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Niagara District Council of Women. The NDCW is to be congratulated for persevering through 100 years of community service and for organizing a superb AGM that reflected the natural charms and economic agricultural and cultural strengths of the Niagara region with locating the AGM at Niagara College, with wine tastings and lavender fields.

This AGM introduced us to local solutions for problems not expected in quaint Ontario tourist border towns: such as human trafficking and small town and rural homelessness. There were of course also meetings, reports and the lively resolutions discussions. It was great to connect and compare notes with Council women from all across Canada. The NCWC resolutions with provincial implications are also forwarded to the Ontario Government by PCWO.

BPW National Convention

In August, I attended the opening event of the BPW National Convention in Ottawa. It was an impressive evening with local , national and international speakers. I enjoyed meeting members of the BPW from across Canada.

Congratulations to Linda Davis, PCWO VP Economics, who took on the position of national President of BPW at the convention.

Edeltraud Neal, PCWO President