

CFUW BURLINGTON ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The Advocacy Committee ('the Committee') along with the other permanent Committees supports the President in executing the **CFUW Mission Statement** as follows:
 - the pursuit of knowledge
 - the promotion of education
 - the improvement of the status of women and human rights and
 - active participation in public affairs in the spirit of co-operation and friendship

2. The Committee is also responsible for carrying out the purpose of the CFUW Burlington Chapter pertaining specifically to the following clauses in **Article II of the Constitution**:
 1. To assist in developing a sound concept of educational values and in maintaining high standards of public education in Canada; to promote higher education of women; to encourage continuing education through the granting of scholarships.
 2. To foster a sense of responsibility and encourage university women to place their education and professional training at the service of the community.
 3. To create and sustain among members an intelligent interest in public affairs in the political, social and cultural fields; to encourage an active participation in such affairs by qualified women; and to provide an opportunity for effective concerned action.
 4. *(Omitted)*
 5. To participate in the work of the Canadian Federation of University Women and the International Federation of University Women.

3. The function of the Advocacy Committee is to increase awareness of and respond to social issues based on CFUW policy with effective action by:
 - a. Enabling and maintaining ongoing communications with the Board of Education and Trustees, and with City and regional councils;
 - b. Writing letters to local MP and MPP(s) on women's issues related to the resolutions passed at the AGM on healthcare, housing, human rights, peace and security, etc.;
 - c. Sending delegations from the Club to meet with local representatives as follow-up to correspondence;
 - d. Writing letters to the editors of local newspapers on issues of public concern; and
 - e. Sponsoring all candidates meetings prior to elections.

4. It is recommended that the membership on the Committee be comprised of the following:
 - a. President (ex officio)
 - b. Past President
 - c. Vice-President
 - d. Representatives of Ontario Council – CFUW Standing Committees:
 - a. Education
 - b. Legislation
 - c. Status of Women
 - e. Other members by invitation of the Chair
5. The Committee will select a Chairperson and Secretary who will hold the position for one year. These positions may be extended upon the agreement of the Committee members.
6. The Committee is a permanent committee of the CFUW Burlington Chapter and meets each month or at the call of the Chair.
7. The Chair of the Committee or designee is a member of the Executive Committee.