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Rhode Island Commission on Women

Minutes

Full Commission Meeting

Monday, September 20, 2004

**Department of Administration, 2nd Floor, Conference Room B
5:30 PM**

Attendance: Jane Anthony, Helen Christy, Joyce Dolbec, Joanne Hill, Mary Ann Miller, Kathy Nadeau, Sarah Rockett, Neena Savage, Marilyn Coccozza Trillo, Anna Tucker, Cythina Wilson.

Excused Absence: Jo Eva Gaines, Catherine Graziano, Hon Fong Mark, Kathleen Spangler, Camille Vollaro.

Unexcused Absence: Rep. Melvoid Benson, Lela Morgan, Linda Newton, Adelita Orefice, Rep. Robert Watson.

Present Non-Voting: Shanna Wells.

Call to Order

Chair Jane M. Anthony called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Consent Agenda

Helen Christy made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Joyce Dolbec seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Chair's Update

Jane M. Anthony reported that Kerry Hall, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, Woman and Infants Hospital, asked the Commission to provide a letter of support for the Brown University/Woman & Infants Hospital National Center of Excellence application to the American Library Association to host *The Changing Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians* Exhibit. The exhibit showcases the achievements of women in medicine over the past 150 years. Ms. Anthony provided the letter of support in August. Selected grantees will be notified in November 2004.

The date has been changed for the Congressional Candidates Forum, sponsored by the RI Civil Rights Roundtable. The new date is October 19th, from 6-8 PM. However, no location has been set to date. Joyce Dolbec will notify the RICW office when the location is secured, and Director Shanna Wells will broadcast that information to the Commissioners.

The Woman of the Year event is scheduled for October 7th, and Chair Jane Anthony encouraged the Commissioners to attend.

Helen Christy made a motion to accept the Chair's Update. Joyce Dolbec seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Director's Report

Please see attached Director's Report. Additionally, Director Shanna Wells distributed the FY 2005 Revised and FY 2006 Budgets to the Commissioners.

Director Shanna Wells also distributed work completed by student Jennifer Lambe for possible use in the Commission's on-line *Woman's Fact Book*. Chair Jane Anthony asked the Commissioners to review this data for discussion at the next full Commission meeting.

Cynthia Wilson made a motion to accept the Director's Report. Marilyn Coccozza Trillo seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Committee Reports

Woman of the Year (WOY): WOY Committee Co-Chair, Kathy Nadeau, reported that the event planning is going well, and RSVP's are coming into the office. The committee has set the agenda for the evening, and determined which committee members will complete specific tasks prior to and during the event. Chair Jane Anthony acknowledged the fine work of the WOY Committee and anticipates a successful event.

Mary Anne Miller made a motion to accept the WOY Committee Report. Joanne Hill seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Finance: Chair Helen Christy reported that the committee has not met. The annual budget was submitted on time. She further reported that the Imprest Cash Account has not been used in at least two years. It has accumulated \$64.36 in interest, over and above the maximum allowable \$2,000.00. The interest monies will be returned to the general account.

Cynthia Wilson made a motion to accept the Finance Committee Report. Neena Savage seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Education Awards: Sarah Rockett reported on the selection process for the RI Foundation/RICW Freda H. Goldman Educational Award. Over 50 applications were reviewed. Four women were selected to receive awards. The reception will be held in January or February.

Joyce Dolbec made a motion to accept the Education Awards Report. Joanne Hill seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Old Business

Strategic Planning Meeting: Chair Jane Anthony asked for suggestions on holding a strategic planning meeting. Mary Anne Miller suggested utilizing Barbara Inderlin as facilitator as the Commission has done in the past. Jane Anthony suggested holding the meeting on one Saturday rather than over the course of two sessions. In the past, the Commission held their Strategic Planning Meetings in September. Jane suggested moving the meeting to the spring, perhaps March of 2005. Jane asked the commissioners to consider forming a three-person committee to organize the meeting. Discussion will be continued at the next full commission meeting.

New Business

Joanne Hill informed the commissioners about legislation pending in the U.S. House of Representatives. Entitled "Johanna's Law or Gynecologic Cancers Education and Awareness Act of 2003," this legislation would provide funds for education on the symptoms of ovarian and other gynecologic cancers as well as provide money for research grants to develop early detection screenings for diagnosing these cancers. Both Representatives Kennedy and Langevin are co-sponsors on this bill. Joanne would like the commission to support this bill.

Announcements

Helen Christy introduced new volunteer Kate Cannon.

Adjournment

Neena Savage made a motion to adjourn. Cynthia Wilson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Minutes approved by the Commission on November 1, 2004.
Kathy Nadeau, Secretary