



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION ON WOMEN

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**Rhode Island Commission on Women**

**Full Commission Meeting**

**Monday April 4, 2005, 5:30 PM**

**Department of Administration, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room C**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Jane M. Anthony, Joyce Dolbec, Carol Gibbons, Catherine Graziano, Joanne Hill, Mary Anne Miller, Sarah Rockett, Jan Torres, Marilyn Coccozza Trillo, Cynthia Wilson.

**Excused Absent:** Helen Christy, Kathy Nadeau, Linda Newton, Corinne Calise Russo, Neena Savage, Kathleen Spangler, Anna Tucker, Camille Vollaro, Lela Morgan.

**Unexcused Absent:** Jo Eva Gaines, Representative Robert Watson.

**Present, non-voting:** Shanna Wells.

*Call to Order*

Chair Jane M. Anthony called the meeting to order at 5:39 PM.

*Consent Agenda*

Catherine Graziano made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Mary Anne Miller seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

*Chair's Update*

Chair Jane Anthony announced that the third Quarter Expense Report is due the end of April.

The House Finance Committee held RICW's budget hearing, which was uneventful. The Committee asked RICW not to prepare a presentation. The House Budget Analyst made a presentation. Jane Anthony asked Director Shanna Wells to speak to the Committee, as she wants her more active in the process. Shanna Wells informed the House Finance Committee about the success of the 2004 Woman of the Year Event, and how much money was raised for the RICW/Freda H. Goldman Education Award. Jane Anthony reminded the Budget Committee that the Commissioners are all volunteers and a pool of over 400 volunteers assist the Commission in fulfilling its mission. She further offered the legislators the Commission's services as a resource on women's issues and encouraged them to utilize us in that manner.

Jane Anthony sent a list of appointees to the Education Award Advisory Committee to The RI Foundation. Sarah Rockett will chair this committee. Other members are: Rena Ries, Marilyn Coccozza Trillo, Cynthia Wilson and Shanna Wells. Jane Anthony thanked those people for their

willingness to participate in this committee. Sarah Rockett stated she spoke with Education Committee Chair, Lela Morgan and asked her if she would sit on this committee as well. Lela Morgan said yes, and Jane Anthony said she would be happy to appoint Ms. Morgan. Carol Gibbons also stated she would like to be on this Committee. Jane Anthony appointed Carol Gibbons to the Education Award Advisory Committee. Catherine Graziano made a motion to accept the Chair's Update. Marilyn Coccozza Trillo seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

#### *Director's Report*

Please see attached Director's Report and attachments. Jan Torres asked that the previous WOY event date information be removed from the RICW website. She additionally suggested the following be added to the website: Consent Agenda Event Dates, Current Legislation Supported by the Commission, RICW Meeting Calendars. Shanna Wells said she would draft some web pages and obtain Jan Torres' input on the user-friendliness of her designs prior to posting them on the website. Cynthia Wilson made a motion to accept the Director's Report. Joyce Dolbec seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

#### *Committee Reports*

Civil Rights Roundtable (CRR): Joyce Dolbec attended the CRR meeting of March 30<sup>th</sup>. CRR reviewed the bills the RICW is supporting. Of these, CRR chose to support 5 pieces of legislation: H. 5186, S. 0345/H. 5849, S. 0451/H. 5697, S. 0917/H. 5812, S. 0916/H. 5813. CRR chose not to support: S. 0591/H. 5703, S. 0344/H. 5548. Mary Anne Miller made a motion to accept the CRR Report. Marilyn Coccozza Trillo seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Legislative & Legal Rights Committee: See attached Matrix and Bills. Cynthia Wilson stated the committee is recommending support on 5 bills and is asking for further discussion on two others. Of these, the Commission took no position on one bill, and asked for more data on two others.

#### **Motion made by Cindy Wilson, seconded by Joyce Doblec to support S. 0017/H. 5167:**

S. 0017/H. 5167: Would decrease the amount of child support arrearage constituting a felony. Cynthia Wilson made a motion to adopt the Legislative Committee's recommendation to support these bills. Joyce Dolbec seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Jane Anthony, Joanne Hill, and Marilyn Coccozza Trillo voiced concerned that not enough information was available as to the existing process and the impact this change might have on future child support collections. **Voting Aye:** Joyce Dolbec, Carol Gibbons, Mary Anne Miller, Sarah Rockett, Jan Torres, Cindy Wilson. **Voting Nay:** Catherine Graziano. **Abstained:** Jane Anthony, Joanne Hill, Marilyn Coccozza Trillo. **Motion passed.**

#### **Motion made by Cindy Wilson, seconded by Mary Anne Miller to support S. 0474.**

S. 0474: Requires disclosure by local police to the general public of information regarding level 2 and level 3 registered sexual offenders as well as notification on the Rhode Island State Police Website and the Rhode Island Unified Court System Website. Cynthia Wilson made a motion to adopt the Legislative Committee's recommendation to

support these bills. Mary Anne Miller seconded the motion. Discussion followed.  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion by Cynthia Wilson, seconded by Joanne Hill to support S. 0440/H. 5791 & H. 5055:**

S. 0440/H. 5791: Would establish the office of elder justice advocate in the department of the Attorney General. This office would prosecute cases relating to elder abuse, neglect, exploitation, as well as intervene in or request initiation of administrative actions related to elder justice issues by the state or any agency thereof as determined by the Attorney General. H. 5055: Requires nursing home administrators to report abuse of residents to the State Police or police department where abuse has occurred. Cynthia Wilson made a motion to adopt the Legislative Committee's recommendation to support these bills. Joanne Hill seconded the motion. Discussion followed. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Health Committee: Mary Anne Miller reported on the Health Committee meeting of March 28<sup>th</sup>. The *Access to Care* position paper was distributed at the Health Committee meeting and to the Commissioners. Shanna Wells reported that it was now posted to the RICW Website. Also distributed to the Commissioners was an Executive Summary of the presentation given at the Health Committee Meeting on *Rhode Island's Implementation of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000: The First 4 Years*. Jane Anthony inquired as to requirements set by the Federal Government that lien waivers be signed for all women over 55 participating in this program. Mary Anne Miller stated she would follow up on that issue. Joyce Dolbec made a motion to accept the Health Committee report. Catherine Graziano seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Woman of the Year Committee (WOY): Marilyn Coccozza Trillo reported on the WOY Committee meeting held on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Final edits were completed on the Nomination form, and copies were distributed to the Commissioners. Moving the event out of the Rotunda Room had been considered, due to the acoustics in that room. Ms. Trillo stated the Crowne Plaza would charge us a substantial amount for use of a different room, making that change cost prohibitive. Nomination forms and Save the Date cards will be mailed by the end of April. Catherine Graziano made a motion to accept the WOY Committee Report. Sarah Rockett seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

*Old Business*

None.

*New Business*

Potential New Projects: Sarah Rockett would like the Commission to brainstorm about what new projects the Education Committee might take on. Ms. Rockett suggested two possibilities: Women in Math and Sciences and English as a Second Language. Due to time constraints, this discussion was tabled until next month's Commission meeting. Jane Anthony suggested this matter be placed on the agenda as a work session for May meeting. By consensus a work session will be held during the May meeting.

**Announcement**

Catherine Graziano announced the RI State Nurses are celebrating their 100 years of service with a gala event.

Mary Anne Miller distributed information on a Grant Training opportunity that will be held May 9-13<sup>th</sup>.

*Adjournment*

Joyce Dolbec made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Rockett seconded the motion.  
**Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Next Meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2005, 5:30 PM, Department of Administration, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Conference Room C.

Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Kathy Nadeau, Secretary

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**Full Commission Meeting  
May 2, 2005, 5:30 PM  
DOA, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Conference Room C**

**Director's Report**

1. I attended the following outside meetings in April:
  - April 4 – Permanent Legislative Committee on Childcare
  - April 6 – Center for Women and Enterprise
  - April 6 – Office of Women's Health
  - April 20 - Civil Rights Roundtable
2. I completed the conversion of the *RI Woman's Fact Book* to PDF format. The original files were saved as graphics files, so I had to re-create them as Excel files in order to edit them and convert them to PDF. While this was initially time consuming, in the long run it will save us time. When new data becomes available I will be able to enter it into the Excel file, which will automatically convert the charts. Then I'll just have to over write the previous PDF file, rather than having to re-create everything again. Once approved, it will be posted to the website. I've also cleaned up and up-dated the Committee pages, and posted the Woman of the Year nomination form and Save the Date information to the Web. Thanks to Commissioners Kathy Nadeau and Jan Torres for their reviews and comments of all the web materials.
3. Woman of the Year Nomination Forms and Save the Date Cards were mailed April 27<sup>th</sup>.
4. The third Quarter Financial Report was approved by the Finance Committee on April 25<sup>th</sup> and submitted on April 26<sup>th</sup>. See attached copy.
5. See attached April monthly expenses.
6. There were 200 visits to the RICW website in April.



RI Commission on Women  
FY 2005 Budget by Month  
MARCH 2005

BOC	RI-SAIL	Category	FY 2005 Revised	Monthly Expenditure	Remaining Balance
		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>83,638</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>27,698</b>
218	619-300	Med Ins Waiver Payt	0	0	0
230	613-100	Unclass Perm	50,103	3,865	14,085
274	619-900	Payr&Emp B	242	0	242
280	621-000	Emp Ret State	5,767	445	2,201
281	621-700	Soc Sec FICA	3,833	296	1,077
283	628-100	Assessed Fringe	2,054	158	576
294	628-300	Retiree Hlth	817	82	256
295	622-100	Med	4,192	338	894
296	622-110	Blue Cross Settlement	0	0	0
297	622-200	Dental	285	23	69
298	622-300	Vision	76	6	17
		<b>Subtotal PAYROLL</b>	<b>67,368</b>	<b>5,211</b>	<b>19,416</b>
267	631-300	Mgmt/Audit	0	0	0
268	631-990	Temporary Services	0	0	0
		<b>Subtotal NONPAYROLL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>67,368</b>	<b>5,211</b>	<b>19,416</b>
321	639-530	Postage	1,500	13	791
323	634-410	Office Expenses	1,270	0	1,132
324	639-210	Dues & Subs	250	0	0
326	639-610	Insurance	10	0	4
327	636-130	Central Tel	2,000	241	1,044
328	636-440	Records Center	290	0	215
331	639-460	Printing, Binding	1,500	0	428
332	639-410	Ads	0	0	0
341	639-130	In State travel	0	0	0
342	639-160	Out of State Travel	0	0	0
363	633-600	Maint/Repair Office Equip	750	0	638
381	637-140	Rental	0	0	0
382	637-120	Rental of Equipment	0	0	0
432	634-940	Education Supplies	0	0	0
438	636-110	Central Computer	200	0	200
441	631-750	Staff Education	0	0	0
442	634-310	Computer/Printer Supplies	0	0	0
445	634-320	Computer/Printer Software	500	0	348
455	634-960	Misc. Operating	6,000	0	3,256
588	652-990	Grants and Awards	2,000	0	225
658	661-681	Office Equipment & Furniture	0	0	0
660	641-200	Computer Equip	0	0	0
660	661-701	Computer Equip	0	0	0
		<b>Subtotal OPER</b>	<b>16,270</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>8,282</b>