



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION ON WOMEN

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FULL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 5, 2005, 5:30 pm
Department of Administration, Reserved Ground Floor Dining Room
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908

PRESENT: Jane M. Anthony, Joyce Dolbec, Carol Gibbons, Catherine Graziano, Joanne Hill, Jacqueline Laguerre, Mary Anne Miller, Linda Newton, Sarah Rockett, Corrine Calise Russo, Jan Torres, Marilyn Coccozza Trillo, Beverly Turner, Camille Vollaro, Tracy Williams.

EXCUSED ABSENT: Lela Morgan, Neena Savage, Kathleen Spangler Anna Tucker.

UNEXCUSED ABSENT: Tracy Williams, Robert Watson.

Call to Order

Chair Jane M. Anthony called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Consent Agenda

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

Chair's Update

Chair Jane Anthony was unable to secure funding from the Women's Fund for the Commission's Women's Retreat.

During Women's History Month, the Massachusetts Commission on Women will host an event at their statehouse honoring their female "Unsung Heroes". The Chair suggested reviewing this idea in the future for possible inclusion in RICW outreach activities.

The Annual Report is due by the end of December. All Committee Chairs are asked to get their reports into the office as soon as possible.

Mary Anne Miller made a motion to accept the Chair's update. Linda Newton seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Director's Report

See attached Director's Report. Corrine Calise Russo made a motion to accept the Director's report. Joyce Dolbec seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Work Session

After lengthy discussion the commissioners agreed by consensus on the following goals:

1. To increase women's participation in the political process
 - January – push importance of information and education and RI's status of women on political office
 - January – Op Ed piece in local papers regarding the Status of RI women in politics
 - March – Focus on voter registration (information on website)
 - March – Women's Forum
 - August – reinforce election process
2. Increase awareness and credibility of the RICW
 - Hold a Women's Forum
 - Develop a Speaker's Bureau
 - Enhance the Website
3. Promote and advocate for a new Women's Prison Facility
 - Testimony and Op Ed pieces
4. Monitor and advocate for legislation that benefits women

New Business

Marilyn Coccozza Trillo suggested the Commission review our stationary and other branding items for consistency. Issue was referred to the Community Awareness/Outreach Committee.

Adjournment

Catherine Graziano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carol Gibbons seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Next full Commission meeting: **5:30 PM, Monday, January 9, 2006, Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, 2nd floor, Conference Room B.**

Minutes approved on January 9, 2006.

Joyce Dolbec, 1st Vice Chair