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**Rhode Island Commission on Woman  
Outreach Committee Meeting  
Friday, January 13, 2006, Noon- 2:00 PM  
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island  
444 Westminster Street  
Providence, RI 02903**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Joyce Dolbec, Joanne Hill, Linda Newton, Marilyn Coccozza Trillo, Camille Vollaro.

**Absent:** None.

**Present, Non-Voting:** Shanna Wells

*Call to Order*

Chair Linda Newton called the meeting to order at 12:13 PM.

*Discussion of Community Outreach Opportunities and High-Level Timetable*

The Committee discussed writing an Op Ed piece regarding “Women in Politics”. Director Shanna Wells was asked to create a draft, with a goal to present it to the Full Commission on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Committee also discussed creating an Op Ed piece on “Defining Ourselves for Young Women”, a discussion of why young women find the word “feminist” to be pejorative. An idea was suggested to somehow collaborate with the Feminist Network and Women’s Centers on College Campuses.

The Committee also discussed having a meeting with the women legislators after the election, to discuss their agendas.

The Committee discussed creating a report card on how legislators voted on issues upon which the Commission has taken a position. The report card would be released to the public after the completion of the legislative session.

All these ideas will be presented to the Full Commission for discussion and approval.

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*Education Award Reception*

Committee agreed by consensus on the following:

- Date/time of the event: Monday, March 20, 2006, 5:00 PM
- Location: Rhode Island Foundation, One Union Station, Providence
- Media advisories should be sent prior to and immediately following the event
- Invitations identifying the recipients as constituents should be sent to their legislators
- Legislators should be asked to provide citations for the recipients
- Mrs. Carciery should be invited and asked to speak briefly
- Sponsors and Woman of the Year recipients should be invited to the event
- The program for the event should include: Introduction of the new Commission Officers, Introduction of the Recipients, Words by the Recipients, Discuss further fundraising efforts
- Photos of the recipients should be included in the press kits and the annual report
- Freda Goldman should be invited to the event and asked to speak

*Woman of the Year Event*

The Committee decided to be holding Woman of the Year Committee Meetings in February. The Committee would also like to further explore the viability of developing a 501(c)(3) "friends of RICW" to assist with the planning and fundraising for the event.

*Women in Politics Luncheon*

The Committee briefly discussed the possibility of having a Luncheon after the election, and inviting newly elected women, as well as the general public. Further discussion was tabled in the interest of time.

*Stationary*

The Committee decided unanimously to remove the Independent Woman logo from the Commission stationary and to only use the State's blue and gold seal image. Director Shanna Wells was instructed to get price quotes for printing costs.

*Adjournment*

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Minutes approved on February 17, 2006.

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Linda H. Newton, Chair, Outreach Committee