June 9, 1988.

Secrétariat NATIONAL Office

Dear Member,

Let me introduce myself as the Southern Ontario Regional Representative for 1988-89. As you may know I was elected at the NAC Annual General Meeting, May 13-15, 1988. Thank you for your vote of confidence. With your help, I am sure that I will represent your views and concerns effectively at NAC Board meetings.

In order to do that, I would like to be in regular contact with you. At the Annual General Meeting, a number of sisters volunteered to assist me in networking with you, and with their help, I expect to be able to organize a number of regional visits over the next year. As well, I hope to be able to implement a telephone tree to speed up the process of informing you of activities of the NAC Executive board and of soliciting your input on issues as they arise. You should expect to hear further details shortly.

The other side of effective representation is keeping me informed in a more routine way of your group's work in Southern Ontario. Some of the ways that would be helpful could include:

1. Add my name to your contact and mailing lists;

2. Appoint a NAC liaison person to report to me on your activities, to monitor Feminist Act/ion Feministe, consult with other NAC member groups in your area, and to pass on information from my newsletters and calls to your members.

 Inform me and/or the NAC office of changes in your office address, phone numbers, or designated contact

people.

4. Inform me and/or the Feminist Action editor of any materials produced by your group or highly recommended by you, so that we can communicate that information to other member groups.

I can normally be reached as follows: Janet Maher,

504-105 Raglan Avenue,

Toronto M6C 2K7

Phone: 652-1459 (res.) 271-1313 (bus.)

Cheers,

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## UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

#### Policy Resolutions

As you may remember, at the Annual General Meeting, most of the policy resolutions were referred to the Executive Board for review. Since this matter is an agenda item on our first Executive Board Meeting June 23-26, it would helpful if you could let me know by June 20th at noon if you have specific objections or concerns about any of the resolutions in the pink brochure distributed as part of the AGM documentation, so that I can summarize and convey them to the Board.

Do not hesitate to send me a short note if you have any other concerns you feel should be raised at the Executive Board level. Please be advised that the next scheduled Board meeting after June 23 will likely be the weekend of September 17th.

#### Organizational Review

The current issue of Feminist Act/ion Feministe includes a solicitation from Lynn Kaye for applications from interested individuals in member groups to participate in the ongoing work of the Organizational Review Committee, among others. Please note that you should make a short application in writing to reach the NAC office before July 31st, 1988.

#### Campaign Highlights

Many NAC members have been working with existing coalitions on the June 12 rallies against the Free Trade Deal. Regional contacts were listed in the May Action Bulletin.

Although I doubt if any of us mere mortals can predict the date of the next federal election, I am sure we will have a more substantial presence when it does happen, if we have developed an effective strategy. The Executive Board will be refining the framework outlined in the November, 1987 issue of Feminist Act/ion Feministe and at the recent Annual General Meeting. Where possible, I would be willing to meet with local groups in early July to plan for the most effective intervention. Call me with an indication of your summer plans, or expect a regional volunteer to call in the next few weeks to set a regional meeting place and date for any or all of the following: London-Windsor, Hamilton-Halton, Kitchener-Guelph, Ottawa and Kingston.

## Two items you may want to add to your calendar:

Sunday, June 19th, 2-5 p.m. A Fundraising Tea, at 98 Burnside Drive in Toronto [just south of St. Clair Avenue and west of Bathurst Street]. See details on attached flyer.

Tuesday, July 5th, 7-9 p.m. Fundraising Brainstorm, at the Ryerson Centre, Room A75, Jorgenson Hall, 380 Victoria Street, Please call me to indicate your intention to attend, we need to advise the Ryerson security desk.

#### First Toronto Regional Meeting

co-operation of Luanne Karn and the Toronto first of what I hope will be a series of Toronto meetings has been for Monday, July 11th at 7.30 p.m. in the Meeting scheduled at the YWCA Woodlawn Residence, 80 Woodlawn Avenue, Toronto east of Yonge Street and south of St. Clair Avenue]. contact me at 416-652-1459 or 271-1313, or Luanne Karn 8100, so that we can prepare for the appropriate numbers.

Although I hope that the meeting will allow us some social time, I expect to be able to talk a little of the work of the NAC executive, plans for the federal election, and a status report work for a provincial women's action committee.

Given the number and diversity of groups in the Metropolitan area, trying to determine whether it might be appropriate schedule a series of meetings, at one to two month intervals with content, combination of serious and social and I would appreciate your feedback on the idea, possible guests, topics for discussion, and arrangements.

## Financing our Profile in the Federation Election

Whenever the election is called, I think we agree that visible profile needs to be established and maintained to that our issues do become major election issues. Forums such co-sponsored in 1984 by NAC and the Federation of Women Teachers are incredibly expensive to do well. As members resident near the national office, I have been executive table officers in looking for resources to assisting major project.

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