

Status of Women Committee



District 13

March 27, 1981

Mr. David Hughes,
OSSTF Provincial Office,
60 Mobile Drive,
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Dear David:

Enclosed is a draft of the letter to go out inviting applications for the Status of Women Committee. I hope it is suitable for your purposes. When I actually sat down to write it I realized that I was unsure whether this was to go to every member, to Provincial Councillors, to District Presidents, ... so I have tried to word it to cover these possibilities!

Thank you once again for your support and continuing interest in this area, and congratulations once again on your election. If you need any further information, please contact me at Jane Junior High School, 663-1420, or at home, 491-0800. You can reach Lynne Hindle, if you need to speak to her, at Vanier S. S., 493-3160, or at home at 447-9441.

Sincerely,

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Letter to invite applications for membership on
Status of Women Committee

At the March 1981 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly, resolutions were passed establishing a Standing Committee on the Status of Women, and outlining the specific objectives of this committee. A copy of these objectives is attached.

An important goal of the Committee is to provide a voice at the provincial level which will clearly articulate the specific professional needs of women members, for the purpose of eventually achieving genuine equality, both of opportunity and of participation, in all areas of secondary education. The Committee will therefore require strong individuals who are committed to this goal, and who understand the importance of working within the Federation to this end.

Federation members who are interested in working in this area, and especially those who already have expertise and experience related to the professional concerns of women secondary school teachers, are invited to apply for membership on the Status of Women Committee.

The members of this Committee will be appointed by Provincial Council, as outlined in By-law 15, Section 2(a), as soon as possible so that the Committee may begin its work immediately.

The deadline for applications is

Revised terms of reference for BYL 44-81

- a) to monitor regularly the professional status of the women members of OSSTF and to advise the Provincial Executive on the need for appropriate action with respect to any developing trends
- b) to provide a forum for the discussion of issues relevant to the professional careers of women in OSSTF
- c) to recommend to the Provincial Executive research and educational programs designed to promote equality of opportunity with specific reference to women members
- d) to maintain liaison with Provincial Standing Committees and Councils concerning the status of women in OSSTF and in the teaching profession, and to provide assistance to the standing committees and councils in meeting the needs of women teachers
- e) to provide Districts and Divisions with assistance in establishing goals and directions for local Status of Women committees