

## Nomination for CFUW President 2010-2012

### Brenda Wallace



The coming CFUW biennium is going to an exciting time as we implement changes to our Board structure. It will be a challenge as change is not easy, but it will also be a time of growth. Our purpose and goals will remain constant. Issues will arise, but we will have a more efficient way to respond to them and to use our influence in a positive way.

CFUW has become a leading organization recognised as providing stability and well-researched policies. We need to maintain and expand our recognition and involvement with like-minded groups.

I have served on church and condominium boards for 12 years, and served as chair and co-chair of events and conferences both provincially and nationally. I have always been a team player and I value the contributions of others.

I taught six-year-olds for 35 years, supervised interns for 25 years, and lead seminars, and workshops for 15 years. I found this combination to provide balance in working with parents, children, colleagues and administration. While I taught in many schools, including the Department of Defense School in Heidelberg, I have been a liaison for colleagues as primary curriculum representative, mentor and team leader. My passion has always been early childhood education, especially at-risk children, special needs children and ESL students. In my role, I was often the advocate and liaison for the child and the family to ensure support and programs for the child.

My CFUW Regina membership has included executive positions: archivist, membership and newsletter chairs, vice-president and president. I was liaison for hosting the AGM 2004 in Regina that raised almost \$20,000. I have been liaison for hosting fund-raising events including the fashion shows and a gala. I helped initiate CFUW Regina's International Women's Day programs and a Women and the Law forum with the Regina Council of Women.

My key concerns remain the rights of women and children, including safety and education. My talents include being an organizer, a problem solver, a listener and an advocate for action. I enjoy challenge, so implementing the proposed changes will provide one. One of my strengths is successfully adapting programs as needed. This will be an asset in the next biennium.

I enjoyed my time as Regional Director for Saskatchewan and as Vice President of the Prairies. I look forward to working on phase two of the Communications Committee.

The next biennium will be a time to come together and harness the passion and energy of both young and experienced women as we speak for women everywhere. I should be a time of joyous collaboration as we work together to accomplish great things.

I would be proud to work toward this end on behalf of CFUW.