

# RESOLUTIONS for debate at Conference 2010

- ◆ Please take this section with you when you attend the National conference and AGM in July. Resolutions will not be repeated/included in Summer News unless there are amendments or emergency resolutions.
- ◆ It is important that the proposer and seconder rehearse the presentation of their resolution in advance of the National Conference/AGM as the five minute combined time is strictly adhered to.

## Domestic Resolutions

### DI: Annual Capitation Fees

*Proposed by Finance Committee  
Secinded by Executive*

BFWG resolves that as from 1 September 2010, the annual Capitation Fees remain the same ie for Ordinary members £48; for Associate members £40.50; for Junior members £29.00 and for Ordinary members in their first year of membership £29. The first year rate will not apply to any previous member rejoining. Five year advance capitation fee for Ordinary members £235.00, the above figures to be amended accordingly.

*Supporting statement*

As stated in previous years, it is important that we balance the budget by means other than raising capitation fees since this leads to loss of members and is self-defeating. Capitation fees are therefore remaining at the same level as they were set four years ago, although they no longer include a VAT element as BFWG has de-registered for VAT.

## General Resolutions

### GI: Funding of University Research

*Proposed by North Eastern Association  
Secinded by.....*

The BFWG calls upon the government, in view of the current financial situation, to ensure that the universities have sufficient resources to maintain at least present levels of funding for fundamental research and to develop additional financial incentives to encourage individuals or other bodies to support university research.

*Supporting statement*

This resolution arises out of concern that reductions in current levels of university funding are proposed which would undermine the capacity to carry out essential research to international standards. As the UK relies on the knowledge economy for its future prosperity and wellbeing, the development of research is increasingly vital. We understand that public financial support is under pressure: nevertheless we believe it is a priority to maintain at least the current levels of public funding and would urge the government to consider what additional methods of funding have been successful in other parts of the world. In particular they should look at how EU countries and the USA provide financial incentives to encourage individuals or other bodies to fund university research.

*Proposed action*

We ask our members to urge their MPs to ensure that the government takes action on this matter.

## Amendment to Articles of Association

*Proposed by Constitution/Procedural Advisers  
Secinded by.....*

1. Article 8.1.2

Add after ...per additional 75 members or part thereof, "including Independent members who have chosen that Region."

Or 2. Article 8.1.2

Add after ...per additional 75 members or part thereof, "and one Independent Member Representative, with additional votes on the same basis."

*Supporting Statement*

Independent Members are represented at the Annual General Meeting, on the basis of one twenty-fifth of a vote per member eg 4 votes per 76-100 members. They are sent a questionnaire prior to the AGM, requesting their choice of candidates for office and voting preferences on resolutions, to instruct their representatives.

Currently they have a voice at Executive meetings through Regional Representatives. Allocation to Regions is by postal address, which might not be the most convenient for attending meetings. Therefore Independent Members are to be asked, in the annual request for their subscription, to which Region they wish to be attached. The number of votes to be allocated to each Regional Representative could then be accurate.

Alternatively, they may prefer to have a separate Independent Member Representative, holding votes on the same basis as Regional Representatives. In addition this year only, we wish to know which of these two options they would prefer so that only one of the two amendments is put at the AGM.

## Amendment to FfWG Articles of Association

FfWG will be putting forward an amendment to its Articles of Association number 5 and 7, to change the numbers of Governors to 'not less than six or more than ten'. The exact wording and rationale will be included in the next issue of News.

The current Article 5 reads:

'The number of Governors shall be not less than eight or more than fourteen and shall include the President of the British Federation of Women Graduates and the two Vice Presidents during their respective periods of office as such Officers. No person shall be eligible to be a Governor who has not been previously approved in this behalf by the said Federation by writing under the hand of the chairman for the time being of its Executive.'

## Sybil Campbell Library Trust

Arrangements are being made to separate the Library Trust from the Scholarships Trust and to update the Library's original 1955 Declaration of Trust. The Library will then be known as the BFWG Sybil Campbell Collection.

Trusteeship of the Library Charity and legal ownership of the investments and the Collection will be transferred from BFWG to the care of Library Trustees. This will be carried out with a combination of a Deed of Amendment, a Deed of Retirement and Appointment of Trustees followed by (a) vesting of entitlement to the share portfolio in the new trustees and (b) assignment of rights in the agreement relating to the Collection to the new trustees.

Whilst this closely reflects the current arrangements it will shift responsibility for compliance with the legal duties to the new trustees. In recognition of BFWG's contribution to the Library's history and to ensure that BFWG continues to have a role in safeguarding the Collection, it will be renamed the BFWG Sybil Campbell Collection, BFWG will have the power to appoint and dismiss trustees and the Collection will revert to BFWG if the new trustees cease to operate or maintain the Collection. This will ensure continuing custodianship of the Collection.

A resolution to this effect will be published in the next issue of News.

# VACANT POSITIONS AND THOSE REQUIRING CONFIRMATION

Nominations are needed for the following positions.

If you are considering applying for any of these positions and would like further information, please contact Marianne Haslegrave or any other member of the Management Team. Also see supplement in Winter News for further information.

| <b>ELECTIONS</b>           | (As the deadline for nominations has passed, these will all be appointments for the first year, to be voted on for a further two years in 2011) |
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| Regional Representatives   | Northern Region and Eastern Region  |
| CER                        | Nominations are requested for CER   |
| Alternates CIR and CER     | Nominations are requested for CIR and CER Alternates  |
| Chairman Finance Committee | Barbara Jackson has completed her first additional year as Chairman of the Finance Committee and is willing to stand for a further year         |
| Editor BFWG News           | Nominations are requested for the Editor BFWG News and Editorial Committee  |
| Academic Awards Committee  | tba   |

| <b>APPOINTMENTS</b> |   |
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| BFWG Archivist      | Nominations are requested for BFWG Archivist. |

| <b>VACANCIES FOR FFWG (BFWG CHARITABLE FOUNDATION) CHARITY NO: 312903</b> |  |
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| Governors   | Brian Massey will have completed two terms of office and will not be able to stand for re-election. A second vacancy will occur if the Board is required to have a governor in addition to the one who replaces Brian Massey. Preference will be given to persons who have financial expertise, preferably in investments. |

## Nominee for President Elect: Jenny Morley BSc (Independent)

(Nominated by Canterbury LA, Seconded by Nottingham LA)



- Member of LAs from 1972-2000, founding Secretary of Solihull and District, President of both Nottingham and Derby LAs.
- Honours Graduate, London University (Westfield College) with BSc in Physics, full career as an educator.
- Headed a thriving team at a City Academy appointing staff and making decisions concerning buildings use.
- Married with 2 sons, 2 step-daughters, and 6 grandchildren
- As Vice President and member of the Management Team, contributes to the decision making process and minutes MT, Executive and AGMs.
- Organised and administered the 2008 & 2009 Westminster Seminars.
- In an earlier three year term as Vice President, responsible for Membership and Recruitment, initiating Crosby Hall Open Days and Networks.
- Regional Rep for Mercia and East Midlands Regions.
- Alternate CIR (twice).
- Regular attendee at UWE and IFUW Meetings since 1986, often Voting Delegate.
- Co-ordinated the 2007 BFWG Centenary Party at the IFUW Meeting in Manchester, where she also gave a workshop on Membership Structure.

Her flexibility and adaptability developed in professional and Federation service are useful assets for BFWG in these times. A trained communicator, she enjoys chairing, has an optimistic nature and a sense of humour. She says 'I have experience, enthusiasm and energy to give to the members of BFWG, and intend to contribute imaginatively in the continuing process of redesigning and marketing our organisation for the 21st Century.'

## Pre-conference seminar Friday 9 July 11 am to 4 pm Powell Building, Christ Church University, Canterbury

### Righting the Wrongs for Women and Girls

11 am - 12.30 pm Session 1

How do the Human Rights Act and the European Convention on Human Rights protect the rights of women and girls?

12.30 - 1.30 pm Lunch

1.30 - 3.30 pm Session 2

Using the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women to protect the rights of women and girls.

3.30 - 4.00 pm Session 3

Summing up and conclusions

This seminar provides an opportunity for BFWG members, friends and others to explore how these important human rights instruments can be used to promote and protect the rights of women, which are integral components to help women 'Make it in a Man's World.'

For further information see the BFWG website:

[www.bfwg.org.uk](http://www.bfwg.org.uk) or contact Marianne Haslegrave at BFWG Office or by email: [mh@commat.org](mailto:mh@commat.org)

Cost: £39.00 including lunch and refreshments.

Please put the date in your diary.