

Ottawa Regional Women's Committee
January 1, 2016-March 31, 2016

The ORWC held their elections in January with the following results:

Chair: Linda Koenders

Alternate Chair: Behiye Cinkilic

Secretary: Khatoon Abbasi

A special welcome to Khatoon who is a brand new member of the committee!

Our February meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

For International Women's Day we participated in the annual event held at the Library and Archives on Wellington. This event is put on by a coalition of women's groups and is a great night of networking, information-sharing and celebrating. The ORWC shared a booth with our PIPSc Sisters. They shared their frustration and disappointment at not having their own Women's Committee. This only reinforced for me how fortunate we are to have the support of the PSAC and how we need to recruit more members so we can continue to be a voice for women in the NCR.

In March we held a joint meeting with our CRFF Sisters at the Gatineau Regional Office. Johanne Labine came to facilitate a workshop on Resolution Writing, in preparation for our upcoming Regional Women's Conference, to be held June 11-12 at the Shaw Centre.

Our focus for the next few months will be on planning and finalizing the conference; we will have two general themes: Violence Against Women and Women in Leadership. It promises to be a great weekend of learning and sharing; watch for registration details which will be posted to the NCR Website soon!

In solidarity,

Linda Koenders

Chair, ORWC