

May 9, 1984

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings and welcome from AWA Board Members and a particular welcome to any new members with us this evening. It is my pleasure to report to you on what has been a very active year. This time last year, the AWA was new and the notion of a Women's Centre was still just that - a notion. Countless hours of committee work by the Board, staff, and some of our members has resulted in the growth of the AWA and the attainment of some of our goals. As you will learn through the Committee Reports, our membership has grown and the AWA, through the Women's Resource Centre, has become visible in our community.

One of the most important things we want to accomplish this evening is to inform you of all of the activities of both the Association and the Resource Centre. The AWA Board is committed to keeping the membership fully informed of our activities and we always welcome your input as members. I will ask the following committee's to report:

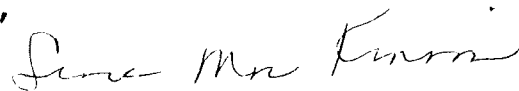
- Resource Committee
- Social Action Committee
- Funding Committee - Sec. of State - Resource Centre
- Newsletter Committee
- Membership Committee

In conclusion, I would like to thank the staff, Betty and Oona, for their efforts towards running the Resource Centre. They both committed many extra voluntary hours to ensure that the job is done well and our commitments are met. Also,

I would like to especially thank the outgoing members of the Board - Mary Burns, Ellen Campbell, Nancy Cullen, Peggy Hinch for their contributions over the past year. I think it is very important for us to keep in mind it has only been one year. As you will hear from the Committee Reports, the AWA has accomplished a great deal. Within 7 months of our initial meeting we opened the doors of the Resource Centre. What is truly encouraging is that although the Centre has been open a mere 5 months, it is visible in the community and women are coming by because they heard we might be able to help them. That is a true mark of success.

Now, I would like to say "Best Wishes" to the 1984-85 Board as they undertake what will certainly be another very active year.

Thank you,



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