

Important information for our club AGM vote from President Charlotte Rigby:

Dear Fellow CFUW-Ottawa members

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I'd like to clarify some important information about the 3 motions that we will be voting on at our CFUW-Ottawa AGM on May 9. Our votes will determine our club's position and instruct our voting delegate how to vote on these motions at the national CFUW AGM on June 24.

REMEMBER: CFUW–Ottawa is in good financial health and we are NOT proposing to raise our club dues this year.

The 3 Motions are:

1. To designate Regional Directors as a Standing Committee of the CFUW Board.  
I've been told that this change does not have any financial implications.

2. To amend Article 4: *To strike out Article 4 - Membership in the International Federation of University Women (IFUW) CFUW shall be a member of IFUW.*  
Approval of this motion would lead to CFUW's withdrawal from GWI.

3. *To increase CFUW fees to cover GWI Dues, Foreign Exchanges and CFUW inflationary Costs.* This motion refers to the dues that CFUW National collects from each club, and it will be introduced after the motion to withdraw from GWI has been decided. The amount of the proposed increase will depend on the result of the second vote; that is, whether or not CFUW will continue to be a member of GWI.

Remember that these are motions to amend the CFUW Constitution and require a majority of not less than 2/3 of the votes cast.

Currently at CFUW-Ottawa we each pay \$115 membership dues, of which \$70 goes to our National office. The \$70 includes: \$33.88 that supports Operations and Programs at the national office (rent, membership services, advocacy, website administration, fellowships, translation, and more), \$18.41 that goes to GWI, \$5.39 for Governance (Board of Directors, Standing Committees, Regional Directors), \$12.11 for AGM expenses and \$0.21 for Capital Expenses (figures from the AGM 2016 Finance book p.3.) If an increase in CFUW national dues is approved at the AGM, it would be due to CFUW national in May 2019.

We look forward to seeing you at our club's AGM on May 9<sup>th</sup>. If you can't join us, participate in our club vote by arranging for a proxy to vote on your behalf.

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