

CFUW's 2017 AGM and Conference, Richmond BC

June 23 was "Learning and Development" Day. Topics included:

Propaganda, False Prophets and Poverty;

Education for Indigenous Youth;

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder;

Terra Nova Nature School;

Developing Leadership Skills;

Pacific Autism Family Network;

CFUW Code of Conduct and Ethics: Respectful Treatment;

Sexual Assault Policies in Post-secondary Institutions;

CFUW in the World Today;

CFUW Advocacy;

CFUW in the Community: Marketing Ourselves for Growth;

The Relevance of CFUW to 21st Century Women;

So, You Would Like to Start a Study Group?

June 24 was the AGM Business Meeting. The voting results:

A. The 3 motions from the Articles and Bylaws committee (approval for these requires over 67%):

a) To designate the Regional Directors as a Standing Committee of the Board: (348 votes cast) For – 292; (83.9%) Against:

56. **Adopted**

b) To withdraw from GWI. This was the most contentious item. Fact handouts prepared by both sides of the debate were available at the AGM. Debate on the floor was extensive. (341 votes cast) For - 194 (56.9%); Against - 147 **Defeated.**

c) To raise CFUW dues: Not presented for the vote. (The meeting was adjourned at 5 pm and the agenda was not completed.)

B. Resolutions: (Approval requires over 50%)

1) Safe, clean, accessible drinking water and sanitation on First Nations Reserves in Canada. For - 342; Against - 3. **Approved.**

2) Universal Pharmacare: For – 338; against: 3. **Approved**

3) Emergency Resolution: Fair and Non-discriminatory Management of Canada's Refugees. Not presented (AGM

adjourned at 5 pm before this got to the floor.)

CFUW-Ottawa received a Certificate of Recognition for our efforts in recruiting new members in 2016-2017 (more than 10% of our membership)