

SOUTH AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN GRADUATES



NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

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NEWSLETTER : MARCH 2013

Dear Members

We are well and truly into 2013 so I hope the year has started out well for you.

From the side of the National Executive it has been busy in that each member has her own commitments as well as those of the Association.

I did not attend the IFUW Board meeting at the end of February as I was not required to as Convenor of the IFUW Membership Committee nor as a representative of an NFA which submitted a bid for the 2016 conference. We are still awaiting an announcement from the Board on our bid.

We have had an exciting message from someone who is joining us as an Independent member from Limpopo – she is also keen to set up a group and eventually form a branch in that area. We will give her and her colleagues all the help we can to make this branch a reality.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND AGM

The main focus now for the National Executive is the planning for our Conference and AGM over the weekend 24 – 26 May in Cape Town, which will also mark our 90th anniversary as an association in South Africa.

Our theme will certainly include celebrating the achievements women have made over this period, but we will take a hard look at what are the main challenges still facing us, notably violence against women and children. **There has been a call for a more united and concerted front to express societal opposition to this ongoing violence,** and the mindset which views patriarchy as more than acceptable.

The National Executive plans to ensure that the May conference is used as a platform to achieve this.

Should any member wish to make a presentation, please contact me as soon as possible.

90th PUBLICATION

This is currently in hand. We invite anyone interested in assisting with writing and/or proofreading to be in touch.

BRANCH SCHOOL MENTORSHIP PROGRAMMES

Please remember that Johannesburg and Cape Town have a mentorship programme for school girls. Assistance is always welcome!

We are keen to develop a **careers resource booklet.** To this end I attach a careers template and ask that each member, where applicable, provides information on her career. The learners will use this information as reading exercises, comprehension development as well as to gain knowledge of a variety of careers.

MARKETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

Please put up the attached pamphlets at tertiary

institutions, public libraries
and other suitable
noticeboards.

ANNUAL JOURNAL and
MAGNET CALENDAR
You will be receiving
these shortly.

With best wishes
Hazel Bowen and
the National Executive