

PAY & SOCIAL EQUITY COMMITTEE REPORT,

MAY, 2017

The Pay and Social Equity Committee met every month, continuing to make contacts with MLA's, and the meeting with the MLA's at PE helped to reconnect with some, connect with some we had played phone tag with, and connect with some we had failed to reach.

Janet and I were sent to Toronto March 30 to attend the Gender Equity Conference, and bring a report back. We also visited the office of Mary Cornish and her associates, the lawyers who did the original legislation, and have been implementing it since. They looked over our framework for the legislation, and gave their responses to it. We have sent that framework to several MLA's who showed the most interest in putting it forward. Several still advised it should be sent to Christina Gray, Minister of Labour. No, we never thought of that! But we really do believe that we will get it introduced in the fall.

Our challenge to the chapters rallied more signatures, and we are over 6000. We will be announcing the winners.

Hitomi was asked to do a presentation on Pay Equity at the COPA Conference, and the committee members will assist with breakout sessions that result from it. I did apply to attend it, and was accepted, before we found that the committee would be needed anyway.

We will continue our work, but as always, things slow for the summer.