

CFUW Announces Election of 2026-2028 Board of Directors

(August 7, 2026) CFUW is proud to announce the election of our new national Board of Directors for 2026-2028.

Members of our federation from across the country gathered in Montreal on July 22nd and 24th, 2026 to elect eleven distinguished women to our national Board. Congratulations to each of these women for joining this exciting next chapter in CFUW's storied history:

- **Linda Sestock**, President
- **Niki Carlan**, Vice President, Advocacy
- **Audrey Hobbs-Johnson**, Vice President, Education
- **Susan Lane**, Vice President, Finance
- **Grace Hollett**, Vice President, International Relations
- **Anne Cordon**, Vice President, Membership
- **Sheila Service**, Vice President, British Columbia
- **Barbara Gustafson**, Vice President, Prairies
- **Sandra Shaw**, Vice President, Ontario
- **Debbie Stowe**, Vice President, Quebec
- **Janet O'Brien**, Vice President, Atlantic Region

The newly-elected Board members bring diverse skills and backgrounds to our national organization, with representation from each of our national regions: British Columbia, the Prairies, Ontario, Quebec, and the Atlantic Region. Each Board member is a passionate advocate for women's rights and social justice, with valuable experience in working collaboratively to maximize the collective impact of our federation.

"It is a privilege to return for another term as your President, and I look forward to working alongside such an extraordinary group of women on our board once again. This biennium, we will welcome our new VP of Regional Directors to the team; this addition will formalize our existing relationship with the Regional Directors and we will continue to strengthen our



national initiatives with our clubs across the country.

Every member of this board brings something unique, and I am energized by the wealth of experience and passion we have gathered.

I look forward to building on our progress and seeing what we can achieve together as we 'Move Forward Together' for our organization." Linda Sestock, CFUW National President.

The new Board of Directors will no doubt continue to build on the strong foundation laid by their predecessors. We express heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing Board of Directors that served our federation and its members with unwavering dedication from 2024-2026:

- **Linda Sestock**, President
- **Heather Oxman**, Vice President, Advocacy
- **Audrey Hobbs-Johnson**, Vice President, Education
- **Susan Lane**, Vice President, Finance
- **Grace Hollett**, Vice President, International Relations
- **Anne Cordon**, Vice President, Membership
- **Sheila Service**, Vice President, British Columbia
- **Barbara Gustafson**, Vice President, Prairies, Deputy President
- **Sandra Shaw**, Vice President, Ontario
- **Karen Dunnett**, Vice President, Atlantic Region
- **Marlene Starkman**, RD Chair

Thank you to both the outgoing and the incoming members of our national Board of Directors for your leadership, wisdom, and commitment to CFUW's mission and vision.

ABOUT CFUW

Founded in 1919, [CFUW](https://cfuw.org) is a self-funded, non-partisan organization of over 6,700 women and 88 Clubs across Canada that works to improve the status of women by promoting human rights, public education, social justice, and peace in Canada and abroad. CFUW Clubs grant over \$1 million a year in scholarships and awards, and work actively in their communities to advance our mission of achieving equality and social justice through continuous learning and empowerment.