

Minutes of Faculty Women's Interest Group (FWIG) of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning  
November 7, 1998  
Doubletree Hotel  
Pasadena, California

Barbara Becker called the meeting to order at approximately 12:35 p.m. during the FWIG luncheon.

**Introductions**

Introductions were completed. Members who received tenure or were promoted were asked to stand and be recognized. The following members were recognized for the awards and achievements over the last year: Marcia Marker Feld received the Paul Davidoff Award from the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Planning Association. Deborah Howe has been named co-editor of the Journal of the American Planning Association (APA). Judy Hutchingson has received the California APA Academic Award. Ann Markesun will take a new position at the University of Minnesota. Susan Bradbury has moved to Florida Atlantic University. Membership forms and mentoring forms were distributed at the tables.

**Minutes of 1997**

The minutes of the 1997 meeting were approved.

**Listserv**

Ruth Steiner reported on activities related to membership. Members were reminded that they need to sign up each year. She passed around membership lists, from an Excel spreadsheet and asked members to update their information and/or initial by their name to indicate their intentions to renew their FWIG membership. She reported that most of the members of FWIG currently have an e-mail address even though about half do not currently subscribe to the Listserv. She recommended that FWIG use the Listserv as the official means of communication rather than following a previous policy of sending minutes via U.S. to FWIG members who are not currently on the Listserv.

Susan Bradbury made a motion that the Listserv become the official medium for communication within FWIG and that the secretary will no longer send minutes and other correspondence via regular mail. Ann Forsyth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Mentoring Program**

Cheryl Contant reported on the mentorship program. She noted that there is a mentorship form at each of the tables. Ann Markusen asked if FWIG has a system to monitor the quality of the mentoring program. She cited the case of Helzi Noponen who was denied tenure at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as an example of where a mentor from FWIG could have assisted in her tenure case. Ann has agreed to chair a committee that will make recommendations on how to improve the mentoring process including monitoring of the mentorship program, and tracking the quality of pairings. Other members who are interested in joining this committee should notify Barbara Becker.

Sandi Rosenblum emphasized the importance of mentoring. She described the situation of one of her mentees who was falsely accused of plagiarism by one of her male colleagues. The University responded by taking the files from her computer and only returning them after they had cleared her of the charges. She lost many months of productive work and the man was promoted.

**Committees**

Ruth Yabes announced that ACSP has created a new interest group on Global Perspectives in Planning Education with Trinib Banerjee as the chair. Ruth encouraged other members of FWIG to e-mail her ( ) if they are interested in joining that interest group to ensure that women's issues are addressed in that interest group.

Patricia Pollak reported on the new FWIG award, the Intellectual Leadership award. The Intellectual Leadership Award is a new award that was defined, but unnamed in the FWIG bylaws. The first Intellectual Leadership Award was presented to Paul Brozovsky, Marsha Ritzdorf's widower, in honor of Marsha's intellectual leadership in helping to move the field of planning ahead. The plaque said, "In recognition of Marsha Ritzdorf whose Intellectual Leadership has helped Planning Improve the Lives of Women." The committee for the 1998 Intellectual Leadership Award included Patricia Pollak (chair), Beth Moore-Milroy, Annica Jansen, and Sanda Kaufman. The Intellectual Leadership Award will be presented in even numbered years and the Marguerita McCoy Award will be presented in odd numbered years. The Margarita McCoy Committee is comprised of former recipients of the award. The 1999 "Call for Nominations" is included in each participant's conference packet.

Patricia Pollak announced that a committee comprised of herself, as chair, Linda Dalton, Claudia Isaacs, Cheryl Contant and Margot Garcia has been established to determine how the funds collected as a memorial to Marsha Ritzdorf will be used. She also recommended that FWIG members add a "happy dollar" to that fund when something good happens in their lives. Two contributions were announced: Marcia Marker Feld became a grandmother for the first time and Sheila Sarkar had her first child. They and others (with new jobs, promotions and tenure) contributed a happy dollar to the Ritzdorf Fund in honor of their good news.

Barbara Becker announced that a new committee to document the history of FWIG has been established. Patti Petrie () has agreed to chair that committee and Deborah Howe has agreed to serve on the committee.

Barbara Becker asked for volunteers for other FWIG committees, including publications, conference planning and the history committee. After some discussion, it was agreed that FWIG would set up two committees to develop panels for the ACSP conference in Chicago: Roundtable On Issues Of Mid-Career Women Faculty: with Marsha Marker Feld () and Margot Garcia () as co-chair: and a committee on Issues for New Faculty.

The official business meeting adjourned at 1:30

Following the business meeting, Mary Wenning and Dan Marcucci presented the results of their study on "New Faculty Experience in Planning." A discussion of this report followed.

Minutes were recorded by Ruth Steiner, FWIG Secretary.