

To: Local Committee, CRIAW Conference
From: Julie Anne Le Gras
Re: Status report on funding as per July 23, 1991
Date: July 23, 1991

GENERAL - As everybody knows, securing funding for this conference is a huge problem. I will not go into detail here. However, I will write a statement on the nature of the problems I have encountered so that you are aware of the obstacles and handicaps associated with my fundraising efforts.

Because of these handicaps, and because I cannot afford to do an enormous amount of work for next to no income, I have decided not to continue with the funding contract. I have met with Agathe to explain. Since then, I have turned over all information and documentation to the office and prepared this report which should be of assistance with any further action on fundraising.

I will not repeat the information I gave in my report for July 4. Please refer to that report as well. For notes on each funding source on which I have information, please refer to the envelopes which serve as files.

BUDGET - Laurie Blakeman and I identified several problems with the budget, did a fair amount of fixing, and raised further questions. Laurie met with Noreen. After that, Laurie and I met again and made changes. The budget as it is currently attached to the "generic" proposal reflects what is on Laurie's computer now. There are some outstanding questions which need attention and the budget should be reviewed for cuts.

The Alberta Council on Women's Issues has committed \$2,800 in kind on the revenue side of the budget.

Noreen reported that the National Sec. State Women's Program approved \$13,000.00 for the conference. I have asked the office to get information from CRIAW National on how this \$13,000.00 is allocated.

CRIAW National has \$4,000.00 left over from the P.E.I. conference. This is, apparently, allocated for conference components to do with persons with disabilities. Specific guidelines should be obtained.

There is still some question as to what this "flow-through" money from CRIAW National means. Is this the CRIAW National organizational contribution, or is it simply an advance and does it have to be refunded?

PRESENTATIONS - I completed the synopses on the second batch of presentations approved in principle, with print-outs of "with funding possibilities" and "without". The office now has the originals of the first and second batch of synopses, and copies of the "withouts" to go with any further funding applications.

Because of further changes to the budget, I have not worked out a cost per session as I said I would do in my July 4 report. I suggest you do this once the budget has been given another review.

Interestingly, there was hardly anything in the presentations which had to do with Family Violence. If something turns up, you may want to check with Katrine McKenzie at the Office for the Prevention of Family Violence (427-7599) to see if they have any money. Another possibility is the National Family Violence Initiative. The contact is Vera Legasse (pronounced "Legacy") at (613) 954-0070. I have not spoken with her, but got this contact elsewhere. Their guidelines are very specific: it has to be something new and innovative; it may be doing research or it may be a preventive project.

WOMEN'S GROUPS - The following groups were mentioned during the July 4 meeting: Junior League, Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Zonta, Soroptimists, University Women's Club. It was decided that women who had contacts with these groups would pursue funding possibilities.

NATIONAL FILM BOARD - Bonnie Thompson has not yet called me back with information (see July 4 report).

SIGN LANGUAGE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED - I have been in touch with the Sec. State Women's Program in Ottawa. They will call back with information, which I will then forward to the office. It looks as if it's possible to apply for "supplementary" funds if CRIAW National hasn't already included this in their application. The contact is: Diane Ladouceur: (819) 994-5453.

CANADA COUNCIL - I was given to understand back in February that someone was working on getting a Canada Council grant. Just to be sure, I called Canada Council - (613) 237-4300 - and asked for some information on grants that might be relevant to the presentations. The office now has this info.

ALBERTA GOVERNMENT - Since Elaine McCoy was not in a position to co-ordinate fundraising among government departments and branches, you may want to write separate letters to relevant Ministers. The synopses of the presentations list a brainstorm on provincial departments which may be relevant to each presentation. The Advisory Council on Women's Issues made available address labels for Ministers and Deputy Ministers.

ALBERTA WOMEN'S SECRETARIAT - I had envisaged a Women's Secretariat grant request to be part of the meeting with Elaine McCoy. Since that meeting, it became necessary to apply separately to the Secretariat. After discussions with Ann McKay-Drobot (422-4927), I have sent in a proposal, asking for \$2,000.00. If a grant is issued, it will be for less - probably no more than \$1,500.00.

I spoke with Marie Riddle (Exec. Director) who said she had given Marilyn names of contacts in Municipal Affairs and Agriculture. I have not received these names from Marilyn. Marie said Native women's groups can apply to Municipal Affairs, and rural women's groups can apply to Agriculture - presumably for assistance to presenters and perhaps also to prospective participants.

Marie had faxed Secretariat funding guidelines to Marilyn. I have returned the guidelines to Noreen.

EDMONTON CONVENTION AND TOURISM AUTHORITY - I have sent in an application for a hosting grant. Contact is: Emily Tamm, Hosting Grant Co-ordinator, 426-4715.

CLIFFORD E. LEE - I have sent in an application for discretionary funding by Directors of the Board. Contact: Judith Padua, 423-4674.

SECRETARY OF STATE - REGIONAL - I spoke with Vanessa Desa and Suzanne Sauve. The funds in the Multiculturalism/Race Relations Program and in the Women's Program ran out quite some time ago. There is no point in trying to get them to fund specific presentations.

We also discussed Official Languages. As I understand it, Barb Spronk on the committee is looking after Simultaneous Translation, which is one component of the program. A second has to do with funding to community groups - we don't fit. The third, Dualite, is specifically to promote the understanding of both official languages among the population. In Alberta's case, the anglophone majority has to be made to appreciate the francophone culture and language. We don't seem to fit. The fact that there are presenters from Quebec is no help because it's a national conference and therefore, it is to be expected that there are women from Quebec.

HEALTH AND WELFARE CANADA - I had extensive discussions with Cathy Mattern, (613) 957-1940, in the Status of Women office in Ottawa - they have no money but were helpful with some other suggestions.

I spoke with Christine Dockman, (604) 666-3100, in the Vancouver Regional Office. Because this is a national conference, I was referred to the national office. The contact there was Lynn Hawkins, (613) 957-7804, who said all funds were allocated by the end of March because groups apply well before the end of March. There is no money left in the kitty, and besides, all funds were frozen in the beginning of June.

WOMEN'S BUREAU, LABOUR CANADA - I spoke with May Morpaw, (819) 953-0056. She said applications were closed off in March and there is no new round until March 1992. However, there might be some dollars left or perhaps a project would be cancelled. She asked for information, specifically the synopses of the presentations approved in principle, to see if anything was relevant. I have sent off the information.

NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - Guidelines are around research information which is pertinent to national health goals. I was given two contacts: Suzanne Lamesse, (613) 954-8549, and Doreen O'Brien, (613) 954-8552. I didn't speak to either directly but the person who was in the office said she would send the guidelines. Once I receive them, I will take them to the conference office.

KAHANOFF FOUNDATION - Calgary: 237-7896. Guidelines received and given to conference office. They said they didn't fund conferences but would send the information anyway.

CANADIAN WOMEN'S FOUNDATION - Toronto: (416) 484-8268. Marie Riddle faxed guidelines to Marilyn. I called CWF for some clarification. The guidelines from the Women's Secretariat were wrong. CWF has sent the appropriate guidelines - now at the conference office. They told me their focus is on economic development. They only consider funding conferences or parts thereof when women benefit directly from the conference in economic terms.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS - I obtained an up-to-date list of Alberta colleges from Advanced Education. You may want to contact the Presidents. List is now in the conference office.

EDMONTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - Edmonton: 426-0015. Current guidelines are now in the conference office. I've spoken with Ann Dea, who is probably the best contact. She is on the Board of Directors, and currently on holidays as I found out when I tried to call her again. She does go to the office every once in a while when she's not on holidays.

ALBERTA LAW FOUNDATION - Calgary: 264-4701. Guidelines received and now in the conference office. They told me they do not fund research or educational efforts; lobbying; participants. They do consider: assistance to people who speak on legal topics and have a legal background. This means Claire Bonenfant will not be eligible. Their next deadline is September 6. They need 8 copies, to be sent to Mr. Owen Snider, Executive Director.

MUTTART FOUNDATION - Edmonton: 425-9616. Guidelines now in the conference office.

ALBERTA GOVERNMENT TELEPHONES - Edmonton: 493-4784. Request form now in the conference office. The contact is Ms Jo Grue. They take about 6 - 8 weeks for processing of the request.

LEVI-STRAUSS FOUNDATION - (416) 470-4508. Their funding focus is on AIDS. Not relevant to the CRIAW conference. However, if you want to pursue this further, there is a local contact, Laurel Larfon, who is the Edmonton chairperson. Head office did not have a phone number for her, but I imagine you can find her through the local Levi-Strauss number.

ALLARD FOUNDATION - As you already know, they said they had no money left. File now in the conference office.

WILD ROSE FOUNDATION - As you already know, ineligible as the cheque would have to be sent out of province to CRIAW National. File now in the conference office.

That's about it. Best wishes!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Anne". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name. A long horizontal line extends from the end of the signature across the page.

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August 1, 1991

Dear Marilyn and Agathe:

Re: My decision to terminate the CRIAW conference
fundraising contract

Further to my discussion with you, Agathe, and my status report (July 23) and background information memo (July 25), I want to confirm the termination of the above contract. According to clause 5 (Amendments) in the written Agreement (dated April 15th, 1991), the termination is agreed to by both parties, initiated by me and without objection from Agathe.

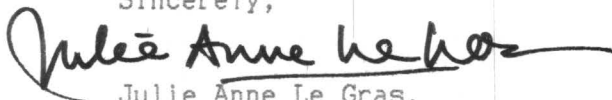
Further to my status report, I want to emphasize that I have abided by clause 3 of the contract and have made every attempt to reach the objective of raising \$30,000. However, as explained in my status report, this objective turned out to be an impossible task.

I would also like to refer to clause 4, Committee Duties: "The committee shall provide overall direction and relevant information to the contractor. The committee shall provide guidance to the contractor concerning the funds needed for all aspects of organizing and hosting the conference. The two co-chairpersons will provide immediate supervision and guidance for the contractor". As I described in my status report, I did not have an opportunity to meet with the full committee until June 6, following a meeting with Agathe on June 3. It was not until then that I began to experience collaboration and team-work, and the level of quality of supervision, guidance, and provision of direction and information I had expected as per clause 4. By then, it was too late. The details of my experience are described in my last status report.

I just received in the mail the application form for the Program Development Section, Extramural Research Programs Directorate, Canada Health and Welfare. I had requested guidelines as well, but only received the application form. I enclose it for your follow-up.

I regret having had to make the decision to terminate. CRIAW has my full interest and support and I was pleased to have been asked to be part of the work toward the conference. I wish the committee well in its efforts to organize the conference.

Sincerely,



Julie Anne Le Gras.