



Get involved - it's your network!

WNPJ's fall assembly is when you, our members, get to vote on our proposed budget, by-law changes, and Board slate for the next year. It is also a time for you to share with us your work and let us know how you or your organization can participate on a committee or take lead on an issues.

Here are our proposals!

Proposed organizational budget for 2017

Income

- Membership (individual, family and organizational memberships) - \$17,500
- Special events (spring and fall fundraisers and pancakes for peace) - \$13,000
- Specific appeals (appeal letters and project fundraising) - \$10,000
- Targeted Project Campaigns - \$2,000
- Grants & donations (foundation and major donor gifts and Community Shares of Wisconsin income) - \$15,000
- Sale items (bumper sticker, button, T-shirt and yard sign sales) - \$750
- Meetings (donations and reimbursements at spring, fall, Board and other meetings) - \$500
- Interest & refunds (from our credit union account and reimbursements for shared internet) - \$1,000
- Total income = \$59,750

Expenses

- Publications (mostly our newsletter) - \$350
- Meetings (spring, fall, Board and other meetings) - \$1,000
- Events (awards reception, pancakes for peace and tabling costs) - \$2,400
- Sale items (bumper stickers, buttons, T-shirts, yard signs, etc) - \$450
- Projects & mailings (special projects and appeal letters) - \$1,000
- Office (rent, phone, copier, supplies and other routine office costs) - \$10,500
- Taxes & licenses (state nonprofit registration) - \$100
- Payroll (35 hours / week average throughout the year, including administrator Dace Zeps at 15 hours / week and organizer Z! Haukeness, at 20 hours / week) - \$40,657
- Contract services (work-study position, computer help, audit, etc) - \$3,000
- Total expenses = \$59,457

Previous years' budgets can be viewed on our website, at wnpj.org/budgets

Proposed By-Law changes

None at this time.

Proposed Board slate for 2017

Please see www.wnpj.org/board for returning Board members' information. You can also nominate someone for our Board at the assembly, with their approval. The number by each name indicates whether they are starting the first or second year of a two-year term. The nominating committee recruited the new individuals listed below with the strategic plan and upcoming activities in mind. Officers duties will be assigned at the first Board meeting. A special thanks to outgoing Board members Carlos Miranda, Daren Olson, Omar Barberena, Claire Tran, Eric Upchurch, Joe Priesler.

Returning members

- Liz Bruno (1), Madison - elizabet.bruno@gmail.com, 608-515-0280, Acting Co-Chair
- Rob Danielson (2), LaFarge - type@mwt.net, 608-625-4949
- Cynthia Lin (1), Madison - cynthia.s.lin@gmail.com, 608-695-3757
- Paula Mohan (2), Madison - paulamohan@gmail.com
- Barb Munson (1), Mosinee - barb@munson.net, 715-571-9296
- John L. Quinlan (2), Madison - QuinlanJohnL@aol.com, 608-213-8409
- Bonnie Urfer (2), Luck - bonnieurfer@hotmail.com, 715-491-1115
- Jessica Williams (2), Madison - mariej.williams@gmail.com, Treasurer

New members

- Selma Aly, Milwaukee - selma@safesound.org, 414-949-1060
Selma has experience with Get Out the Vote efforts and organizing with Fight for 15, United Food, and Commercial Workers International Union. She studied political science and government at UW-Madison.
- Myron Buchholz, Eau Claire - mbuchholz0239@charter.net, 715-552-0239
Myron has served on the board of directors of the Chippewa Valley chapter of Habitat for Humanity and currently serves on the boards of the Chippewa Valley chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and WHYS Radio, a local low-power community radio station. Myron retired in June of 2015 after 18 years as a history teacher at Memorial High School in Eau Claire, WI.
- Sachin Deshpande, Milwaukee - sachin3567@hotmail.com,
Sachin works as a caregiver and manual laborer in Milwaukee. He has assisted organizing efforts against bad landlords, marched for immigrant rights, worked for prisoner support and protested against education cuts. Currently, he's assisting a No Dakota Access Pipeline support group in Milwaukee as well as organizing a sustainable letter-writing and birthday card sending event focused on LGBT prisoners.
- Cody Fearing, Madison - tfearingk@gmail.com,
A Posse Scholar at the UW-Madison, Cody is working to complete their B.S. degree in Community and Environmental Sociology. They are also a passionate researcher within the UW Counseling Psychology department, engaging a constellation of experiences among transgender and gender-diverse people.
- Lisa Mitchell, Madison - lisamitchell626@gmail.com,
Lisa has advocated for prison reform - especially for people who are trans. She has worked with organizations like Young, Gifted and Black to push for reform of the Dane County Jail.
- Jim Murphy, Highland - jimmurphy@centurylink.net, 608-617-7379
Jim has served as a Catholic priest for 35 years and currently lives in Highland, WI. Jim has been involved in justice for United Farm Workers as well as a project to address racism through communication. Jim has also been active with Midwest Catholic Workers regarding militarism in schools and anti-drone efforts.
- John Peck, Madison - jepeck@wisc.edu,
John has been the Executive Director of Family Farm Defenders for the last decade, and is also a part-time instructor of Economics and Environmental Studies at Madison Area Technical College (MATC). His graduate research focused on community-based management of common property resources in Zimbabwe.
- Irene Toro Martinez, Madison - irene.toro.martinez@gmail.com,
Irene is a graduate student studying History of Science and Medicine at UW-Madison. She has been an organizer with the LGBT Books to Prisoners program for over three years.
- Susan Tran Degrand, Madison - susan.degrand@wisc.edu,
Susan Tran is the director of Outreach, Recruitment and Diversity Initiatives at the UW-Madison School of Pharmacy. She has planned and implemented social justice programming in addition to her outreach to high school and undergraduate students.
- Kat Werchouski, Ashland - kwerchouski@northland.edu, 715-682-1344
Katrina "Kat" is a proud member of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe. Her personal and professional interests intersect in many ways, but most prominently in wanting to educate others about Indigenous cultures, historic and contemporary gender roles and identities, overcoming the challenges and expectations of native students in education, and strengthening leadership roles through traditional teachings.