

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AWARD CRITERIA

By Jo West Taylor, Chair

The 2007-2008 Legislative Awards categories are:

The Transformation Award and the Legislative Change Award.

The Transformation Award is to encourage continued advocacy toward the legislative priority of pay equity. BPW members are encouraged to recognize the issue of **Equal Pay** with several activities outlined below. BPW/AR's Legislative Committee will award to the Local Organization that **'transforms'** the attitudes and submits the best documents of the following:

Equal Pay Day Proclamations

(must submit photo copies):

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| Municipal/City/Town Proclamation | 3 Points |
| County Proclamation | 3 Points |
| Governor/State Proclamation | 5 Points |
| Print Media Coverage (submit copy) | 1 Point Each |
| Employer 'Equal Pay Self Audit' conducted | 10 Pts each |
| Equal Pay 'Letter to the Editor' (submit copy) | 5 pts each |
| Other Equal Pay Day Publicity (flyers, etc.) | 1 pt each |
| Television/Radio coverage | 5 points ea. |
| Created a Wage Club | 7 points ea. |

The Legislative Change Award will be bestowed to the Local Organization who has demonstrated significant support at Equal Rights for Women and also have demonstrated a strong commitment to increasing visibility and awareness of the Equal Rights Amendment, as well as passage and according to the criteria below:

Achievements and contributions with regard to equity and equal right for women (holding events, lobbying your legislators, etc.) 25 points each

Recognition, contributions, and influence in this area beyond the local level (state, national). 25 points each

Efforts made by the nominee towards ratification of ERA. 25 points each

Publicity, visibility (media coverage, letters to the editor, television, radio, etc.). 25 points each

Proclamations (City/Municipal, County, State, Governor, etc.). 25 points each

The Equal Rights Amendment: 'Equality at rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. All awards will be presented at the BPW/AR 2008 State Convention at the Women Mean Business Gala and Leadership Training Seminar, Awards will be judged in two divisions: Division One:

Membership under 35 and Division Two: Membership over 35 (based on the Federation membership population). A total of two awards will be presented in each category.

How to Apply: The Legislative Committee will recognize the Local Organization (within their respective division) who developed and implemented a collaborative legislative effort. Discuss in detail the following statements. Please include any documentation for support of your statements. BPW/AR will not accept videos. Pages detailing the following statements must be typed on one (1) side one and a maximum of 15 pages will be allowed. Your responses should respond to the question number,

1. State the membership of your Local Organization.
2. State the specific legislation your LO used to mobilize,
3. Describe the implementation plan used to collaborate with other organizations toward a specific legislative goal.
4. Describe the publicity and media coverage the effort received (include any media received by the individual LO who were part of the effort),
5. List the LO and non-BPW organizations that participated in the program. With regards to BPW LO, discuss any unique characteristics and/or methods they used to implement the plan.
6. What was the greatest benefit that resulted from the program?

Submission Deadline: all entries must be to the Legislative Chair and postmarked by May 1, 2008.