

LEGISLATION

(Mission-to make it about the issue/the law, and not the politics)

There are two requirements for membership in BPW: paying dues and supporting our Legislative Platform. The speeches given by our Individual Development and Young Careerists come from our broad, multiple issues Legislative Platform. I think it fair to say that our platform is who we are as an organization. It is what we deem important to “actively work” for the enactment of laws that provide women with equal rights, equal opportunities, and equal standing. BPW advocates first and foremost; BPW also socializes, fundraises, and contributes to communities.

1-Who determines what is in the platform?

You, the members, do!

2-How do I as an individual member determine what’s in the platform?

Currently, our system mandates that each Region has an elected Legislative Representative that meets with the other regional representatives in April of each year to review, discuss, and possibly change the platform. Any recommendations are funneled through them from their respective local organizations. The resulting platform will then be presented to the board for approval to be presented to the entire annual conference body. If approved, the platform is established until the next year’s conference.

3-Is going to my region representative the only way to have input into what’s in our legislative platform?

It is the primary way. If you have a concern about one of the planks, or if you think an issue should be added, or if you want more information about what you can do, PLEASE CONTACT: The BPW/Ohio State Legislation Chair

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